

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1  
Governing Board Regular Meeting  
Board Room, Morrow Education Center  
1010 East Tenth Street  
Tucson, Arizona**

**September 11, 2001  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Carolyn Kemmeries, President  
Joel T. Ireland, Clerk  
Judy Burns, Member  
Rosalie López, Member  
Mary Belle McCorkle, Ed.D., Member  
Joshua Lederman, Student Liaison to the Governing Board

**Also Present:**

Stan Paz, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Jane Butler, Senior Legal Counsel  
Rebecca Montañó, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Education  
Roger Pfeuffer, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services  
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Region  
Marla Motove, Assistant Superintendent, Southwest Region  
Larry Williams, Assistant Superintendent, Northeast Region  
Lorraine McPherson, Assistant Superintendent, Central Services  
Lynn Webster, Executive Director, Operations  
Roland Carranza, Executive Director, Financial Services  
Toni Cordova, Executive Director, Public Relations  
David Krueger, Ph.D., Executive Director, Accountability and Research  
Robert Wortman, Ph.D., Director, School Improvement  
Liz Whitaker, Director, Technology and Telecommunication Services  
Linda Augenstein, Ed.D., Director, Comprehensive Health  
Kathi Orr, Director, Service Centers  
Judy Bowers, Coordinator, Guidance and Counseling  
Barbara Benton, Ed.D., Director, School/Community Relations  
Bridget Auvenshine, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Mary Alice Wallace, Senior Staff Assistant II  
Robert Hersch, Executive Director, Educational Leaders, Inc.  
Marilyn Freed, President, Tucson Education Association  
Paul Karlowicz, Vice President, Tucson Education Association  
Clarence Gunn, Executive Director, Tucson Education Association

## ITEM

## ACTION

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:40 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

As an introduction to the Pledge of Allegiance, Carolyn Kemmeries acknowledged the horrendous attack on America occurring on this day, September 11, 2001. She noted the outpouring of response, the individual acts of heroism, the rallying of entire communities, the citizens of every race and creed assisting each other, which serve as a reminder that America is a place where people are givers and doers, where people come together for strength in solidarity in times of crises, and that in so doing, we are sending a message that we will continue to practice the ideals of democracy, no matter how great the challenge or how diabolical the enemy. She acknowledged the entire TUSD staff and community for its commitment in putting the needs of students ahead of personal needs in order to provide a network of support and nurturing. She requested a moment of silence to remember and pay respect to the victims, their families and their friends. A moment of silence was observed.

No action required.

Joel Ireland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The following persons were recognized by Superintendent Stan Paz:

Winners of the Southern Arizona Science and Engineering Fair:

- Elizabeth Anne Baker, Doolen Middle School
- Kiona Marian Brown and Andrea Lopez, Vail Middle School
- Andrew Christopher Geary, Jefferson Park Elementary School
- Melissa Lynn Lamberton, Pistor Middle School

Volunteers:

- Don Dockman, Team Manager, and Christine Miller, CONVERGYS
- Compaq
- IKON
- Gateway
- Gary "Bart" Bartholomew, Store Manager, and Deb Faulkenberry, Charge Back Team Leader, Target
- Gina Murphy Darling, President, Strengthbuilding Partners
- Jane and Ron Pitts, owners, Capitol Self Storage
- James Darling, owner, Quality Home Repair Business

No action required.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (continued)

TUSD employees:

- Rick Vidal
- Ernie Zaragoza
- Lorenzo Miranda
- School Improvement/Title One employees

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

Marilyn Freed – Tucson Education Association and TUSD Board working together

Paul Karlowicz – Shared Decision Making and Collaboration

Kathy Campbell – Sun Tran bus strikes and TUSD layoffs

PUBLIC HEARING -- Revision of the FY 2001-2002 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905 and A.R.S. §15-910

Stan Paz, Roland Carranza and Jane Butler presented information to the Board.

The following person spoke at the public hearing:

Mary Schiltz

ACTION ITEMS

1. Revision of the FY 2001-2002 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905 and A.R.S. §15-910

Stan Paz recommended approval as listed on the agenda.

Board members commenting or asking questions were Rosalie López, Judy Burns, Joel Ireland and Mary Belle McCorkle.

Rosalie López moved to approve action narrower than that recommended on the agenda. The motion died for lack of a second.

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**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

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| 1. Revision of the FY 2001-2002 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905 and A.R.S. §15-910 (continued) | Joel Ireland moved approval of the budget revision as recommended on the agenda, Mary Belle McCorkle seconded, approved 3-2. Rosalie López and Judy Burns voted no. |
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**INFORMATION ITEM**

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| 2. Student Advisory Council (SAC) Report<br><br>Joshua Lederman, Student Liaison to the Board, presented the Report.<br><br>Board member Rosalie López commented. | Information only.<br>No action required. |
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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| 3. a) New positions/replacements/reinstatements of certificated personnel for the 2001-2002 school year<br>b) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of classified personnel for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years<br>d) Salary changes for classified personnel for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years<br>e) Separations of certificated personnel for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years<br>f) Separations of classified personnel for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years<br>h) Requests for leave of absence and issuance of contracts for certificated personnel<br>i) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel<br>j) Requests to terminate leave of absence<br>k) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence<br>l) Requests for released time<br>n) Classified Attendance Pay Incentive | Rosalie López moved approval of Consent Agenda items 3(a-b, d-f, h-l, n-p, r-y), Judy Burns seconded, approved unanimously. |
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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 3. o) Funding proposals
  - 1) Arizona Department of Education – *Carl Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act Grant* (continuation)
  - 2) Pima County Community Development Block Grant Program – *Southwest Community Clothing Bank Renovation* (new)
- p) Agreements
  - 1) Service Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Arts Express for provision of services described in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community Grant, *Project SHINE!* (revised)
  - 2) Between Tucson Unified School District and the Assistance League of Tucson, Inc., for *Operation School Bell* (Borman, Cavett, Corbett, Hollinger, Roberts, Rogers, Smith, Van Buskirk, and Wright Elementary Schools and the Southwest Education Resource Center)(continuation)
  - 3) Lease Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Thomas Levitt for storage and administrative space located at 1132 E. Broadway, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to negotiate and execute a two-year lease
- r) Award of Requests for Proposal (RFP) No. 235 – Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for Various Tucson Unified School District Projects, awarded to the following firms at an estimated cost of \$500,000: Albanese-Brooks Associates, P.C.; The Architecture Company; Welman Sperides Mickelberg Architects, PLC; Architectura, Ltd.; CDG Architects, Ltd.
- s) Permission to negotiate and award contracts for architectural services for design of deficiency correction projects packages in excess of the authorized limit of approval, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to complete negotiations and award contracts to SFB project management firms, Heery International and Pinnacle One, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 – \$390,000 per contract

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 3. t) Acquisition of school servers via lease purchase from Compaq through the Mohave Educational Services Contract for four years at an estimated total cost of \$560,154.14, with financing through Baystone Financial Group, with authorization for the Director of Purchasing to execute the documents
- u) Acquisition of activity-type bus via lease purchase from Auto Safety House through the Mohave Educational Services Contract for five years at an estimated total cost of \$122,456.05 including interest with financing through Blue Bird Corporation, with authorization for the Director of Purchasing to execute the documents
- v) Grant easements
  - 1) Pedestrian easement to City of Tucson at Gale Elementary School, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to execute the easement
  - 2) Rights-of-Way and access easements to Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Santa Rita High School, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to negotiate and execute a five-year easement agreement
- w) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
  - 1) Special Meeting, August 14, 2001
  - 2) Regular Meeting, August 14, 2001
  - 3) Special Meeting, August 21, 2001
- x) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning July 28, 2001, and ending August 30, 2001
- y) Request for advance payment of State Aid including adoption of Resolution Requesting Advance Payment of State Aid to Education

Stan Paz recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Stan Paz and Jane Butler presented information to the Board.

Board members commenting or asking questions were Joel Ireland, Rosalie López, Carolyn Kemmeries and Mary Belle McCorkle.

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**ACTION**

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Judy Burns asked that items 3(c, g and q) be considered separately.

3(c) Contract changes for certificated personnel for the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school years

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Rosalie López and Carolyn Kemmeries

Joel Ireland moved approval of Consent Agenda item 3(c), Mary Belle McCorkle seconded, approved 3-2. Rosalie López and Judy Burns voted no.

3(g) Contracts for Certified and Classified Administrators that are not at a school site for the 2001-2002 school year

Board member Judy Burns commented.

Joel Ireland moved approval of Consent Agenda item 3(g), Mary Belle McCorkle seconded, approved 3-2. Rosalie López and Judy Burns voted no.

3(q) Award of Bid No. 6958 – Supplemental Pupil Transportation awarded to the following vendors at an estimated total cost of \$277,500 annually for five years, beginning in FY 2001-2002: Bee Line, Citizen Auto Stage Company, Arizona Coach Tours, Inc., Arrow Stage Lines, Sportsman Bus Co., Inc., AJM Services, Inc., A & K Transportation, and American Pony Express.

Board member Judy Burns stated that she had a conflict of interest on this item.

Joel Ireland moved approval of Consent Agenda item 3(q), Mary Belle McCorkle seconded, approved 4-0. Judy Burns abstained.

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**ACTION**

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

Carolyn Kemmeries asked that item 3(m) be considered separately.

3(m) Requests for released time and travel expenses

Stan Paz presented information to the Board.

Board members commenting or asking questions were Carolyn Kemmeries, Judy Burns, Rosalie López, Mary Belle McCorkle and Joel Ireland.

Carolyn Kemmeries moved approval on Consent Agenda Item 3(m), Mary Belle McCorkle seconded, approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers

- a) Assistant Principal, Cavett Elementary School
- b) Assistant Principal, Hohokam Middle School
- c) Assistant Principal, Safford Middle Magnet School
- d) Assistant Principal, Wakefield Middle School
- e) Assistant Principal, Sabino High School
- f) Assistant Principal, University High School
- g) Program Specialists, Exceptional Education (2)

Rosalie López moved approval, Mary Belle McCorkle seconded, approved unanimously.

Stan Paz recommended the appointment of the following individuals:

Rosalina Armijo, Assistant Principal, Cavett Elementary School

Ana Gallegos, Assistant Principal, Hohokam Middle School

Martha Murrieta, Assistant Principal, Safford Middle Magnet School

Al Lopez, Assistant Principal, Wakefield Middle School;

Jim Marr, Assistant Principal, University High School;

Toni Sparks and Laurie Dietz, Program Specialists, Exceptional Education.

No action was taken on the appointment of an Assistant Principal, Sabino High School.



ACTION ITEMS (continued)

5. Statement of Charges and Resolution to Send Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certificated Teacher, and determine whether to appoint hearing officer to conduct teacher dismissal hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-541

Stan Paz recommended approval to the Board.

The following motion was made by Board member Rosalie López: I move to adopt the statement of charges and notice of intent to dismiss teacher Verla Geary at the expiration of 30 days. I further move that she not be placed on administrative leave pending the expiration of the 30 days. Should Ms. Geary request a hearing, I further move that we appoint a hearing officer to hear the evidence, issue subpoenas, prepare record, and issue a recommendation to the Governing Board for action.

Rosalie López moved approval, Judy Burns seconded, approved unanimously.

6. Settlement Agreement, Acorn v. TUSD

Stan Paz recommended approval.

Rosalie López moved approval, Judy Burns seconded, approved unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:40 P.M.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ 16th \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ October \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Joel T. Ireland, Clerk  
Governing Board

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