

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING (Tuesday, September 22, 2020)

Members present: Adelita S. Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Ann Foster.

Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m.

1. EXECUTIVE MEETING – 4:31 p.m.

Action: 1.1 Motion to Convene Executive Meeting

Board Member Attendance was established via a call for the roll. Those in attendance were Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster. Rachael Sedgwick and Leila Counts were not present for the roll call. Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Trujillo was not present for the roll call. Rob Ross was present for the roll call.

Resolution: Motion and vote to recess Special Meeting into Executive Session.

Motion by Bruce Burke, second by Adelita Grijalva.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, and Kristel Foster.

Not Present at Vote: Rachael Sedgwick and Leila Counts.

Discussion: 1.2 Discussion/Consultation with Attorneys

Discussion: 1.3 Negotiations for the Purchase, Sale or Lease of Real Property

Discussion: 1.4 Negotiations with Employee Groups

Action: 1.5 Adjourn Executive Meeting and Reconvene Special Meeting

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Procedural: 2.1 Call to Order – 5:31 p.m.

Board Member Attendance was established via a call for the roll. Those in attendance were Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster. Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Trujillo and Rob Ross were present for the roll call.

5:34 p.m. Pledge led by Caleb Ortega, student at the University of Arizona.

Action: 2.2 Agenda Adjustments – 5:35 p.m.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommended addressing Items 9.1, 8.4, 9.2, 8.2 and 8.3 after Call to the Audience.

By unanimous consent to address Items 9.1, 8.4, 9.2, 8.2 and 8.3 after Call to the Audience.

3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Information: 3.1 Awards and Recognitions – 5:37 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

Details are available via the video and audio recordings on the TUSD Internet at www.tusd1.org.

Dr. Trujillo started his report with honoring some beloved TUSD family members.

- Ms. Diane Carrillo, Retired Principal passed away on August 29, 2020.
- Ms. Edna Gabusi, Retired Banker/lifelong TUSD family member passed away on August 10, 2020.

- Dr. Guadalupe Romero, Retired Principal and active community member passed away on August 25, 2020.
- Mrs. Estella Beltran, Blenman Elementary School Teacher passed away on September 14, 2020.

Dr. Trujillo requested a moment of collected silence for these four amazing TUSD family members in recognition of the legacies of services that they left to the district they loved.

Awards and Recognitions Presentation – 5:43 p.m.

Dr. Trujillo presented the many successes of the students, an ELD Teacher; Food Services and Finance Departments and a thank you to the American Heart Association on the Kids Heart Challenge.

Andrea Mitchell from American Heart Association provided information. Kristel Foster commented.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information: 4.1 Superintendent's Report – 5:56 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

- Update on Fall Sports – 5:56 p.m.
- Regional Employee Town Halls – 6:01 p.m.
- Testing Partnership with PCHD/Paradigm Labs – 6:04 p.m.
- Update: TUSD Proposed Hybrid Model – 6:06 p.m.

Details are available via the video and audio recordings on the TUSD Internet at www.tusd1.org.

Dr. Trujillo provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster commented and Adelita Grijalva.

Dr. Trujillo mentioned the total amount 3,500 meals and 1,000 snacks were distributed by Food Services in an hour. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva and Kristel Foster.

5. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Information: 5.1 Board Member Activity Reports – 6:14 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

Board Members who reported activities were Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

6. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Call to the Audience, Procedural: 6.1 Guidelines to Address the Board – 6:16 p.m.

Board President Kristel Foster announced that Leila Counts would read the Call to the Audience protocol.

Leila Counts read the protocol for Call to the Audience.

Members of the public submitted their written comments via email at governingboard@tusd1.org.

Public comments were read into the record by Yolanda Peña, Program Coordinator of Staff Services to the Governing Board.

Persons whose comments were read during the Call to the Audience were Denise Uehara re: Outdoor Hybrid; Guadalupe Heinger re: Reopening; Nancy Gutierrez re: School Openings; Marea Jenness re: Reopening Campuses; Boone Harper re: Reopening Concerns; Glenn Furnier re: Plans for Reopening; Veronica Rarick re: Exceptional Education Services; Brenda Lundt re: Building Ventilation; Adrienne Gutierrez re: Hybrid Reopening Model; Vicki Otto re: Hybrid Model; Catherine Arnquist re: Hybrid Model.

Board President Kristel Foster asked if Board Members wanted to respond to audience comments. Board Members commenting were Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva and Kristel Foster.

By unanimous consent to continue with the rest of the agenda.
Kristel Foster closed the Call to the Audience. – 6:14 p.m.

9. STUDY/ACTION ITEM(S)

Study/Action: 9.1 Review Pima County Health Department Criterion for the Safe Re-opening of Schools and Status of TUSD Re-entry Plan: Week of September 21, 2020 – 6:45 p.m.

STUDIED ONLY

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Nikki Stefan who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Rachael Sedgwick. Dr. Trujillo provided additional information. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

8. ACTION ITEM(S)

Action: 8.4 Tucson Unified School District Instructional Model for Hybrid Instruction: 2nd Quarter 2020-2021 – 7:18 p.m.

Dr. Trujillo provided information and introduced Flori Huitt who provided information and responded to Bruce Burke's inquiries.

- Exceptional Education Options – 7:38 p.m.

Sabrina Salmon provided information on Exceptional Education option and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick and Bruce Burke.

Flori Huitt continues with presentation. Dr. Trujillo provided additional information.

8:12 p.m.

Motion to hold Item 8.4 and address Items 8.2 and 8.3 and return to 8.4.

Motion by Kristel Foster, second by Leila Counts.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

No: Rachael Sedgwick.

Rob Ross provided legal advice.

8. ACTION ITEM(S)

Action: 8.2 Donation Received in the amount of \$10,500.00 from the Tucson Area Jewish Synagogues for purchase of Chromebooks and Laptops for Wright Elementary Students – 8:14 p.m.

Motion to approve donation received in the amount of \$10,500.00 from the Tucson Area Jewish Synagogues for the purchase of Chromebooks and laptops for Wright Elementary School Students.

Motion by Rachael Sedgwick, second by Adelita Grijalva.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Blaine Young who provided brief information. Blaine Young introduce Rabih Hamadeh who provided information. Jill Scott provided brief information and introduced Rabbi Scott Saulson, who provided brief information. Both from Temple Emanu-El. Marc Sbar from Or Congregation Chadash, provided information. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva, Leila Counts, Rachael Sedgwick and Bruce Burke.

Action: 8.3 Donation Received in the Amount of \$150,000.00 from Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF) for Chromebooks and Laptops for K-12 Students – 8:21 p.m.

Motion to approve Donation Received in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Educational Enrichment Foundation for the purchase of Chromebooks and laptops for K-12 students.

Motion by Bruce Burke, second by Rachael Sedgwick.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Blaine Young who provided information and introduced Dawn Bell, Executive Director, Educational Enrichment Foundation who provided information. Kristel Foster commented.

8:25 p.m. – RECESS SPECIAL MEETING

8:30 p.m. – RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING

8. ACTION ITEM(S)

Action: 8.4 Tucson Unified School District Instructional Model for Hybrid Instruction: 2nd Quarter 2020-2021 – 8:31 p.m.

Item Continues

Motion to approve for the Superintendent to return on October 6, with a modified hybrid model that honors the relationships from Quarter 1 to the extent feasible.

Motion by Kristel Foster, second by Leila Counts.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

No: Adelita Grijalva and Rachael Sedgwick.

Discussion continues. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Rachael Sedgwick, Leila Counts, Kristel Foster, Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva. Dr. Trujillo provided additional information. Rob Ross stated the motion.

9. STUDY/ACTION ITEM(S)

Study/Action: 9.2 Proposal to Return to Live and In Person Governing Board Meetings at the Duffy Multi-Purpose Center – Requested by Governing Board

President Kristel Foster – 9:23 p.m.

Motion to approve when the schools return to hybrid model, Board members will return to hybrid Board meeting model while following current Pima County and City of Tucson COVID 19 mandates regarding masks, physical distancing, and limitations on public gatherings, as discussed.

Motion by Kristel Foster, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

No: Adelita Grijalva and Rachael Sedgwick.

Kristel Foster provided information. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Rachael Sedgwick and Kristel Foster. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

7. CONSENT AGENDA**Action (Consent): 7.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Items 7.2 Through 7.7 – 9:41 p.m.**

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 7.2 Approval of Supplemental Materials Scholastic Literacy (Digital) Pro

Motion to approve Supplemental Materials Scholastic Literacy (Digital) Pro as presented.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 7.3 Approval to Award Invitation for Bids 21-32-C22 – Safford K-8 School Clay Tile Roofing Project

Motion to approve award of Invitation for Bids 21-32-C22 – Safford K-8 School Clay Tile Roofing Project with approval for estimated expenditures of \$249,600.75 over 2 years (this project is SFB funded).

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 7.4 Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meeting - September 9, 2020

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for September 9, 2020.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 7.5 Salary and Expense Vouchers – August 2020

Ratification of Salary and Expense Vouchers for the Period Beginning August 1, 2020 and Ending August 31, 2020.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 7.6 Student Activity Funds through August 31, 2020

Motion to approve the Summary of Student Activity Funds for the Period of July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 (encumbrance period).

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 7.7 Tax Credit Extracurricular Activity Programs Report by School Site through August 31, 2020

Motion to approve the Summary of Tax Credit Extracurricular Activity Balances for the Period of July 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 (encumbrance period).

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 7.2 through 7.7.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

8. ACTION ITEM(S)

Action: 8.1 Approval of Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Seal of Arts Proficiency – 9:42 p.m.

Motion to approve Arizona Department of Education Seal of Arts Proficiency as presented.

Motion by Kristel Foster, second by Adelita Grijalva.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided information and introduced Heidi Aranda who provided information and responded to Kristel Foster's inquiries. Dr. Trujillo provided additional information. Patricia Sandoval Taylor and Flori Huitt provided information. Kristel Foster commented.

Action: 8.5 Consideration of Extension of Superintendent's Contract – 9:49 p.m.

Motion to Extend the Superintendent's Contract until June 30, 2023, with the additional revisions as indicated in the attached draft.

Motion by Bruce Burke, second by Adelita Grijalva.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Rob Ross provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Bruce Burke, Leila Counts, Rachael Sedgwick and Kristel Foster. Dr. Trujillo commented. Rob Ross provided additional information.

10. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

Information: 10.1 Instructional Modifications for Remote Learning Model: Screen Time Requirements and Flexibility – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva – 10:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

Adelita Grijalva provided information. Flori Huitt provided some brief information and introduced Heid Aranda who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Leila Counts and Kristel Foster.

Information: 10.2 Presidential Executive Order to Defer Withholding and Payment of Social Security Tax: TUSD Response – Requested by Governing Board President Kristel Foster – 10:30 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Renee Weatherless who provided information. Kristel Foster commented.

11. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEM(S) (A Board Member may propose future agenda item(s), with limited discussion. The discussion should center around the purpose of placing the item on the next most appropriate agenda for consideration and action, as necessary. Ref: Governing Board Policy BEDB.)

Procedural: 11.1 Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Item(s) – 10:33 p.m.

Dr. Trujillo stated that the big item for the October 6th Regular Board meeting is bringing back some adjustments to the Hybrid Learning Model and allowing enough time for discussion.

Kristel Foster inquired on her question on ventilation that is a concern of many parents and employees. Dr. Trujillo provided information.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus, meeting conducted via Zoom.

Kristel Ann Foster presided and called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 4:31 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 5:31 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Approved this 6 day of October, 2020.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
Leila Counts, Clerk
Governing Board