

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Board Room, Morrow Education Center
1010 East Tenth Street
Tucson, Arizona 85719**

**October 7, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Alex Rodriguez, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Clerk
Judy Burns, Member
Joel T. Ireland, Member
Gabriel Garcia, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Representative

Not Present:

Bruce Burke, Member

Also Present:

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Beatriz Rendon, Chief Business Officer, Educational Support Services
Rudy Flores, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Dea Salter, Chief Academic Officer – Team 1
Maggie Shafer, Chief Academic Officer – Team 2
Albert Siqueiros, Chief Academic Officer – Team 3
James Fish, Chief Academic Officer – Team 4
Steve Holmes, Chief Academic Officer – Team 5
Ross Sheard, Chief Academic Officer – Team 6
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communication and Media Relations
Bonnie Betz, Director, Financial Services
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Brian MacMaster, Director, Information Technology
Pam Palmo, Director, Food Services
Lisa Long, Director, Curriculum and Innovation
Bryant Nodine, District Planner
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent Student Advisory Committee
Sandra Parker, Chair, TUSD Audit Committee
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Cheryl Bowman, Co- Moderator, School Community Partnership Council
Rhonda Bodfield, Arizona Daily Star

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:34 p.m.

No action required.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Adelita Grijalva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Alex Rodriguez took a moment to read a message from Board Member Bruce Burke who is in Singapore.

No action required.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Gabriel Garcia presented a brief SSAC report. Judy Burns commented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

As part of her Superintendent's Report, Liz Fagen showed a video and provided board members with two handouts related to student skills for the future and Tucson's efforts to attract and retain quality teachers.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Adelita Grijalva reported that since the last meeting, she had a baby!

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments:

Pedro M. Gonzales – Barrio schools;

Mark Stegeman – Policy governance issues;

Miguel Cuevas – Policy governance issues;

Lori Stratton – New school sites and changing boundaries.

Dr. Fagen provided clarification on one of the comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Cheryl Bowman provided a brief report followed by comments by Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

3. Status of Technology in Tucson Unified School District

Information only.
No action required.

Brian MacMaster presented information via PowerPoint and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez and Liz Fagen.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. a) Salaried new hires
c) Salaried changes
d) Hourly changes
e) Multi-year contracts for principals for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010
g) 2008-2009 contracts for exempt coordinators
h) 2008-2009 contracts for research project managers
i) Amended salary schedule for the exempt coordinators
j) Salaried separations
k) Hourly separations
l) Requests for leave of absence for certificated personnel
m) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
n) Requests for leave of absence for administrators
o) Authorization for a Governing Board Member-Elect to attend the National Conference on Strategic Management of Human Capital, November 17-20, 2008, Washington, D.C.
p) Authorization for Governing Board Member(s)-Elect to attend the ASBA/ASA Annual Conference, December 9-13, 2008, Phoenix, AZ (to include the New Board Member Orientation on December 10, 2008)
q) Authorization for Superintendent to attend the American Association of School Administrators Conference on Education, San Francisco, CA, February 18-22, 2009
s) Revolving Line of Credit with Bank of America, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010
t) Correction to State Aid pursuant to A.R.S. §15-915(B) due to Qwest valuation judgment
u) Litigation settlement re Clare White
v) PeopleSoft technical support services license renewal through December 17, 2009

Adelita Grijalva moved approval of Item Nos. 4 (a), (c-e), (g-q), (s-ad), (af-ah); Judy Burns seconded.
Approved unanimously 4-0.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

4. w) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – IDEA Arizona Students Achieving in Mathematics for K-3 teachers at Maldonado, Menlo Park, Ochoa, and Richey Elementary Schools to participate in the Statewide Academy, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- x) Cost Reimbursable Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Altar Valley School District for science curriculum and professional development resources, September 30, 2008 through June 30, 2011
- y) Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Tucson Unified School District for the Weed and Seed Program at Naylor Middle School, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the agreement
- z) Extension of e-rate cell phone contract award to align with the end date of the State Master Contract through October 31, 2010, with authorization for the Director of Purchasing or Designee to execute any agreements or contracts necessary to extend this contract
- aa) Extension of e-rate contract award to align with the end dates of the e-rate application year through July 12, 2009, with authorization for the Director of Purchasing or Designee to execute any agreements or contracts necessary to extend these contracts
- ab) Award of Food Services Bid No. 08FR1 – Frozen Foods: Group 1, November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009 to John Soules Foods; Shamrock Foods; Malone Meat & Poultry; Global Foods; Tampa Bay Fisheries, Inc.; Coleman Natural Foods; Los Cabos (MCI); and Good Source/Tools for Schools in the amount of \$314,000.00
- ac) Award of Food Services Bid No. 09CN – Canned Fruits and Vegetables, November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009 to Malone Meat & Poultry; LA Foods; Shamrock Foods; Merit Foods of Arizona; and Epicurean Foods in the amount of \$285,000.00
- ad) Award of Food Services Bid No. 08COS – Combination Oven/Steamer Cooking Equipment, October 8, 2008 through May 31, 2013 to Standard Restaurant Equipment in the amount of \$765,000.00

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 4. af) Emergency after-the-fact expenditure for Tucson High Magnet School for prior year purchase in the settlement amount of \$14,000.00
 - ag) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, April 14, 2008
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, April 29, 2008
 - 3) Regular Board Meeting, May 13, 2008
 - 4) Special Board Meeting, May 16, 2008
 - ah) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning September 1, 2008, and ending September 30, 2008
 - ai) Litigation settlement – McMahon v Tucson Unified School District
- Removed from agenda; no action taken.

Liz Fagen recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately:
Joel Ireland, No. 4(b); Judy Burns, No. 4(f), (r) and (ae)

- 4. b) Hourly New Hires
- Joel Ireland and Judy Burns commented.
- f) 2008-2009 contracts for administrators
- Judy Burns commented.
- r) Tucson Unified School District Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Annual Financial Report
- Beatriz Rendon responded to questions from Judy Burns.
- Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-0. Joel Ireland recused himself.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 3-1. Judy Burns voted no.
- Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

4. ae) Award of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 09-78-10 – Professional Services for Policy Governance Implementation to The Aspen Group International in the amount of \$80,000.00 for a one-year contract
- Joel Ireland moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-1. Judy Burns voted no.
- Judy Burns, Joel Ireland, Adelita Grijalva and Alex Rodriguez commented.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Director, Facilities Management
- Liz Fagen recommended Frank Urbina. Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland commented and Rob Ross provided legal advice.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 2-0. Alex Rodriguez recused himself; Judy Burns was not present for the vote.
6. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies Department
- Liz Fagen recommended Martin Sean Arce.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 3-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.
7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Assistant Directors (2) – Exceptional Education
- Liz Fagen recommended Maura Clark-Ingle and Scott Hagerman for the two positions.
- Joel Ireland moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.
8. Benefits and working conditions for 2008-2009 for Exempt Administrators and Superintendent’s Executive Team
- Liz Fagen recommended approval.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 3-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

9. Governing Board Audit Committee Proposal for Hiring an Internal Auditor

Sandra Parker presented the Audit Committee's proposal and explained the rationale for hiring an internal auditor. During a lengthy discussion, Judy Burns, Liz Fagen, Joel Ireland, and Adelita Grijalva commented and asked questions. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Judy Burns moved approval. Following further discussion, Judy Burns withdrew her motion. Discussed only; no action taken.

10. School Bus Advertising

Liz Fagen commented that the School Bus Advertising Advisory Committee reviewed and recommended ads from Bashas and Food City. Rudy Flores and Pam Palmo provided additional information and responded to questions and comments from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland.

Discussed only; no action taken.

11. Declaration of Tucson Unified School District Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards for the 2008-2009 School Year

Liz Fagen commented briefly and recommended approval.

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

12. Site Selection Recommendations of the Westside Educational Facilities Plan Tax Force for Southwest Schools

Following introductory comments by Liz Fagen, Rudy Flores and Bryant Nodine presented information to the Board and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland.

Judy Burns moved approval of Priority #1; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-0. Alex Rodriguez abstained.

13. Tax Credit and Mandatory Fee for Davis Extended School Day Program

Liz Fagen commented briefly; Judy Burns commented.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

14. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Political
Agenda Priorities


Discussed only; no
action taken.

Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland, Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva
commented.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:08 p.m.

Approved this _____ 14th _____ day of _____ April, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By  _____
Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Governing Board

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