

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

**October 11, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Miguel Cuevas, President
Judy Burns, Clerk
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Michael Hicks, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member

Also Present:

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Leadership
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer
John Gay, Chief Information Officer
Vivian "Candy" Egbert, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel
Sam Brown, Legal Counsel
Clarice Clash, Director, High School Leadership
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Jeffrey Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff
Shannon Roberts, Coordinator, Employee Relations
Adrienne Sanchez, Assistant Director, Finance Services
Norma Galindo, Instructional LAN Support Manager
Mary Canty, District Video Producer
Tina Cook, Energy Projects Manager, Operations
Leon George, Director, Purchasing
Elizabeth Moll, Principal, University High School
Donna Johnson, Director, School Health Services
Cliff Altfeld, Audit Committee Chair
Robert Casillas, Managing Director, Stone and Youngberg
Nancy Petersen, City of Tucson Environmental Services
Jeff Piechura, Northwest Fire Chief
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association
Leo Masursky, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Alexis Huicochea and Anissa Tanweer, Arizona Daily Star
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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:38 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Judy Burns led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas called Northwest Fire Chief, Jeff Piechura, to the podium. Mr. Piechura presented John Pedicone with a plaque for his service on the Board of the Northwest Fire District. Dr. Pedicone expressed his appreciation to Chief Piechura and then presented his Superintendent’s Report, reminding everyone of TUSD’s *Festival of Schools* that will be held October 15.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Michael Hicks – Congratulated the Mansfeld girls’ volleyball team, Gridley’s basketball and volleyball teams, and Secrist students in semifinals against a Stanford team.

Miguel Cuevas – Mentioned that some board members attended a dedication for the *Hall of Fame* at Tucson High Magnet School; Mr. Cuevas also reported that he attended a Cholla parent/teacher conference and, along with other board members, participated in the recent Board Retreat.

John Pedicone - Announced that a bench at University High School was dedicated in memory of Gabe Zimmerman, a victim of the January 8, 2011 shootings.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

- Rich Kronberg** – Leadership accountability;
- Liz Raizk** – Rincon High School’s department chair stipends;
- Laura Leighton** – Open Meeting law issues;
- Keith Heuninger** – Taxation and dissenting views;
- Dale Keyes** – Board performance/Mexican Studies.

Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns commented.

Miguel Cuevas announced that Item No. 6 would be addressed at this time.

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ACTION ITEMS

6. To Consider and, if Deemed Appropriate, Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Ratifying the Sale of Refunding Bonds and Certificates of Ownership of Supplemental Interest on the Bonds of the District

Judy Burns moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Robert Casillas presented information and responded to comments from Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, Michael Hicks, and Mark Stegeman.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Leo Masursk presented the SCPC Report. Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas.

2. Tucson Unified School District and City of Tucson Environmental Services – Partners in Recycling

Information only.
No action required.

Candy Egbert, Tina Cook and Nancy Petersen presented information on the successful partnership between TUSD and the City of Tucson Environmental Services related to recycling. Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Michael Hicks, John Pedicone, and Nancy Woll also participated in the discussion.

3. Update on the High School Accreditation Visit

Information only.
No action required.

Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Elizabeth Moll and Clarice Clash provided the update and participated in the discussion with Michael Hicks, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, John Pedicone and Adelita Grijalva.

4. Governing Board Policy Code AC – *Non-Discrimination and Procedures*

Information only.
No action required.

Sam Brown made the presentation and responded to comments from Miguel Cuevas, Michael Hicks, John Pedicone, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Adelita Grijalva.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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| 5. | a) Salaried New Hires
b) Hourly New Hires
c) Salaried Separations
d) Hourly Separations
e) Requests for Leave of Absence for Certified Personnel
f) Requests for Leave of Absence for Classified Personnel
g) Tucson Unified School District Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Financial Report
h) Adoption of 2011-12 High School Supplemental Materials
i) Supplemental Title I Intervention Curriculum Fluent Reading Trainer (FLRT) and Reading Analysis and Prescription System (RAPS 360)
j) Approval of <i>Leader in Me</i> Supplemental Materials
k) Approval of <i>Bookroom</i> Supplemental Materials
l) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education State Tutoring Fund Grant Award for Some AIMS High Schools and Underperforming Schools for Fall 2011 (Aztec Middle Colleges: East, West, Northwest, Desert Vista; Catalina Magnet; Cholla Magnet; Project MORE; Pueblo Magnet; Rincon; Sabino; Sahuaro; Teenage Parent Program; Tucson Magnet; Fort Lowell/Townsend; Johnson; Howenstine Magnet; Manzo; Mary Meredith K-12)
m) Memorandum of Understanding Between Tucson Unified School District and Child-Parent Centers, Inc., for the Provision of Special Education Services for Preschool-aged Students with Disabilities for SY 2011-2012, with Authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Government Programs and Community Outreach to Execute the Agreement
n) City of Tucson Revised Reclaimed Water User Agreements, with Authorization for the Energy Projects Manager to Execute the Agreement
o) Award of Request for Proposals (RFP) 12-03-16 – Employee Benefits Plans Consultant, awarded to Buck Consulting in a multi-term award with annual renewal options through October 2016 in the estimated amount of \$130,000.00 per year
p) Plans and Specifications for Cholla Magnet High School – Tennis Court Renovation, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond) | Judy Burns moved approval of the Consent Agenda; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. q) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, March 22, 2011
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, September 13, 2011

John Pedicone recommended approval of the Consent Agenda. In response to questions regarding 5 (h) and (i) from Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks, Lupita Garcia and Maria Menconi provided additional information.

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

- 6. To Consider and, if Deemed Appropriate, Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Ratifying the Sale of Refunding Bonds and Certificates of Ownership of Supplemental Interest on the Bonds of the District

This item was addressed out of sequence immediately following Call to the Audience (above)

- 7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Assistant Principal, Fort Lowell/Townsend K-8 School

John Pedicone recommended Christiane Henning.

Michael Hicks moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

- 8. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Director of Communications

John Pedicone recommended Cara Rene.

Michael Hicks moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

9. Declaration of Tucson Unified School District Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards for the 2011-2012 School Year

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded.

John Pedicone introduced the item and recommended approval. Dr. Pedicone and Maria Menconi responded to comments and questions from Michael Hicks, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, and Miguel Cuevas. Martha Durkin provided legal advice.

Following further discussion and in light of current ongoing litigation, Board President Miguel Cuevas requested that the Board go into executive session for legal advice before proceeding further on this item.

Judy Burns moved to go into executive session; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:39 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:45 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

9. Declaration of Tucson Unified School District Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards for the 2011-2012 School Year (cont.)

In response to Judy Burns' original motion and Adelita Grijalva's second on No. 9, this item was approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING – 8:46 P.M.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 8:55 P.M.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

10. Reconsideration of Authorization for Governing Board Member(s) to attend the 72nd Annual Conference of the National School Boards Association (NSBA), Boston, Massachusetts, April 19-24, 2012 – Requested by Board Clerk Judy Burns

Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, John Pedicone, Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks and Adelita Grijalva discussed the pros and cons of attendance at this conference. Martha Durkin provided legal advice.

Following the passing of the vote to reconsider the motion from September 27, 2011, the discussion continued with Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, John Pedicone, and Michael Hicks commenting.

11. Membership on the Governing Board Subcommittee on Polices

Miguel Cuevas introduced this item, indicating that in his new role as President of the Board, he would prefer to step down from membership on this Committee. Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns also commented.

12. Superintendent's Goals for 2011-2013

Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas commented. It was stated during the discussion that once the Board approves the goals, they become public information.

Judy Burns moved to reconsider the motion (from September 27, 2011) to authorize Governing Board members to attend the NSBA conference; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Motion to reconsider was approved 3-2. Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.

With the motion to authorize board members to attend the conference back on the table, a roll call vote was taken. Approved 3-2. Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.

Adelita Grijalva moved to appoint Michael Hicks to the Committee; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Adelita Grijalva moved to adopt the Superintendent's goals as discussed in executive session; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

13. Adopt the Nurses' Evaluation Tool

Lupita Garcia, Donna Johnson, and Nancy Woll presented information and responded to comments from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Adelita Grijalva requested a status report on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC); she mentioned that it was okay to submit it through a Friday Report. John Pedicone commented.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:28 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of May, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____
Michael Hicks, Clerk
Governing Board

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