

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

**November 8, 2005
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Bruce Burke, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Clerk
Judy Burns, Member – left at 10:15 p.m.
Joel T. Ireland, Member
Alex Rodriguez, Member

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Nancy Coomer, Legal Counsel
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Judith Knight, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent, Education Support Services
Estella Zavala, Interim Director, Public Information
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Kelly Langford, Senior Academic Officer – Student Services
Harriet Scarborough, Ph.D., Senior Academic Officer – Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Learning
Maria Patterson, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Bobby Johnson, Director, Employee Relations
Marcus Jones, Director, Engineering and Planning Services
Lisa Long, Assistant Director, Curriculum and Technology Integration
Kathy Prather, Assistant Director, Career and Technical Education
Norma Johnson, Policy Coordinator
Sam Polito, Lobbyist
Patricia Dienz, Principal, Pueblo High Magnet School
Debra Thompson, Counselor, Pueblo High Magnet School
Pam Shapiro, Communication/Media, Pueblo High Magnet School
Bridget Auvenshine, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Mary Alice Wallace, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Rosalva Meza, President, Tucson Education Association
Robert Hersch, Executive Director, Educational Leaders, Inc.
Debbie Summers, President, Educational Leaders, Inc.
Linda Hatfield, Communication Workers of America
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Jeannette Haas, Moderator, School Community Partnership Council
Daniel Scarpinato, *Arizona Daily Star*

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARDS, RECOGNITION

Roger Pfeuffer announced that the *Arizona Daily Star* would be publishing a story about the Rodel Foundation recognizing three TUSD teachers as exemplary for their student teacher training, and that **Peter Howell Elementary School** is being highlighted as one of ten schools in a book being released by the Arts Education Project in Washington, D.C. for its participation in Opening Minds Through the Arts (OMA). In addition, he asked members of the Leadership Academy who were present to stand and be recognized.

No action required.

Pueblo High Magnet School's Video Communications students and their teacher were recognized for creating a training video for monitors in the District: **Jesus Luna, Brock Perez, Andre Quijada, Sonia Reyes, Gabriel Serrano, Chris Sosa, Jem Valdillez**, and Teacher **Pam Shapiro**. Working with the students were **Officer Robert Barry** and **Officer Celeste O'Neil** from the Department of School Safety and Security. A clip from the video was viewed.

Debbie Summers, Principal of Utterback Middle Magnet School, was recognized for her efforts in reuniting 7th grade teacher Steven Fomeche with his family from Cameroon. Debbie Summers and Steven Fomeche commented.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Joel Ireland reported on attending the Sabino-Palo Verde football game and making a site visit to see progress on the construction of the new Davidson Elementary School.

No action required.

Judy Burns reported on representing the Board at the Business and Education Roundtable; attending the monthly JTED planning committee meeting held in Tanque Verde; attending and participating in a school council forum; attending the Education Enrichment Foundation lunch honoring Elaine Rice and Laura Almquist; and attending the Tucson Badger lunch where Bill Estes was honored.

Adelita Grijalva reported on attending the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) Conference, and on attending a scholarship dinner.

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BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS (continued)

Alex Rodriguez reported on visiting and touring Pueblo High Magnet School and Van Buskirk and Van Horne elementary schools.

Bruce Burke reported on attending the October meeting of the Pima County School Board/Superintendent Collaborative.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

Bruce Burke reviewed the rules for public participation at Board meetings. The following persons spoke:

Penny Buckley – Sahuaro High School teacher, Site Council Facilitator, Utterback parent and TEA member. She presented a petition and urged the Board to maintain language in the policy for site councils to remain decision-making bodies.

Carolyn Mortezaei – spoke on behalf of the University of Arizona Spring Fling, asking for support and participation by TUSD in the *Read to Ride* Program which encourages literacy.

Phil Brenfleck – Secrist parent and School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Board Liaison. He spoke in favor of site councils being decision-making bodies.

Michael Gordy – spoke in favor of classroom teachers being allowed, in collaboration with their principals, to choose their own tools for teaching, and proposed that those persons having a teaching certificate spend half an hour every day in the classroom.

Miguel Cuevas – University of Arizona student working at Cholla, reported on his being denied access to the Cholla campus and to not being allowed to meet with administrators in a timely manner.

Linda Hatfield – representing the Communication Workers of America (CWA), reported on problems with the advertisement and filling of positions in Technology and Telecommunication Services (TTS).

Gerald Dini – President of Tucson Youth Football and Cheerleading, thanked and praised TUSD for support in bringing the national football and cheer conference to Tucson. He specifically mentioned Kelly Langford, Roger Pfeuffer, Sheila Baize and the principals at the host schools.

Lori Stratton – Sam Hughes Elementary School parent, SCPC representative and PTA Vice President. She thanked TUSD (Roger Pfeuffer, Marcus Jones and Jose Rojas) and the Board on behalf of the Sam Hughes families for the work and support in implementing the expansion construction project.

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Adelita Grijalva requested that the Superintendent follow up on Mr. Cuevas' issues. Judy Burns asked to receive information regarding the issues Ms. Hatfield brought up.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Student Advisory Council (SAC) Report No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer announced there would be no report at this meeting but that a representative would be at the December meeting to present a report.

2. Update on AIMS to include the possibility of adding a summer AIMS test No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer, Patti Lopez, Ross Sheard, Lisa Long, David Scott, Debra Thompson, Judy Bowers and Patricia Dienz updated the Board on the history and direction of the AIMS plan, the testing procedure and the augmentation intervention program. A Power Point presentation was made.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland.

3. Presentation on the Joint Technical Education District (JTED) No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer and Kathy Prather presented information on the collaboration with other school districts to participate in a JTED, how it operates and how it is funded. Ms. Prather distributed the Annual Report for Career and Technical Education and utilized Power Point presentations in reporting on the JTED.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Joel Ireland, Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez.

4. Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Four Months Ending October 31, 2005 No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer commented that this is a standard, routine item.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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| 5. | a) | New positions/replacements/reinstatements of salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 5(a-d, g-l, m[2], m[4]-q), Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| | b) | New hires/replacements/reinstatements of hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | |
| | c) | Contract changes for salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | |
| | d) | Salary changes for hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | |
| | g) | Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel | |
| | h) | Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence | |
| | i) | Requests for released time | |
| | j) | Requests for released time and travel expenses | |
| | k) | Authorization for Governing Board Member(s) to attend the 2006 Annual Conference of the National School Boards Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 5-12, 2006 (previously approved for New Orleans, Louisiana on August 9, 2005) | |
| | l) | Tucson Unified School District Student Application for Participation in United States-Israel High School Youth Ambassadors Exchange Program | |
| | m) | Agreements | |
| | 2) | Proposed Lease Agreement with Great Western Realty Corporation to Rent Space for the Downtown Alternative High School Program at 39 N. 6 th Avenue, November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2008, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to negotiate, extend and execute an existing Agreement | |
| | 4) | Child and Adult Care Food Program Agreement between Child & Family Resources, Inc. and Tucson Unified School District, October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2008, with authorization of the Director of Food Services as the Designated Official for the District. | |

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. m) Agreements
- 5) Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Maricopa County Community College District, on behalf of Mesa Community College (Regional Academy), for the Cisco Networking Academy Program, Cholla High Magnet, Rincon High, Tucson High Magnet, and University High Schools (Local Academy), originally approved August 9, 2005, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the agreements.
- n) Grant a Supplement to an Electrical Right-of-Way Easement to Tucson Electric Power for Davidson Elementary School, approved on March 8, 2005, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to execute the supplemental easement
- o) Plans and Specifications for Sam Hughes Elementary School Deficiency Correction and Expansion Project, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (partial bond)
- p) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
- 1) Regular Board Meeting, May 10, 2005
- 2) Special Board Meeting, June 7, 2005
- 3) Special Board Meeting, June 21, 2005
- 4) Regular Board Meeting, June 21, 2005
- q) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning October 1, 2005, and ending October 31, 2005

Alex Rodriguez asked that items 5(e) and 5(f) be considered separately.

5. e) Separations of salaried personnel for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years

Judy Burns moved approval, Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.

In response to a question from Board Member Alex Rodriguez, Roger Pfeuffer stated that the teacher termination in question was a confidential personnel matter.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. f) Separations of hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year

Roger Pfeuffer and Sue Wybraniec responded to a question from Board Member Alex Rodriguez concerning Food Service resignations. Mr. Rodriguez asked to receive further information.

Alex Rodriguez moved approval, Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Judy Burns asked that item 5(m)(1) be considered separately.

5. m) Agreements
1) Extended Occupancy Agreement with the City of Tucson for the ArtWorks Academy at 35 E. Toole Avenue, December 1, 2005 through October 31, 2010, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to negotiate and execute the Agreement

Roger Pfeuffer and Marcus Jones responded to a question from Board Member Judy Burns. Board Member Adelita Grijalva commented.

Judy Burns moved approval, Joel Ireland seconded. Approved unanimously.

Alex Rodriguez asked that item 5(m)(3) be considered separately.

5. m) Agreements
3) Lease No. USAF-ACC-FBNV-1-05-002 between Tucson Unified School District and the United States Air Force for Borman Elementary School Site, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to execute the Revised Agreement and Associated Documents for a period to terminate on July 31, 2010 (Revision. Supersedes and nullifies Supplemental Agreement No. USAF-ACC-FBNV-1-00-002 previously approved September 20, 2005)

Roger Pfeuffer and Marcus Jones responded to a question from Board Member Alex Rodriguez that the revision was necessary because of a shift in command and the institution of a new form by the Air Force, and that the cost was still \$1 per year.

Alex Rodriguez moved approval, Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS

6. Establishment of an Agenda for Tucson Unified School District for the 2006 Session of the Arizona Legislature and Potential Initiatives Affecting Public Education for Inclusion on the Ballot and in Arizona Department of Education/State Board of Education Policy

See action under 6(c).

a) Report by Board Member Judy Burns regarding the Arizona School Boards Association Legislative Agenda

No action required.

Board Member Judy Burns reported on attending the ASBA Delegate Assembly this past June and on the top issues approved for inclusion in the ASBA Legislative Agenda, which included TUSD's recommendations. She responded to a question from Board President Bruce Burke that she voted for the ASBA recommendations.

b) Report by TUSD Lobbyist Sam Polito

No action required.

Sam Polito reported on the issues that will affect TUSD in the upcoming Legislative session, including deseg funding, the Flores case, all-day kindergarten, School Facilities Board funding for building renewal, and performance pay. Using a Power Point presentation developed by ASBA, he discussed the proposed First Class Education Act, known as the "65% Solution," and its effect on TUSD.

Roger Pfeuffer provided additional information on the 65-cent initiative. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Bruce Burke, Joel Ireland, Alex Rodriguez and Judy Burns.

c) Determine Elements of the Legislative Agenda Unique to TUSD and Discussion of Structure to Address Legislative and Potential Initiative Efforts

Judy Burns moved approval of the proposed TUSD agenda for the 2006 Legislature, Adelita Grijalva seconded.

Roger Pfeuffer, Sue Wybraniec and Sam Polito provided information and responded to questions and comments from Board Members Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Burke, Joel Ireland and Judy Burns. The following list of items was developed for inclusion in the TUSD Legislative agenda:

Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

6. c) (continued)

- Acceptance of the highlights of the ASBA agenda
- Maintain deseg funding – current law
- Fund ELL students at appropriate level
- Maintain momentum for Full-Day Kindergarten funding
- Address teacher quality issues in ways that do not hamper recruitment for Arizona teachers
- Increase funding for transportation
- Increase group B weight funding for special education
- Increase capital budget for schools
- Protect school renewal funds
- Increase base level funding – *30th in the nation*
- Provide relief from AIMS at the measure for graduation

Board Member Bruce Burke requested a report at the December meeting on the impact of the *65-cent solution* legislation.

Alex Rodriguez moved that the Board pass a Resolution in December regarding the impact of the *65-cent initiative* on TUSD, Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

d) Support for Summer 2006 AIMS Testing.

No action required.

Board Member Bruce Burke and Roger Pfeuffer reported that AIMS testing in the summer has been scheduled, possibly for the second week in July, and that official notification will be forthcoming.

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GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – www.tusd.k12.az.us

Study/Action

7. Policy Code GBEB – *Dress Code for Employees* (revision related to hats/sunglasses)

Roger Pfeuffer stated that the Board had studied the policy previously, that staff had completed some further processing, and that he concurred with staff recommendations. Norma Johnson provided information on who had been involved in discussions and when and where policy would be implemented.

Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland.

Judy Burns moved approval, Bruce Burke seconded. Failed 2-3. Adelita Grijalva, Joel Ireland and Alex Rodriguez voted no.

8. Policy Code JICA – *Student Dress* (revision related to hats/sunglasses)

Alex Rodriguez moved to return Policies GBEB and JICA to staff for further review of the hat issue, Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Bruce Burke voted no.

Study

9. Policy Code CFC – *School Councils*

Roger Pfeuffer stated that this is a study item and is a progress report on the development of the school council policy. Using a Power Point presentation, Patti Lopez reported on the development of a working committee that met weekly composed of Jeanette Haas, Debbie Summers, Rosalva Meza, Scott Mundell, Bill Estes and Jaimie Leopold, and whose purpose was to solicit input and suggestions from parents, teachers, and community members and to invite comment and feedback. Jeanette Haas, Rosalva Meza and Debbie Summers summarized the work of the committee.

Studied only. No action required.

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GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES (continued)

Study (continued)

9. Policy Code CFC – *School Councils* (continued)


Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva. Joel Ireland requested individual meetings with the respective groups involved.

Roger Pfeuffer, Patti Lopez and Rosalva Meza responded to board members' questions regarding compensation and/or credit increment for teachers serving on school councils and the budget for training related to school councils.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:30 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of August, 2006.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Governing Board