

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

**November 13, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Joel T. Ireland, President
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Maggie Sanchez, President, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Beatriz Rendon, Chief Executive Officer for Educational Support Services
Steve Holmes, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Albert Siqueiros, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communications and Media Relations
James Fish, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Maggie Shafer, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Rudy Flores, Interim Executive Director, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Lorraine McPherson, Executive Director, Resource Development and Grants Management
Alyson Nielson, Director for Employment Services, Human Resources
Richard Gastellum, Administrator for Desegregation Matters
Bill Ball, Director, Transportation
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Augustine Romero, Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Sonya Baker, School Community Partnership Council (SCPC)
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association
George Sanchez, Arizona Daily Star
Konstantinos Kalaitzidis, Tucson Citizen
TV Channels 9, 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:01 P.M.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judy Burns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

INFORMATION ITEM

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

Information only.
No action required.

Maggie Sanchez presented the SSAC Report from its meeting of November 5, 2007. The information included reports given, special guests present, regular business matters addressed, and the leadership and activities of the various SSAC committees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer introduced TUSD's new Chief Executive Officer for Educational Support Services, Beatriz Rendon. Further, he reminded everyone present that this is International Education Week and also announced that tonight's meeting is the first with an electronically generated agenda.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Judy Burns reported that she attended an OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts) performance at Sewell Elementary School in honor of Veterans' Day.

Alex Rodriguez commented about his recent visit to a meeting of the TUSD Audit Committee. He also reported that he and Mr. Burke participated in a breakfast event hosted by TUSD as part of the Next Steps Institute.

Adelita Grijalva provided information about the November 6th Pima County Women's Commission event hosted by Cholla High Magnet School.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

Steve Farley, Arizona State Representative, District 28 – Expressed concerns about the budget deficit and contemplated budget cuts;

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Paula Goldberg – Requested a review of the circumstances at Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School with regard to 301 performance pay;

Seth Aleshire – Requested a review of the circumstances at Gridley Middle School with regard to 301 performance pay;

Kari Garcia – Outlined reasons that Wrightstown Elementary School should not be considered for closure;

Tom Lowell – Urged that Wrightstown Elementary School not be considered for closure;

Karen Inserra – Requested that consideration be given to the possibility that if Wrightstown Elementary School is closed, the result will be more students will go to area charter schools;

Steve Courter – Commented that implementation of Interest Based Bargaining is an opportunity for problem-solving;

Susan Thorpe – Expressed concerns about the handling of immigration issues and the presence of military recruiters on TUSD campuses;

Jo Moody – Encouraged continued focus on educating all children in TUSD schools apart from immigration issues;

Jennifer Allen – Emphasized upholding the practice of ensuring that immigration issues be kept out of TUSD schools;

Kelly Siepkner – Requested that Gridley teachers be respectfully heard with regard to 301 performance pay issues;

Ann-Eve Pedersen – With regard to a possible budget override, expressed support for not only OMA and class size reduction, but also for funding librarians;

Mimi Wheatwind – Requested that funding for librarians not be cut;

Bob Dohse – In bringing the Mayor's Proclamation in support of International Education Week to TUSD, he pointed out the involvement of librarians in international education activities;

Marylou Bielenstein – Expressed concerns about proposed cuts to TUSD school libraries

The following individuals did not come forward when their names were called: Bruce Murchison, Marion Jacob, Jarre Bohland and Dean Misenhimer

Joel Ireland announced that Agenda Item No. 13 would be addressed at this time.

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GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – www.tusd1.org

Study

13. Policy Code No. JIHA – *Law Enforcement Access to Students on Campus*

Studied only.
No action taken.

At the request of Roger Pfeuffer, Nancy Woll presented the background for the development of this proposed policy. Roger and Nancy provided additional information during the discussion in response to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Sonya Baker presented the SCPC Report that included comments related to administrators advocating for students and parental support for the Bus Radio program. Alex Rodriguez and Bruce Burke commented.

3. Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Update: Stanford University and Civic Ventures Purpose Prize

Information only.
No action required.

Joan Ashcraft shared information on the \$100,000 Purpose Prize Award presented to Gene Jones that will be used for TUSD's OMA Program. Judy Burns commented.

4. First Quarter Report to the Board on progress toward the District and Superintendent Goals for the 2007-2008 school year

Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer, Patti Lopez, Rudy Flores, David Scott, Sue Wybraniec, Albert Siqueiros, Chyrl Lander and Maggie Shafer presented information and responded to comments and questions from board members.

During the lengthy discussion, Alex Rodriguez, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Joel Ireland commented and/or asked questions.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

5. Recommended budget cuts for the 2007-2008 school year Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer commented on plans to maintain some of the items on the recommended budget cut list by finding other community organizations to administer and fund the programs. Patti Lopez and Bill Ball provided additional information in response to board members' comments.

Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland commented and/or asked questions.

6. Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Four Months Ending October 31, 2007 Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer made brief comments regarding this routine item.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. c) New hires for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 school year
d) Contract changes for salaried personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
e) Salary changes for hourly personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
f) List of teachers hired through Teacher Pool process
g) Separations of salaried personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
h) Separations of hourly personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
i) Separations for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 school year
j) Requests for leave of absence and issuance of contracts for certificated personnel
k) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
l) Requests for released time
m) Requests for released time and travel expenses
n) Authorization for Governing Board Member(s) to travel
1) National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO) 3rd Annual National Summit on the State of Latino Education, Washington, D.C., October 6-12, 2007
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 7 (c-y), (aa-ae) and (ag-ai); Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

7. n) Authorization for Governing Board Member(s) to travel (cont.)
- 2) National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network Conference (FRN), Washington, D.C., February 2-6, 2008
 - 3) Blanket approval to various sites on various dates regarding the Superintendent Search
- o) Authorization to dispose of administrative records – Townsend Middle School
- p) Adopt Draft License to use Registered Service Mark between Opening Minds through the Arts Foundation (“OMAF”) and Tucson Unified School District
- q) Arizona Department of Education – *Early Childhood Block Grant*, to provide comprehensive preschool programs at Erickson, Grijalva, Menlo Park, Myers-Ganoung, Rogers, Tully and Van Buskirk Elementary Schools and Southwest Education Center, 2008 FY
- r) Arizona Department of Education – *IDEA Paraprofessional Tuition Assistance Grant*
- s) Arizona Department of Education – *IDEA Response to Intervention Training Grant*
- t) Arizona Department of Education – *IDEA School Wide Positive Behavior Supports Grant*, three-year grant
- u) Arizona Department of Education – *IDEA Seamless Transition to School Community Participation Grant*, two-year grant
- v) Funding to enhance outdoor play area at Southwest Education Center from an anonymous donor
- w) Arizona Department of Education – *5 Learn and Serve Grant* awards for 2007-2008 School Year
- x) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services for Arizona Nutrition Network-Local Incentive Award, Contract #HG861094, October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2012
- y) Intergovernmental Agreement between the University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Nutritional Sciences, and Tucson Unified School District for Arizona Nutrition Network Program, SY 07-08 through September 30, 2008 (Drachman Primary Magnet School, Wheeler Elementary School, and Mansfeld and Utterback Middle Schools)

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 7. aa) Award IFB No. 08-64-12 – Miscellaneous Books & Media awarded to vendors listed on Attachment 1 of the original Board Agenda Item in the amount of \$385,000 per fiscal year for a multi-term contract not to exceed five consecutive fiscal years, ending on June 30, 2012
- ab) Award IFB No. 08-71-12 – Engineering/Robotics Materials, Test & Measure Equipment awarded to Elliot Electronic Supply, Hearlihy, and Lynxmotion, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000 per fiscal year for a multi-term contract not to exceed five consecutive fiscal years, ending on June 30, 2012
- ac) Award Mohave Contract for Proposal #5003930 for Technical Building Roof Replacement at Pueblo High Magnet School (building renewal) to Mohave Educational Services Cooperative, Inc., in the amount of \$470,000.00, which includes the Base Bid and a contingency of 5%
- ad) Grant Easement Agreement with TRICO Electric Co-op, Inc., to reroute service at Valencia Middle School, with authorization for the District Planner to execute all documents
- ae) Grant Easement Agreement with Tucson Electric Power Company for additional service to Roberts Elementary School, with authorization for the District Planner to execute all documents
- ag) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, August 8, 2007
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, August 14, 2007
 - 3) Regular Board Meeting, August 14, 2007
 - 4) Special Board Meeting, August 18, 2007
 - 5) Special Board Meeting, August 28, 2007
 - 6) Special Board Meeting, September 11, 2007
- ah) Memorandum of Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Museum of Art for ArtWorks Academy, August 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
- ai) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning October 1, 2007, and ending October 31, 2007

Adelita Grijalva requested that Consent Agenda Items 7 (a) and (b) be considered separately and Judy Burns requested that Consent Agenda Items 7(z) and (af) be considered separately.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

7. a) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of salaried personnel for the 2007-2008 school year

Roger Pfeuffer and Patti Lopez responded to questions from Adelita Grijalva.

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

- b) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of hourly personnel for the 2007-2008 school year

In response to comments from Adelita Grijalva, Roger Pfeuffer and Patti Lopez provided additional information.

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

- z) Award Bid No. 08-63-08 – White Elementary School Upgrades and Renovations (bond and building renewal) awarded to Sky Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$2,552,550.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternative Bid #1 and a contingency of 5%

- af) Plans and specifications with authorization to advertise for sealed bids – Catalina Magnet High School North Gym Renovations (bond)

Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 7 (z) and (af); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

In response to a comment from Judy Burns, Marcus Jones provided additional information.

ACTION ITEM

8. Reappointments to the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC)

Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments. Rudy Flores provided additional information.

Briefly discussed at this time. Action taken immediately following Item No. 12.

Judy Burns suggested taking action on this item following discussion and action on Agenda Item No. 12. Joel Ireland announced that Item No. 12 would be addressed at this time.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

12. Ratification of the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC) By-Laws

Roger Pfeuffer commented and recommended approval. Rob Ross gave legal advice and Rudy Flores provided additional information.

Judy Burns, Joel Ireland, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Alex Rodriguez commented and/or asked questions.

Bruce Burke moved approval of the by-laws without the proxy vote language, pending further clarification from Legal Counsel; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEM (continued)

8. Reappointments to the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC)

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval. Eugene Jones and Laura Pendleton-Miller were reappointed to the Committee.

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

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

9. 2008-2009 TUSD Academic Calendar

Following introduction by Roger Pfeuffer, Lorraine McPherson briefly presented information and recommended adoption of Option A, with school beginning August 11, 2008 and ending May 21, 2009.

Joel Ireland commented.

10. School Bus Radio

Roger Pfeuffer presented information. Bill Ball responded to comments and questions from Alex Rodriguez.

Judy Burns moved approval of Option A; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Alex Rodriguez moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 3-0. Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva were not present for the vote.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

11. Funding for the E-Rate Applicant Share for Priority I Telecom for 2008-2009
Lorrane McPherson provided information to the Governing Board.
Alex Rodriguez and Judy Burns commented.

Bruce Burke moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

12. Ratification of the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC) By-Laws

Addressed prior to Agenda Item No. 9 above.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

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Study


13. Policy Code No. JIHA – *Law Enforcement Access to Students on Campus*

Addressed above immediately following Call to the Audience.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:02 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of January, 2008.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Governing Board

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