

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

**November 22, 2011  
5:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present\*\*:**

Miguel Cuevas, President  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member [arrived @5:30 p.m.]  
Michael Hicks, Member  
Mark Stegeman, Member

**\*\*A vacancy on the Board was created when Judy Burns, Clerk, died on October 27, 2011**

**Also Present :**

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Maria Menconi, Ph.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer  
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel  
Richard Gastellum, Interim Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership  
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Leadership  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership  
Maria Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs and  
Community Outreach  
Pamela Palmo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer, Technology and Telecommunications Services  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning  
Leon George, Director, Purchasing  
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Operations Planning Services  
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff  
Donna Mattix, Manager, Customer Service and Support  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association  
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star  
TV Channels 4, 9, 11, and 13

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:05 p.m.**

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
  - A. Legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1) Fisher-Mendoza vs. TUSD, et. al.
    - 2) Governing Board Vacancy – A.R.S. §15-302
  - B. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(7)
    - 1) Land Disposition

Michael Hicks moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 3-0; Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED** – 5:05 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED**– 6:36 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

No action required.

Michael Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miguel Cuevas announced that Item No. 10 would be addressed at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 10. Pima County School Superintendent’s Community Advisory Committee for the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Vacancy – *Selection of a Fifth Committee Member and Alternate*

Adelita Grijalva outlined possible options for reaching agreement on a fifth Committee member and an alternate. Due to the cost to the district and thus to the students, she does not believe an election is appropriate.

Adelita Grijalva moved to determine a fifth member by a random drawing from names previously submitted by board members. Motion failed for lack of a second.

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**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

10. Pima County School Superintendent's Community Advisory Committee for the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Vacancy – *Selection of a Fifth Committee Member and Alternate* (cont.)

Mark Stegeman referred to his previous suggestion (from the November 15 meeting) to select two of the submitted names and proceed with a random drawing between the two to select the fifth member and one alternate. However, since receiving negative comments about this approach, he did not proceed to support it.

Miguel Cuevas agreed that the election option is not in the best interest of TUSD students and offered a motion to appoint Juan Ciscomani as the fifth committee member.

Martha Durkin provided legal advice at the request of board members.

Following further discussion, Adelita Grijalva moved to allow each board member to submit a different candidate name in an effort to reach agreement. This motion failed for lack of second.

Miguel Cuevas moved to appoint Juan Ciscomani as the fifth member; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Following the appointment of Mr. Ciscomani, Miguel Cuevas moved to appoint Colleen Niccum as the alternate; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

2. Lease Agreement with the International School of Tucson for the Former Jefferson Park Elementary School, with Authorization for the Planning Services Manager to Execute the Agreement

After introductory comments from John Pedicone, Bryant Nodine presented information and responded to comments from Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks and Adelita Grijalva.

3. Lease Agreement with Pima Community College for the Former Roberts Elementary School, with Authorization for the Planning Services Manager to Execute the Agreement

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

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

- 3. Lease Agreement with Pima Community College for the Former Roberts Elementary School, with Authorization for the Planning Services Manager to Execute the Agreement (cont.)

Bryant Nodine outlined parameters of the proposed Agreement, followed by comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas and John Pedicone. Dr. Pedicone recommended approval.

**RECESSED SPECIAL MEETING** – 7:00 p.m.

**RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING** – 7:17 p.m.

**STUDY ITEM**

- 4. Transforming the State of Technology in Tucson Unified School District Studied only.  
No action taken.

John Pedicone commented briefly followed by a detailed PowerPoint presentation on technology by John Gay. Also participating in the discussion were Michael Hicks, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, and Miguel Cuevas.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 5. Board Member Update on Technology Oversight Committee (TOC) Information only.  
No action required.

Mark Stegeman presented the TOC update. Also commenting were John Gay and Miguel Cuevas.

- 6. Update on Teacher Evaluations Information only.  
No action required.

Presenting the update and information on teacher evaluations were Maria Menconi and Frances Banales. Others commenting were John Pedicone and Mark Stegeman.

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**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

7. Award of RFP No. 12-70-C16 - Professional Transportation Management Services, awarded to TransPar Group in a multi-term award. beginning upon award in FY 2011-2012 with renewal options through December 31, 2016, if needed, in an amount not to exceed \$279,080.00 the first year

Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

John Pedicone, Candy Egbert, and Leon George provided information to board members and responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas and Michael Hicks.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

8. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Proposed Changes to the Bylaws, and Selection of TUSD Representative to the ASBA Delegate Assembly on December 15, 2011

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

Adelita Grijalva suggested that Michael Hicks be the representative and he agreed to serve in that capacity. It was determined that Mr. Hicks would vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws that in his judgment would be most beneficial to TUSD. Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman also commented.

9. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org)

- a) Governing Board Policy Code CB – *School Improvement Models* (new)

Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas spoke briefly about the policy and asked Maria Menconi to provide additional information. Mark Stegeman commented.

- b) Governing Board Policy Code JHB – *Truancy* (new)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas introduced the policy. Michael Hicks, Martha Durkin, Mark Stegeman, Maria Menconi, Jim Fish, and Adelita Grijalva participated in a discussion of this policy.

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**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

9. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies (cont.)

- c) Governing Board Policy Code GCCI – *Administrative Temporary Assignment* (revision)

Mark Stegeman moved approval with a minor wording edit in the next-to-the-last paragraph; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Martha Durkin provided a brief overview of the revisions. Mark Stegeman commented.

- d) Governing Board Policy Code JE – *Student Attendance* (revision)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas commented briefly on the revision. Martha Durkin responded to comments from Mark Stegeman and Adelita Grijalva.

- e) Governing Board Policy Code JH – *Student Absences and Excuses* (revision)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas introduced the policy revisions and he and John Pedicone responded to comments from Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman and Adelita Grijalva. Jim Fish also provided information.

- f) Governing Board Policy Code JHCB – *Released Time for Religious Instruction* (review)

Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Martha Durkin presented an overview of this policy and responded to an inquiry from Mark Stegeman. Miguel Cuevas also commented.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 10. Pima County School Superintendent’s Community Advisory Committee for the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Vacancy – *Selection of a Fifth Committee Member and Alternate*

Addressed immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance (above).

**SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED** – 9:29 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Hicks, Clerk  
Governing Board

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