

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

**November 24, 2009  
5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Judy Burns, President  
Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Bruce Burke, Member  
Miguel Cuevas, Member  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member [arrived at 5:45 p.m.]

**Also Present :**

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer  
Jay Johnston, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning  
Nancy Woll, Interim Human Resources Officer  
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools  
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools  
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, High Schools  
Lorraine McPherson, Executive Director, Resource Development and Grants Management  
Frank Armenta, Principal, Cholla High Magnet School  
Francisco Moraga, Assistant Principal, Cholla High Magnet School  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association  
Alexis Huicochea, *Arizona Daily Star*

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 5:34 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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| 1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –                   | Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0; Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote. |
| A. Legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4) |  |
| 1) Investigation and options for enforcement of policy violations                                   |  |
| 2) School facilities use  |  |

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**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters – (cont.)
  - B. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(1); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence
    - 2) Santa Rita High School
  - C. Legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4); negotiations pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(5)
    - 1) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the Governing Board in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations

**SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED** – 5:35 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED**– 7:20 p.m.

**INFORMATION ITEM**

1. Update on E-Rate Status  
Information only.  
No action required.  
Jay Johnston provided a brief update on the status of the e-rate application. Judy Burns and Liz Fagen commented.
2. Summary and Overview on Grants Applications including *Race to the Top*  
Information only.  
No action required.

Following Lorraine McPherson’s presentation, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Liz Fagen and Miguel Cuevas discussed aspects of grants applications including partnering with other agencies, pursuit of grants from large foundations, and the use of an external grant writer.

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3. Recommendation to Deny Request for Leave of Absence – Patricia Frey

Liz Fagen recommended denying the request for leave of absence.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 3-2; Miguel Cuevas and Judy Burns voted no.

4. Extension of 2008-2009 Agreements for American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and all Non-Bargaining Units

Liz Fagen recommended extending the agreements for AFSCME and for non-bargaining units for an additional month. Judy Burns commented.

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Cuevas and Mr. Burke revised the motion to extend agreements until the end of January 2010. Approved unanimously.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

5. Governing Board Subcommittee on Policies Report

Miguel Cuevas presented the policies for the Board's consideration.

- a) Policy code No. DJG – *Vendor/Contractor Relations* (adoption)

Miguel Cuevas commented briefly. In response to a question from Adelita Grijalva, Rob Ross explained that this policy is in response to a 2008 Arizona State Statute.

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

- b) Policy code No. GCOC – *Rules for Disciplinary Action Against an Administrator* (revision)

Miguel Cuevas summarized the recommended revisions to this policy. Judy Burns commented.

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

- c) Policy Code No. JFC – *Student Withdrawal from School* (revision)

Miguel commented briefly and Rob Ross summarized the recommended revisions. Rob and Jim Fish responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns.

Studied only.  
No action taken.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

5. Governing Board Subcommittee on Policies Report (cont.)
- d) Policy No. 1115 – *Shared Decision Making* (elimination)

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns and Rob Ross commented during the discussion.

6. Governing Board Subcommittee on Ends Results Report

No report presented.

Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented that since the Subcommittee had not met, there would be no report at this meeting.

STUDY ITEMS

7. Draft *Ends Results Proposal*

Bruce Burke moved to refer to the Subcommittee as discussed; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mark Stegeman introduced the item followed by comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Judy Burns. After a brief discussion, Bruce Burke moved to refer the document to the Subcommittee on Ends Results for development of a proposal to be agendized at future board meeting.

8. First Choice School Development in Tucson Unified School District

Studied only.  
No action taken.

Liz Fagen introduced the concept and opportunities that First Choice schools offer to TUSD families. Maggie Shafer, Jim Fish, and Edith Macklin provided an overview of the work, goals and plans for First Choice Schools, and where various schools are in the implementation process. Bruce Burke, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, and Bonnie Betz also commented. The meeting was recessed so that members of the board, staff and the public would have opportunity to attend brief breakout sessions to hear from staff and students of Ochoa, Vail, and Cholla school choice models.

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SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 8:38 p.m.

(Breakout Sessions)

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 9:46 p.m.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

- 8. First Choice School Development in Tucson Unified School District (cont.)

After attending the breakout sessions for the three models, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas and Judy Burns commented.

- 9. Board Approval of First Choice Schools and Reallocation of Desegregation Funds

Studied only.  
Agenda Committee will place on a future agenda for further consideration and discussion.

Mark Stegeman presented a draft policy that would establish some level of oversight for the First Choice concept. In addition to Mark, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke and Liz Fagen participated in a lengthy discussion about the level of responsibility the Governing Board would have in the guidance and oversight of First Choice schools.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:25 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By

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Miguel Cuevas, Clerk  
Governing Board