

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1  
Governing Board Special Meeting  
Catalina High Magnet School Auditorium  
3645 E. Pima Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85716**

**December 10, 2012  
6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Miguel Cuevas, President  
Michael Hicks, Clerk  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member  
Mark Stegeman, Member [arr. @ 6:28 p.m.]  
Alexandre Borges Sugiyama, Ph.D, Member

**Also Present:**

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer  
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Leadership  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary and K-8 Leadership  
Jim Fish, Executive Director, Equity Intervention  
Pamela Palmo, Interim Executive Director, Human Resources  
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education  
Teri Melendez, Director, Elementary and K-8 Leadership  
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations  
Bryant Nodine, Planning & MIS Program Manager  
Marcus Jones, Program Manager, Bonds and Architecture  
Rick Haan, Senior Program Coordinator, Desegregation  
Noni Faras, Senior Program Coordinator, Desegregation  
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff  
Mary Canty, District Video Producer  
Marina Spisak, Spanish Interpreter  
Lionor Gomez, Spanish Interpreter  
Lizette Perez, Spanish Interpreter  
Oscar Corella, Spanish Interpreter  
Jennifer Sue Stensel, American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter  
Monica Barbera, American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board  
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association  
TV Channels 4, 9, and 11/13

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### SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:15 p.m.

Miguel Cuevas apologized for the late start of the meeting. He announced that Dr. Stegeman was expected to arrive shortly.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mary Alice Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Introductory Comments – Miguel Cuevas, President, Governing Board Information only.  
No action taken.

Miguel Cuevas shared introductory comments and expressed appreciation to those who came to the meeting. He stated the purpose of the meeting was for the Board to hear public comments. He reviewed the procedure for the public hearing: Speaker cards will be arranged alphabetically by school name; speaker cards held over from the December 8, 2012 meeting will be given preference; will continue until all schools have had three speakers; and will attempt to make it as equitable as possible.

Mr. Cuevas introduced Spanish and American Sign Language interpreters who greeted the audience.

Mr. Cuevas explained the Board will take action on the closures at the December 20, 2012 Special Board meeting, and that the Board will continue to take comments from the public until the December 20 meeting.

2. Presentation on School Master Plan and Potential Consolidations Information only.  
No action taken.

John Pedicone provided information, including an overview of the rationale and process for school consolidations. Bryant Nodine expressed appreciation for the public's attendance and support for the schools. Using

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### 2. Presentation on School Master Plan and Potential Consolidations (continued)

a Power Point presentation, he discussed declining enrollment and reduced state funding in TUSD, Arizona and the nation. He reviewed the process used including community input to identify the best ideas for addressing the projected deficit and continuing to move toward high performance classrooms. The options are to balance school consolidations with reduced staff and programs. He reviewed options for the individual schools being considered for closure. He explained the next steps once the Board has made decisions on closures and presented a summary of the deadlines by which certain things must be accomplished. He identified where information can be found concerning the options and answers to typically asked questions, and how the public can provide comments.

### RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 6:33 p.m.

Miguel Cuevas announced the procedures and rules of decorum to be followed during the public hearing. He asked that when persons stand in support of their individual schools, to not stand on the seats to ensure safety. He asked that persons respect the person speaking and not interrupt in order to allow each person his or her allotted time.

### PUBLIC HEARING

### 3. Public Hearing on the School Master Plan, Closures and Consolidations Initiated by the Governing Board During Special Board Meetings on November 20 and 27, 2012

Speakers during the Public Hearing will abide by the rules governing Call to the Audience at Board Meetings as follows:

## Public Participation at Board Meetings\*\*

Members of the public may speak during the Call to the Audience portion of the agenda. The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers and for maintaining proper order by setting such limitations as may be appropriate.

Any person desiring to speak shall complete the Call to the Audience card. When addressing the Board, an individual shall state his/her full name and address before going into the subject matter.

Individuals are encouraged to be brief, with a maximum time limit of 3 minutes.

Individuals attending the meeting and/or speaking before the Board shall observe rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct, and refrain from impertinent or slanderous remarks.

These rules also apply to Public Hearings.

*\*\*REF: Governing Board Policy Code No. BDAA – Procedures for Governing Board Members*

The following individuals spoke during the Public Hearing:

**Stephanie Hamilton** – Support for Brichta Elementary School

**Mary Holden** – Support for Carson Middle School

**Rita Nicholson** – Support for Corbett Elementary School and solar power installation in TUSD schools

**Joan Najita** – Support for Cragin Elementary School

**Angelique Atrampeba** (speaking for Mitra Rukai) – Support for Ft. Lowell-Townsend K-8 School

**Julie Wanat** – Support for Hohokam Middle School

**Areya Roadman** – Support for Howenstine High Magnet School

**Maria Morones** – Support for Lyons Elementary School

**Karin Have** – Support for Manzo Elementary School

**Dave Croteau** – Board's job is to keep the community educated

**Marjorie Miller** – Support for Schumaker Elementary School

**Steve Kazachik** (spoke in place of Lisa Capron) – Consolidation, budget, Sewell Elementary School and the State Legislature

**Maria Russakoff** – Support for Sewell Elementary School

At this point Board President Miguel Cuevas, in an attempt to make the process equitable, advised that persons who attempt to speak out of turn will be asked to sit down.

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### PUBLIC HEARING (continued)

The following individuals spoke during the Public Hearing (cont.):

**Lilly Almazan Bravo** – Support for Menlo Park Elementary School

At this point Board President restated that interpretation services were being provided and had the interpreters announce their services. Since no persons needed ASL interpreters, they were excused.

**Cookie Rodriguez** (speaking for America Cardenas) – Support for Wakefield Middle School

**Rachael Eggebeen** – Returning TUSD to a premier district

**Carol Brichta** – Support for Brichta Elementary School

**Shauna Holden** – Support for Carson Middle School

**Kathi Finfrock: deferred to Lynn Curtis** – Support for Corbett Elementary School

**Andrew Ross** – Support for Cragin Elementary School

**Jocabed Vargas & Sara Silves** – Support for Ft. Lowell-Townsend K-8

**PUBLIC HEARING RECESSED – 7:44 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING RECONVENED – 7:56 p.m.**

At this point Board President Miguel Cuevas clarified that in the interest of fairness, persons who had filled out cards to speak on December 8 but were not called on would be given priority if present, but no substitute speakers for persons who filled out cards on December 8 would be accepted.

**Michael Essen** – Support for cutting support services and recalling State Legislators who do not support education

**Cristy Kaplocvitch** – Support for Lyons Elementary School and Carson Middle School

**Betts Putnam Hidalgo** – Support for all the schools proposed for closure and questioning financial information

**John Thierry** – Support for Hohokam

**Derek Hamilton** – Support for Maxwell Middle School

**Wes Oswald** – Support for Manzo Elementary School

**Sydney Takigawa** – Support for Schumaker Elementary School

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### PUBLIC HEARING (continued)

The following individuals spoke during the Public Hearing (cont.):

**Sylvia Campoy** – Speaking as the Mendoza representative in the desegregation case relative to inconsistency in schools being chosen for closure

**Kathleen Armenta** – Support for Wakefield Middle School

**Georgia Brousseau** – History of effect on children at receiving schools when schools were closed in 1978 and 1979

**Greg Reid** – Support for Corbett Elementary School

**Jennie Lanning** – Support for Sewell Elementary School

**Korrina Hancock** – Support for Carson Middle School

**Michele Harbour** – Support for Cragin Elementary School

**Christiane Henning** – Support for Ft. Lowell-Townsend K-8

**Mary & Autumn Haney** – Support for Howenstine High Magnet School

**Erik Shapero** – Support for Manzo Elementary School

**Michael J. Rosenbluth** – Support for Brichta Elementary School

**Barbara Caballero** – Support for Lyons Elementary School (Spoke in Spanish with translation by Interpreter)

**Francisca Lopez** – Support for Wakefield Middle School (Spoke in Spanish with translation by Interpreter)

**Chris Evans** – Support for Sewell Elementary School

Individuals whose names were called but were not present: **Mitra Rukai, Lisa Capron, America Cardenas, Paula Clayton, William P. Savage, Barbara Warren, Sergio Arelleno, Garrett Burnell, Tanya Davis, Lori Vargas, Catherin Moreno, Melissa Crider, Tres English, Erick Chavarna, Debbie Bustemante, Jennifer Williams, Maria Oliver, Yvette Lewis, Fred Vette, Richard Smith, Bennett Blum, and Elizabeth Macias**

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 9:20 p.m.

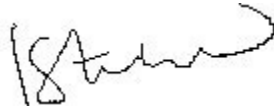
RECONVENED SPECIAL MEETING – 9:20 p.m.

Miguel Cuevas provided information on how the public could continue to provide comments to the Board via mail, e-mail, the TUSD web, and through forms provided at the schools.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:21 p.m.

Approved this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By \_\_\_\_\_

Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk  
Governing Board

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