

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

**December 13, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:**

Miguel Cuevas, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Michael Hicks, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member
Carolina Baker, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

****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
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 Schools
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
Pamela Palmo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer
John Gay, Chief Information Officer
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer
Samuel Brown, Legal Counsel
Clarice Clash, Director, High School Leadership
Jeffrey Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff
David Scott, Director Accountability and Research
Cara Rene, Director, Communications/Media Relations
Marcus Jones, Bond & Architecture Program Manager
Charles McCollum, Sponsor, Superintendent Student Advisory Council
Norma Galindo, Instructional LAN Support Manager
Paula Stilwell, Director, Payroll
Ignacio Reyes, Director, Language Acquisition
Linda Molina, Language Acquisition Department
David Cherry, Legal Department
Jose Figueroa, Office of Academic Budget Management
Elizabeth Moll, Principal, University High School
Jeff Marchant, Teacher, University High School and Band Members
Meg Tully, Teacher, University High School
Keith O'Malley, Teacher, Tucson High Magnet School
Lisa Ballard, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Representative
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association
Dan Ireland, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Evan Canfield, Secretary, School Community Partnership Council
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:44 p.m.

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas called the meeting to order and briefly outlined procedures for public participation in board meetings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

No action required.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.
No action required.

Carolina Baker presented the report outlining the events from the last SSAC meeting held on December 6 at Santa Rita High School. A highlight of that meeting was a speaker from Sahuaro High School on behalf of the organization Ben's Bells who spoke about the *Be Kind* Campus Program. Students discussed how to implement the Program at their respective campuses. Ms. Baker also shared information on a second committee project, The Sparrow Club, to provide money to families who are unable to pay for surgeries that their children need.

2. Presentation of Budget Status and Update on FY 2012 Budget

Information only.
No action required.

Yousef Awwad presented information and responded to comments from Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

John Pedicone's report highlighted the McCorkle School dedication held in early December and the Rincon/University High School Band for receiving a *Superior with Distinction* award and the *Milton B. Nunamaker* award at this year's University of Arizona Band Day. Jeff Marchant, the band director, commented briefly during the report.

Dr. Pedicone also reported that AIMS passing rates at Rincon and Palo Verde high schools showed significant improvement in reading, writing and math.

Miguel Cuevas also commented.

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BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Adelita Grijalva announced that, sadly, an Ochoa Magnet School parent recently died in an accident and left several children without their mother. The TUSD school community rallied around the family and provided for their special needs during this crisis.

Ms. Grijalva also mentioned attending basketball games involving Pueblo, Roskruge, Safford and Gridley schools.

Michael Hicks commented on the tragedy of the Ochoa parent being hit by a car while in a crosswalk. He reminded drivers to use caution and be particularly vigilant when driving. Mr. Hicks also mentioned an event he attended at Howenstine.

Miguel Cuevas attended a “community conversation” about bullying held at Tucson High. He also mentioned the McCorkle School dedication and other events that he participated in at Palo Verde, Hohokam and Pueblo schools.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments:

Mary Belle McCorkle – Appreciation for efforts of TUSD personnel in bringing about the dedication of McCorkle School;
Audrey Bockerstette – Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona;
Frances Banales – End-of-the year update and Tucson Education Association (TEA)/TUSD partnership;
Bryce Carey – Aztec Middle College.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Evan Canfield presented the SCPC Report highlighting the recent meeting that included an update on the tax credit program, a presentation by Maria Menconi on curriculum and professional development, and parent breakout sessions that dealt with issues such as consistency among schools, bullying, year-round schools, curriculum roll-out, training for volunteers, etc.

Those commenting and/or asking questions were Miguel Cuevas, Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman and John Pedicone.

Miguel Cuevas advised that Item Nos. 11 and 12 would be addressed at this time.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

11. Adoption of 2011-2012 High School Advanced Placement European History Textbooks

Clarice Clash, Meg Tully, Keith O'Malley, and Lisa Ballard made the presentation and responded to comments from Michael Hicks, John Pedicone, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman. Dr. Pedicone recommended approval.

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

12. New Texts for Pima Community College Dual Enrollment Courses

Richard Gastellum and Maria Menconi provided information and responded to comments and questions from John Pedicone, Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, and Mark Stegeman.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

4. Staff Report on Accounting of Desegregation Budget

Following brief introductory comments from John Pedicone, Yousef Awwad made a PowerPoint presentation on the desegregation budget. Both Dr. Pedicone and Mr. Awwad responded to questions from Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas and Adelita Grijalva. Sam Brown, Lupita Garcia and David Cherry also participated in the discussion.

Information only. No action required.

RECESS REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 8:45 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 8:56 p.m.

5. Presentation on the ELL Audit Results

Lupita Garcia, Ignacio Reyes, and Linda Molina presented information on ELL audit results and participated in a discussion of this item with Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, and Mark Stegeman.

Information only. No action required.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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| 6. | a) Salaried New Hires
b) Hourly New Hires
c) New Hires for Food Services Department
d) Salaried Separations
e) Hourly Separations
f) Separations for Food Services Department
g) Requests for Leave of Absence for Certified Personnel
h) Requests for Leave of Absence for Classified Personnel
j) Approval of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Supplemental Reading Materials Implementing the Common Core State Standards Package K-5
k) Approval of Supplemental Curriculum Material and Textbooks
l) Adoption of 2011-2012 High School Career and Technical Education Supplemental Materials
m) Tax Credit Participation Fees for Afterschool Enrichment at White Elementary School
n) Title VIII Federal Impact Aid – Native American Studies
o) Intergovernmental Agreement between the University of Arizona Center for Recruitment and Retention of Mathematics Teachers and Tucson Unified School District for the 2011-2012 School Year, with Authorization for the Superintendent to Execute Necessary Documents
p) Memorandum of Agreement between Communities in Schools of Arizona (CIS Arizona) and Tucson Unified School District for Full-Time Equivalent Americorps members to serve as Community and Family Engagement Coordinators at 21 st Century Community Learning Centers Schools, November 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the Agreement
q) Renewal Agreement for the establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Unit at Catalina Magnet High School, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the Agreement
r) Award of Food Services Bid No. 12CN – Canned Fruits and Vegetables, December 14, 2011 through November 30, 2012, awarded to Malone Meat Poultry, Inc.; Shamrock Foods; Merit Foods of Arizona; and LA Foods, in the amount of \$282,664.69 | Mark Stegeman moved approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 (a-h) and (j-x); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. s) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Regular Board Meeting, April 12, 2011
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, April 18, 2011
 - 3) Special Board Meeting, May 3, 2011
- t) End user devices and critical servers lease for FY 2011-2012 from multiple vendors through large multistate cooperative contracts, specifically through the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) [see Board Agenda Item on file in Governing Board Office for further details.]
- u) Authorization for Settlement – Lawson Software, Inc. Contract for Financial and Human Resources Management System, as discussed in a confidential Executive Session
- v) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning November 1, 2011, and ending November 30, 2011
- w) Hearing Officer's recommended decision in the matter of proposed termination of an extra duty assignment coach – Accepted recommendation and affirmed Notice of Dismissal for Unprofessional Conduct for Steven Sanchez, related to coaching duties only
- x) Statement of Charges and Resolution to Send Notice of Intent to Dismiss certified teacher and appoint a hearing officer as necessary to conduct dismissal hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-541 – Richard Choquette

John Pedicone recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

John Gay provided additional information on Item No. 6(t) in response to Mark Stegeman's questions. Dr. Stegeman commented on Item No. 6(x).

Michael Hicks requested that Item No. 6(i) be considered separately.

- 6. (i) Extension of travel dates to April 29, 2012 for Board Member Miguel Cuevas to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, April 19-24, 2012

Removed from agenda following discussion. No action taken.

Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, John Pedicone, Mark Stegeman and Martha Durkin discussed this item at length.

RECESS REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 9:29 p.m.

ITEM

ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING – Revision of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905.

1. Presentation of the budget revision by TUSD staff.
2. Any *person* can ask for an explanation of the budget.

****Speakers during this portion of the Public Hearing will abide by the rules governing Call to the Audience at Board meetings as listed below.**

3. Further Explanation of the budget by TUSD staff if necessary.

*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 No. BDAA – Procedures for Governing Board Members**

Miguel Cuevas asked TUSD staff to make a presentation on the budget revisions, followed by the opportunity for members of the public to ask for an explanation of the budget.

Following brief comments by John Pedicone, Yousef Awwad presented the rationale and process for the revisions to the budget.

Since no members of the public requested to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Michael Hicks
moved to close the
Public Hearing;
Adelita Grijalva
seconded.
Approved
unanimously

RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 9:34 p.m.

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ACTION ITEMS

7. Revision of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905

John Pedicone recommended approval of the revision as presented. Yousef Awwad and Dr. Pedicone responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks and Miguel Cuevas.

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

8. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Assistant Principal, Miller Elementary School

John Pedicone recommended Jennifer Figueroa as Assistant Principal at Miller Elementary School.

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

9. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Director, Information Technology Infrastructure

John Pedicone recommended William Deater for the Director position. In response to an inquiry from Miguel Cuevas, Dr. Pedicone explained how this position will be funded.

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

10. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Director, Middle Schools

John Pedicone recommended Eugene Butler as Director of Middle Schools. Adelita Grijalva commented.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

11. Adoption of 2011-2012 High School Advanced Placement European History Textbooks

Addressed immediately following Item No. 3 (above)

12. New Texts for Pima Community College Dual Enrollment Courses

Addressed immediately prior to Item No. 4 (above)

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Hicks requested a discussion of social promotion versus grade-level promotion.

Adelita Grijalva asked for an item related to developing an avenue by which donors of in-kind items, e.g. donation of school uniforms, etc., could receive tax credit.

Mark Stegeman asked for an agenda item reaffirming the re-design and concept for alternative education schools.

Miguel Cuevas closed the meeting reminding everyone that the TUSD Clothing Bank is in need of donations for clothing distributions to students and that TUSD administrative offices will be open during the Winter Break.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:48 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of June, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____

Michael Hicks, Clerk
Governing Board

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