

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

**January 7, 2014  
5:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Adelita S. Grijalva, President  
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk  
Michael Hicks, Member  
Cam Juárez, Member  
Mark Stegeman, Member

**Also Present:**

Heliodoro T. Sánchez, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Julie Tolleson, Lead Legal Counsel  
Adrian Vega, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning  
Steven Holmes, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction  
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Leadership  
Terri Melendez, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Elementary/K-8 Leadership  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning  
Damon Jackson, Chief Information Officer, Technology and Telecommunications Services  
Jim Fish, Executive Director, Equity Intervention  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Cara Rene, Director, Communications/Media Relations  
Eugene Butler, Director, Secondary Leadership  
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety and Staff  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 5:06 p.m.

Board President Adelita Grijalva called the meeting to order.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Cam Juárez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Election of Officers

#### a) Office of President

Mark Stegeman indicated he would support the nomination provided Ms. Grijalva would meet periodically with individual board members in an effort to improve board operations.

Ms. Grijalva stated that she was open to that and would check with Legal Counsel to ensure the practice was allowed.

Ms. Foster commented that she believed progress has been made in the past year and that operations had gone smoothly.

Cam Juárez nominated Adelita Grijalva as President, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### b) Office of Clerk

Adelita Grijalva nominated Kristel Foster as Clerk; Cam Juárez seconded. Approved 4-1 in a roll call vote. Michael Hicks voted no.

## CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Grijalva reviewed the rules and protocol for Call to the Audience.

Following is the name of the individual who spoke and the subject of her comments:

**Lillian Fox** – violations of policies concerning Clothing Bank purchases, and per diem for members of the Superintendent's Leadership Team

### Board Member comments:

Ms. Grijalva asked Legal to investigate purchasing policies and the effect on Clothing Bank purchases.

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2. Approval of 2014 Regular Meeting Schedule and Tentative Special Business Meeting Dates of the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board

Michael Hicks commented concerning April 15, June 10, and September 9 which is his daughter's birthday.

In response to Mark Stegeman's inquiry, Dr. Sanchez confirmed that all dates have been vetted for conflicts with holidays, school breaks, and other possibilities.

3. Authorization of Superintendent or, in the Superintendent's Absence, the Superintendent's Designee to be the Representative of Tucson Unified School District No. One for the Purpose of Executing Documents Pertaining to Applications for Federal Funds Which Have Been Approved by the Board

4. Authorization for Governing Board members, the Superintendent, Legal Counsel, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Deputy Superintendent for Operations, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Operations Officer to Travel in the State of Arizona for District-Related Business and to Receive Reimbursement of Per Diem Expenses as Allowed by Law

Dr. Sanchez responded to inquiries and comments by Mark Stegeman, Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks and Cam Juárez concerning how often staff travels, the reasons for travel, and how Board Members are notified.

5. Authorization for Tucson Unified School District Legal Counsel to Appoint Hearing Officers for all Statements of Charges

Julie Tolleson responded to Michael Hicks' inquiry concerning selection of hearing officers and the cost. Cam Juárez commented.

Kristel Foster moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

Kristel Foster moved approval, Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

Mark Stegeman moved approval with the caveat that only travel outside Pima County by the Superintendent and staff would be subject to reimbursement, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Cam Juárez moved approval, seconded by Kristel Foster. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

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| 6. Authorization for Tucson Unified School District Legal Counsel to schedule Student Disciplinary Hearings for Recommendations to Expel and Authorize use of Hearing Officers | Kristel Foster moved approval, Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote. |
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**SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED** – 5:30 p.m.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk  
Governing Board

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