

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

**January 29, 2013  
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:**

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Martha Durkin, Legal Counsel  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer, Technology and Telecommunications Services  
Maria Menconi, Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Leadership  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary/K-8 Leadership  
James Fish, Executive Director, Equity Intervention  
Pamela Palmo, Interim Executive Director, Human Resources  
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff  
Robert Rossi, Director, Secondary Leadership  
Eugene Butler, Director, Secondary Leadership  
Teri Melendez, Director, Elementary/K-8 Leadership  
Marcus Jones, Bond & Architecture Program Manager  
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Planning Services  
Gina Pesqueira, Project Manager for the Consolidation Project  
Mary Bouley, Consultant Contractor for the Consolidation Project  
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  
Jamar Younger, Arizona Daily Star  
TV Channel(s) 11/13, AZ Public Media

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 5:04 p.m.

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**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEM**

1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
  - A. 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) School Sites Update on Agreements
  - B. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection A)(5)
    - 1) Negotiations with employee organizations

Michael Hicks moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 5:04 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – 6:44 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cam Juárez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (20 Minutes)**

No action required.

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

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

**John Cooper, Jr.** – Constitutional law requirements for school district

**Michael Gordy** – Everyone teaches; everyone learns

**Dan Ireland** – School Funding Ratios

**Maritza Broce** – AFSCME – Outsourcing

**Lillian Fox** – School closings

**Frances Banales** - Negotiations

**Tony Vacura** – Funding Formula

**Ruth Blunier** – D schools, Catalina HS refugee students; not only ESL but screening for Special Ed

## ITEM

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Kristel Foster commented on the importance of communication between schools and parents regarding expectations.

Michael Hicks asked the Superintendent to consider having administrators teach classes. Dr. Pedicone responded regarding the possibility for the future.

### STUDY ITEM

2. Academic Progress of D Schools (include formula analysis) (see the Power Point on the TUSD web at [http://www.tusd1.org/contents/govboard/packet01-29-13-BAI2-Att--AcademicProgress-DSchools.pdf](http://www.tusd1.org/contents/govboard/packet01-29-13/01-29-13-BAI2-Att--AcademicProgress-DSchools.pdf))

Studied only. No action required.

Dr. Pedicone introduced the item. Dr. Menconi and David Scott presented information and responded to board members' questions and comments along with Dr. Pedicone.

In a lengthy discussion Board members asking questions and/or commenting were Mark Stegeman, Cam Juárez, Kristel Foster, and Michael Hicks. Adelita Grijalva expressed appreciation to principals of the D schools in attendance. Dr. Pedicone, Kristel Foster, Cam Juárez and Mark Stegeman also made final comments.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 8:03 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 8:12 p.m.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

3. School Consolidation Plan Update (visual presentations are available on the TUSD web with agenda items for this meeting)

Information only. No action required.

Dr. Pedicone introduced the item. Candy Egbert presented information on the organization and management of the project for the school consolidation. Members of the project management team presented information: Gina Pesqueira, Project Manager; and Mary Bouley, Transitions, based on a book by William Bridges. Candy presented additional pieces to the plan and the persons who are taking responsibilities for each. Bryant Nodine presented information on planning being done on

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**INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

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Boundary design in accordance with project management and the unitary status plan on desegregation. He also reported on the meetings being held regarding boundaries and communication with parents regarding open enrollment, programs, transportation, etc.

During a lengthy discussion, Candy Egbert, Dr. Pedicone and Bryant Nodine responded to Board members' questions and/or comments by Cam Juárez, Michael Hicks, Adelita Grijalva, Kristel Foster and Mark Stegeman.

4. Board Member Report on Technology Oversight Committee

Information only. No action required.

Mark Stegeman reported on three concerns raised at the last TOC meeting concerning the SuccessMaker procurement. Dr. Pedicone responded to the concerns raised.

Martha Durkin provided legal advice on staying within the scope of the agenda item.

Board members Kristel Foster and Michael Hicks also commented.

Written response to questions is to be supplied.

**ACTION ITEMS**

5. Proclamation of National School Counseling Week in Tucson Unified School District, February 4-8, 2013

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

Adelita Grijalva read the Proclamation in the form of a motion.

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**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

6. Statement of Assurance for Teacher Evaluation System Status – Fiscal Year 2013-2014

John Pedicone introduced this item as an annual requirement of law A.R.S. §15-952(A)(3).

Michael Hicks moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEM**

7. Budget Recommendations for 2013-2014 (see the Power Point presentation attached to the agenda item on the web)

John Pedicone introduced this item. Via a Power Point presentation, Yousef Awwad provided information on the M&O budget where the District has a \$17m deficit. Dr. Pedicone, Mr. Awwad, and Ms. Shafer responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Kristel Foster, Cam Juárez, Adelita Grijalva and Michael Hicks .

During the lengthy discussion, and prior to the final motions approved, other motions were made which were not approved:

- Mark Stegeman moved regarding Teacher funding standards (class size) only to accept changes except for K, 1, 2 and 3 which would stay the same and increase by 1 in grades 4-12; Michael Hicks seconded. Motion failed 2-3. Adelita Grijalva, Cam Juárez and Kristel Foster voted no in a roll call vote.
- Adelita Grijalva moved to accept all standards on funding formulas. She withdrew her motion when there was no second.
- Adelita Grijalva moved to adopt school funding standards except K-24, 1<sup>st</sup> grade-25, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade-29, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-29. The motion died for lack of a second.

Three motions were approved:

1. Michael Hicks moved to explore and investigate short term and long term advantages of outsourcing for the areas listed in the Power Point (see pg 23 in the Power Point attached to the agenda item on the web), Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 3-2 in a roll call vote. Adelita Grijalva and Kristel Foster voted no.
2. Adelita Grijalva moved to add Security during non-school hours to the list of areas to be investigated for outsourcing, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

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**STUDY/ACTION ITEM** (continued)

7. Budget Recommendations for 2013-2014 (see the Power Point presentation attached to the agenda item on the web) (continued)

3. Mark Stegeman moved to accept all funding standards with the exception of leaving K-3 the same as currently funded (see pgs 18-22), Michael Hicks seconded. Approved 4-1 in a roll call vote. Kristel Foster voted no.

During the lengthy discussion on agenda item no. 7, there were two votes in consideration of extending the meeting beyond the 10:00 p.m. curfew in accordance with Governing Board Policy BDAA – *Procedures for Governing Board Members*

At approximately 10:00 p.m., Michael Hicks moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.; Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., Adelita Grijalva moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m.; Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

**ACTION ITEM**

8. Pursuant to Governing Board Policy Code No. BEDBA – *Board Meeting Scheduling and Agenda Preparation*: Authorization for the Board President to call a Special/Executive Meeting if deemed necessary from January 31 through February 8, 2013 for Legal Advice concerning Fisher-Mendoza – Requested by Board President Adelita Grijalva.

Michael Hicks moved approval, Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

Dr. Pedicone and Adelita Grijalva responded to a question from Mark Stegeman concerning rationale for calling a special meeting. The action of voting to call a meeting is necessary in accordance with Board policy.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:54 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

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

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