

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

**September 11, 2012
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Miguel Cuevas, President
Michael Hicks, Clerk
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member
Alexandre Borges Sugiyama, Ph.D, Member

Also Present:

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer
Pam Palmo, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary School Leadership
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary/K-8 Leadership
Jim Fish, Executive Director, Student Equity and Intervention
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations
Vicky Callison, Ed.D., Director, Magnet Schools
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Planning Services, Operations
Kathy Scheppe, Principal, Gridley Middle School
Lisa Kist, STEM 8th Grade Teacher, Gridley Middle School
Leo Masursky, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Andrew Kent, President, Educational Leaders, Inc.
Pam Francis, Executive Director, Educational Enrichment Foundation
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
Andrew Kent, President, Educational Leaders, Inc.
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 4:03 p.m.

No action required.

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ACTION ITEM

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| 1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters: | Michael Hicks moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| A. Legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)
1) Fisher-Mendoza | |
| B. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)
1) Superintendent evaluation based on achievement of goals
2) Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
3) Superintendent's Goals 2012-2013 | |
| C. 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 | |

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED – 4:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED – 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Fish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas requested a moment of silence in memory of the September 11, 2001, attacks and in honor of the September 11 birthday of the late TUSD Board Member Judy Burns.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 2. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report | Information only.
No action required. |
| John Pedicone noted that in the absence of the SSAC representative, the report would be postponed until next month. | |

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

In his report, Dr. Pedicone highlighted the life and service of Coach Edward Brown who passed away in June. Members of Coach Brown's family were present during the report.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED – 6:40 p.m.
(Due to technical difficulties.)

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED – 6:47 p.m.

Miguel Cuevas announced that Item No. 7 would not be addressed at tonight's meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Michael Hicks reported that he attended some high school football games, as well as participated in the celebration of Palo Verde High School's new Cyber Café and Tutoring area.

Miguel Cuevas attended the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) conference, sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He also mentioned attending games at Tucson and Pueblo High Schools as well as a University High School Foundation Meeting and a Richey Charter School Collaborative Meeting.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas reviewed the protocol for public participation during Call to the Audience.

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

Terry Higuera – Community outreach;

Lillian Fox – Math and science positions at Cholla;

Paul Mackey – School closures/criteria;

Pat Hernandez – School calendars for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015;

Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Alternative uses of neighborhood schools;

Leo Masursky – Importance of accessible libraries in schools.

Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas and John Pedicone commented briefly at the close of the Call to the Audience.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

3. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report Information only.
No action required.

Leo Masursky provided an overview of the SCPC District Council Planning Meeting held on August 20, 2012. In response to a question from Michael Hicks, Mr. Masursky and Mr. Cuevas provided additional information.

4. Annual Report from the Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF) Information only.
No action required.

Pam Francis introduced the Report with a brief video presenting the faces of those who EEF serves in TUSD. Ms. Francis responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas.

5. Update on School Master Plan Information only.
No action required.

Bryant Nodine presented the update and responded to comments and questions from Michael Hicks, John Pedicone, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, and Mark Stegeman.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. a) Salaried new hires
b) Hourly new hires
c) Salaried separations
d) Hourly separations
e) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel
f) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
g) Approval of supplemental materials – Orff Music Curriculum for Steele Elementary School
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i) Acceptance of the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Grant for professional development in science content and pedagogy for K-5 teachers
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k) Acceptance of the Arizona Department of Transportation funds for the Walking School Bus “Kick-Start” Program at Peter Howell Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year
l) Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of University of Arizona, Department of Teaching, Learning and Sociocultural Studies for Visiting Professor Program for Kay Thill & Jesus Arnulfo Velasquez, effective through June 30, 2013
- Michael Hicks moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No. 6 (a-f), (h), (j-m), and (p-r); Adelita Grijalva seconded.
Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. m) Funding Proposal – Award of Arizona Department of Education State Tutoring Fund Grant for some AIMS high schools and D-label schools (Catalina, Cholla, Pueblo, and Tucson High Magnet; Santa Rita, Mary Meredith, Rincon, Sabino, and Sahuaro High; Project MORE; Teenage Parent Program (TAPP); Johnson, Lawrence, Lyons, Manzo and Maldonado Elementary; Carson, Hohokam, Maxwell, Safford, Valencia, and Utterback Middle/K-8 schools) for Fall 2012
- p) Amendment to the existing easement agreement between Tucson Unified School District and AT&T Communications at Rincon High School, 421 N. Arcadia Blvd., with authorization for the Planning Service Program Manager to execute the agreement
- q) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Regular Meeting, March 13, 2012
 - 2) Special Meeting, March 27, 2012
 - 3) Special Meeting, April 3, 2012
 - 4) Special Meeting, July 31, 2012
 - 5) Special Meeting, August 21, 2012
- r) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning August 1, 2012, and ending August 31, 2012

John Pedicone announced that there was a request to pull Item Nos. 6 (i) and (n); he recommended approval of the remainder of the Consent Agenda.

Mark Stegeman commented on items No. 6 (a) and (b) prior to the vote.

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately:
Mark Stegeman, 6 (g) and (o); Michael Hicks, 6 (i) and (n)

- 6. g) Approval of College Board recommended text and supplemental materials for Advanced Placement World History

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

In response to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas, Abel Morado provided additional information.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

6. i) Approval of Virtual Reality Education Pathfinders (VREP) supplemental materials and training for virtual lab at Gridley Middle School

Michael Hicks moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded.

In response to comments from Michael Hicks and John Pedicone, Kathy Scheppe and Lisa Kist provided additional information on the virtual lab at Gridley.

Approved unanimously.

6. n) Funding Proposal – Award of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant for White Elementary, Ochoa Elementary, Mansfeld Middle, Doolen Middle, Johnson Primary, Lawrence 3-8, Roskruge K-8, Palo Verde Magnet High and Santa Rita High Schools

Michael Hicks moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michael Hicks and John Pedicone commented briefly.

6. o) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 13-24-17 – Lobbyist Services, awarded to Polito Associates in a multi-term award with annual renewal options through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$40,000.00 per year

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded.

Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, John Pedicone, and Adelita Grijalva commented.

Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Assistant Principal, Mary Belle McCorkle Academy of Excellence K-8

Removed from agenda. No action taken.

8. Correction in Calculation of the Superintendent’s Pay for Performance Award for 2011-2012

Miguel Cuevas moved to pay the additional

Miguel Cuevas introduced this item and provided an overview of the Superintendent’s eligibility for Pay for Performance per Arizona Statute. At its last meeting the Board approved 47.2% or \$35,248.73 pay for performance. In the final review, a calculation error was discovered. The Superintendent, with the support of his staff, actually met 69.3% of the goals or \$51,183.60, a difference of \$15,934.87.

\$15,934.87; Alex Sugiyama seconded.

Approved 4-0. Mark Stegeman abstained.

John Pedicone reminded everyone that the money will be returned to the district but expressed appreciation for the correction of the error. Mark Stegeman commented.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

- 9. 2013 Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Political Agenda Priorities

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

Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Martha Durkin commented during the brief discussion. The essence of the motion discussed was for board members to send a list of their 10 top priorities to the Director of Staff Services, who will compile the information and forward to ASBA

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Adelita Grijalva: Bus routes at Pueblo High School; reassurances about bus procedures to ensure students are not inadvertently left on buses at the end of the day; availability of uniforms in clothing bank.

Mark Stegeman: Budget issues/closure criteria for upcoming meetings on recommended school closures.

Miguel Cuevas and John Pedicone also commented.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:19 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of March, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
 Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
 Governing Board

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