

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

**October 15, 2012
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Miguel Cuevas, President
Michael Hicks, Clerk
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member – *Arr. @ 6:44 p.m.*
Mark Stegeman, Member
Alexandre Borges Sugiyama, Ph.D, Member – *Arr. @ 6:44 p.m.*

Also Present:

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer
John Gay, Chief Information Officer
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer
Bryant Nodine, Planning & MIS Program Manager
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education
Mary Canty, District Video Producer
Andrea Marafino, Multi-Media Tech
Luis Orantes, Meaningful Access Coordinator
Yovanna Diovanti, Spanish Interpreter
Sandra Padilla, Spanish Interpreter
Jennifer Stensel, American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter
Shuping Zhao, Chinese Interpreter
Bac Dinh, Vietnamese Interpreter
Mouna Schaheen, Arabic Interpreter
Narapati Subedi, Nepalese Interpreter
Ricardo Montano plus School Safety and Security Officers
Chris Baker, StrongPoint Research
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
Jamar Younger, Arizona Daily Star
TV Channels 9 and 11/13

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SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:41 p.m.

Miguel Cuevas announced that Ms. Grijalva and Dr. Sugiyama were on their way. He then introduced Spanish, American Sign Language, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Nepalese interpreters who greeted the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miguel Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 1. Introductory Comments – Miguel Cuevas, President, Governing Board | Information only.
No action taken. |
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Miguel Cuevas provided a brief history of what has happened so far related to receiving public input on an impending TUSD budget deficit for the 2013-2014 school year. He then outlined the purpose of this meeting and the process to be followed.

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| 2. School Master Plan Process – Information on the Open Houses, Consolidation Criteria and Schedule | Information only.
No action taken. |
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John Pedicone introduced this item followed by PowerPoint presentations by Bryant Nodine and Chris Baker. Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman commented.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 7:17 p.m.

Miguel Cuevas announced the procedures and rules of decorum to be followed during the public hearing. He also called upon the interpreters and again allowed them to greet the audience. Since no one requested interpreter services, the interpreters were excused.

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3. PUBLIC HEARING – 7:17 p.m.

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:

Lillian Fox – Alternatives to closing schools, e.g., no salary increase for the superintendent, strategize to cut utility costs, etc.;

Ann-Eve Pedersen – Appreciation for the way the Board is handling the process; issues related to the passage of Prop 204;

Frances Banales – Importance of encouraging members of the community to get involved;

Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Alternatives to school closures;

John Hunnicut – Cut administrative costs and other alternatives to closing schools;

Tres English – Rethink the purpose and use of schools, i.e., joint uses so they become centers of neighborhoods.

RECESS PUBLIC HEARING – 7:37 p.m.

RECONVENE PUBLIC HEARING – 7:53 p.m.

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3. PUBLIC HEARING (continued)

The following individuals spoke during the Public Hearing:

Ruth Blunier – Greater publicity to gain more public input;

Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Changing public hearing to interactive meeting (second time speaking).

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – 7:56 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – 7:56 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

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| 2. | School Master Plan Process – Information on the Open Houses, Consolidation Criteria and Schedule (cont.) | Information only.
No action taken. |
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In response to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Michael Hicks and Alex Sugiyama, John Pedicone, Bryant Nodine and Yousef Awwad provided additional information. Included in the discussion were topics such as increasing efficiencies, cost savings versus enrollment losses with school closures, savings in utility costs, performance pay based on Arizona law, and input from new board members that are elected in November, etc.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:21 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of April, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Governing Board