

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

**October 23, 2012  
5:00p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Miguel Cuevas, President  
Michael Hicks, Clerk  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member – *arr. @5:10 p.m.*  
Mark Stegeman, Member  
Alexandre Sugiyama, Member – *arr. @5:02 p.m.*

**Also Present:**

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel  
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer  
Pamela Palmo, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary/K-8 Leadership  
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Leadership  
James Fish, Executive Director, Student Equity and Intervention  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Donna Johnson, Director, Health Services  
Roxanne Begay-James, Director, Native American Student Services  
Jimmy Hart, Director, African American Student Services  
Tsuru Bailey-Jones, Director, Asian Pacific American and Refugee Student Services  
Maria Figueroa, Director, Mexican American Student Services  
Dani Tarry, Director, Family and Community Outreach  
Ignacio Ruiz, Director, Language Acquisition  
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Director, Exceptional Education  
Jeffrey Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff  
Victoria Callison, Director, Magnet School Programs  
Debbie Ferryman, Dropout Prevention Coordinator  
Israel Macias-Reyes, Sr. Program Coordinator, Alternative Education (CORE PLUS & Life Skills)  
Marcus Jones, Manager, Bond & Architecture Program  
Sue Heathcote, Sr. Project Manager, Bond & Architecture Program  
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Planning Services  
Nicole Fisher, Senior Administrative Secretary  
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  
Vanessa Garrison, Member, BFOC Committee  
Jamar Younger, *Arizona Daily Star*  
TV Channels 11/13 and CNN

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
  - A. Legal advice/Instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1. Fisher-Mendoza
  - B. 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

Michael Hicks moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 3-0. Alex Sugiyama and Adelita Grijalva were not present for the vote.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 5:01 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED– 6:59 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jim Fish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas announced the procedures to be followed during Call to the Audience.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (20 minutes)

No action required.

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

- Jimmy Ojeda** – Keep Ochoa school open;
- Cesar Aguirre** – Have all the information before making decisions on school closures;
- Gloria Hamelitz** – Use clear, accurate data in decision-making;
- Frances Banales** – Budget recommendations; evaluation programs;
- Dan Ireland** – Importance of passage of Prop 204.

Mark Stegeman, John Pedicone and Miguel Cuevas commented.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**STUDY ITEM**

2. Coordinated Student Support Services – Student Equity & Interventions

Studied only.  
No action taken.

John Pedicone, Jim Fish, Roxanne Begay-James, Jimmy Hart, Debbie Ferryman, Maria Figueroa, Tsuru Bailey-Jones, Israel Macias-Reyes, Dani Tarry and David Scott presented information related to their respective areas of student support services. A lengthy discussion of student equity and interventions followed that included the presenters and Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Alex Sugiyama, Miguel Cuevas and Michael Hicks.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED** – 8:23 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED**– 8:31 p.m.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

3. Presentation of the Annual Bond Report of the Tucson Unified School District and a Joint Discussion with the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC)

Information only.  
No action required.

John Pedicone, Candy Egbert, Vanessa Garrison and Marcus Jones presented the bond report and responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks, Alex Sugiyama and Miguel Cuevas.

4. Office of Civil Rights Directive to the Arizona Department of Education RE: AZELLA (English Language Testing)

Information only.  
No action required.

John Pedicone, Maria Menconi and Ignacio Ruiz presented this item and participated in discussion with Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, and Alex Sugiyama.

5. Board Member Report on Technology Oversight Committee

Information only.  
No action required.

Mark Stegeman requested that this item be postponed until next meeting. Michael Hicks commented.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

6. Award of Contract – Pueblo Magnet High School – HVAC Upgrades Phase II (Bond), awarded to Concord General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$2,778,600.00, which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid Nos. 1, 2, 3 and a 10% contingency
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

John Pedicone introduced the item and recommended approval. Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas commented.

7. Lynn/Urquides Elementary School – Campus Security Project (Bond)
- Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

John Pedicone briefly introduced this item. Marcus Jones responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

8. School Master Plan – Approval of Consolidation Criteria
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval of criteria as submitted; Alex Sugiyama seconded.

John Pedicone and Bryant Nodine presented information on the consolidation criteria followed by a lengthy discussion that also included Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Alex Sugiyama and Michael Hicks.

Following Miguel Cuevas’ motion and second, Michael Hicks presented a substitute motion to hold a study/action session after November 6 to discuss criteria that could be used to help reduce the budget deficit.

Michael Hicks offered a substitute motion (see details at left); Mark Stegeman seconded.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

8. School Master Plan – Approval of Consolidation Criteria (cont.)

Michael Hicks called for the question; however, since Mr. Cuevas did not accept Mr. Hicks' substitute motion (in place of his original motion), Martha Durkin provided legal advice that the Board must vote on whether or not to consider the substitute motion.

Michael Hicks moved to proceed with consideration of the substitute motion; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 3-2. Alex Sugiyama and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

During a roll call vote, Mr. Hicks' substitute motion was approved 3-2. Alex Sugiyama and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

Since the substitute motion was approved, no vote was taken on Mr. Cuevas' original motion.

Consideration of extending the meeting beyond the 10:00 p.m. curfew in accordance with Governing Board Policy BDAA – Procedures for Governing Board Members

Michael Hicks moved to extend the meeting to complete the agenda; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

9. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org)

Action

- a) Governing Board Policy Code GCAA – *Application for Position* (revision)

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 4-0. Michael Hicks was not present for the vote.

Miguel Cuevas commented briefly.

- b) Governing Board Policy Code JLCD – *Administering Medicines and Treatments to Students* (revision)

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas introduced this item. In response to a question from Adelita Grijalva, Donna Johnson provided additional information.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

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| 9. | c) Governing Board Policy Code GBGCA - <i>Proof of Immunization</i> (new) | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Miguel Cuevas and Martha Durkin provided information on this new policy. John Pedicone commented briefly.

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| d) | Governing Board Policy Code KHC – <i>Distribution/Display of Promotional Materials</i> (revision)                             | Action scheduled for November 27, 2012 meeting. |
| e) | Governing Board Policy Code KHCA – <i>Distribution/Display of Communications from School-Related Organizations</i> (revision) |   |
| f) | Governing Board Policy Code GBEEA – <i>Staff Conflict of Interest</i> (revision)  |   |
| g) | Governing Board Policy Code IHCBA – <i>Student Participation in Events Out-of-State</i> (revision)                            |   |

Mark Stegeman stated that he had questions about the policy on promotional materials but will discuss with staff prior to next meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

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| 10. | Letter to the Editor of the <i>Arizona Daily Star</i> from the Governing Board in recognition of the service of past Board Member Judy Burns upon the anniversary of her death | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Miguel Cuevas introduced this item and read the letter for the record. Mark Stegeman commented.

**SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED** – 10:13 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_May\_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

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