

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1  
Governing Board Special Meeting  
Auditorium – Catalina High Magnet School  
3645 E. Pima Street  
Tucson, Arizona 85716  
November 20, 2012  
6:00 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  
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer  
Pam Palmo, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary/K-8 Leadership  
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Leadership  
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Eugene Butler, Director, Secondary Leadership  
Robert Rossi, Director, Secondary Leadership  
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations  
Jeff Coleman, Director of School Safety, and Staff  
Sam Brown, Director, Desegregation  
Augustine Romero, Director, Multicultural Curriculum  
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Operations, Planning Services  
Marcus Jones, Program Manager, Bonds and Architecture  
Mary Canty, Video Producer  
Oscar Corella, Spanish Interpreter  
Lionor Gomez, Spanish Interpreter  
Monica Barkera, ASL Interpreter  
SueAnne McCreery, ASL Interpreter  
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  
Andrew Kent, President, Educational Leaders, Inc.  
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association  
Jamar Younger, *Arizona Daily Star*  
TV Channels 11/13

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 6:13 p.m.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited by those present.

Miguel Cuevas announced the process to be followed during Call to the Audience and advised that interpreters for Spanish and American Sign Language were present to assist those who needed their services.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (20 minutes)

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

**Mary Ann Estrada-Lujan** – Remove Brichta Elementary School from closure list;

**Elizabeth Navarro** – Maintain Hollinger Elementary School;

**Raquel Mireles** – Her child’s education;

**Maria Barajas-Chavez** – Closure of Hollinger Elementary School;

**Kathleen Gutierrez** – Closing Brichta Elementary School;

**Ericka Lopez** – GATE Program at Hollinger Elementary School;

**Ruth Blunier** – Moving Fort Lowell/Dodge School;

**Luz Orduno** – Hollinger School closure;

**Fabiola Gonzales** – Closure of Pueblo Gardens Elementary School.

Miguel Cuevas stated that the Board had reached the end of the time allotted for Call to the Audience and entertained a motion to extend the time.

Adelita Grijalva moved to extend Call to the Audience an additional hour; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (extended) (continued)

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments (cont.):

**Ann-Eve Pedersen** – Working with the Legislature for school funding;

**Frances Banales** – School closures;

**Liz Broussard** – Closure of Warren Elementary School;

**Hilary Garin** – Closure of Carson Middle School;

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**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE** (extended) (continued)

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments (cont.):

- Lynn Curtis** – Closure of Corbett Elementary School;
- Peter Hodge** – Maintenance of property when schools are closed;
- Annell Czyzon** – Schumaker Elementary School;
- Clark Wilson** – Issues related to school closures;
- Juan Quevedo** – Mexican American Studies and school closures;
- Joyce Pietras** – Value of Howenstine High Magnet School therapy pool;
- John Bellisario** – Fort Lowell/Townsend closure;
- Gabriel Morales** (& Carmen Morales) – Importance of Pueblo Gardens Elementary School;
- Michele Orduna** – School Master Plan;
- Lisa Alexander** – Pueblo Gardens Elementary School;
- Scott Tyo** – Dual language program at Hollinger Elementary School;
- Lillian Fox** – Cuts to address \$17 million budget deficit;
- Echo Rigg** – Keeping Fort Lowell/Townsend school;
- Bianca Prescott Aguilar** – Great programs at Pueblo Gardens Elementary School;
- Veronica Sandoval** – Keeping Brichta Elementary School open;
- Wendy Edmonds** – Keeping Corbett Elementary School open;
- Rosa Nunez Koirir** – Special needs students.

Miguel Cuevas advised that the Board had reached the end of the time allotted for the extended Call to the Audience.

Adelita Grijalva moved to extend the Call to the Audience until all who filled out cards had spoken; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE** (extended) (continued)

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments (cont.):

- Sydney Takigawa** – Value of Schumaker Elementary School;
- Cesar Aguirre** – School closures;

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**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE** (extended) (continued)

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

**Karianne Nicholson** – Closure of Corbett Elementary School;

**Caryl Sandoval** – Special Education at Sewell Elementary School;

**Pilar Ruiz** – Take seriously the decisions related to budget cuts;

**Betts Putnam-Hidalgo** – Budget cuts other than school closures;

**Blanca Currillo** – GATE Program at Hollinger School;

**Olga Angulo** – Student transportation, next steps, and lack of information;

**Erin Oliver** – Not closing Pueblo Gardens Elementary School;

**Andrew Kent** – School closures and consolidations;

**Janeth Gomez** – Hollinger criteria questions;

**Brett Wilmore** – Fort Lowell/Townsend K-8 potential closure.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED** - 8:21 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED** – 8:36 p.m.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE** (extended) (continued)

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

**Nitza Soto** – Support for Menlo Park Elementary School;

**Rita Nicholson** – Corbett Elementary School closure;

**Ashlyn Gaunt** – Pueblo Gardens Elementary School not closing;

**Whitney Vigil** – Pueblo Gardens Elementary School not closing;

**Claudia Lopez** – Not closing Pueblo Gardens Elementary School;

**Lea Castillo** – Pueblo Gardens Elementary School closure;

**Ninfa Correz** – Do not close Pueblo Gardens Elementary School;

**Carmen and Jazmin Morales** – Keep Pueblo Gardens Elementary School open;

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

1. School Master Plan – Approval of a Draft Plan and Initiation of Any Related Closures

John Pedicone and Bryant Nodine made a lengthy PowerPoint presentation regarding the school closure process, including school consolidation considerations. They and Yousef Awwad responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Alex Sugiyama, Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks.

During the School Master Plan discussion, Mr. Cuevas entertained a motion to extend 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 beyond 10:00 p.m.; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.

1. School Master Plan – Approval of a Draft Plan and Initiation of Any Related Closures (continued)

Prior to the roll call votes on initiating school closures, further discussion ensued.

**Hohokam Middle School** to Valencia Middle School

Mark Stegeman commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Carson Middle School** to Secrist and Dietz schools (creating a K-8 school at Dietz)

Mark Stegeman commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-2; Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.

**Pueblo Gardens Elementary** to Cavett and Utterback schools

Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate the closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded.

It was determined to revisit this possible closure on November 27, 2012.

After further discussion, Dr. Sugiyama and Mr. Cuevas withdrew their respective motion and second.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

1. School Master Plan – Approval of a Draft Plan and Initiation of Any Related Closures (continued)

**Hollinger Elementary School** to Mission View, Ochoa, Oyama (GATE), and Van Buskirk schools

Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman commented.

Later in the meeting, there was a reconsideration of the vote on initiating the closure of Hollinger.

Following the vote to reconsider, it was determined that further deliberation on the Hollinger closure would be done on November 27, 2012. Martha Durkin provided legal advice.

**Schumaker Elementary School** to Bloom and Henry schools

**Cragin Elementary School** to Blenman and Davidson schools

Mark Stegeman commented.

It was determined to revisit this possible closure on November 27, 2012.

**Fort Lowell-Townsend K-8 School** to Whitmore (K-5), Doolen (6-8), and Magee (6-8) schools

Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate the closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-2. Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman voted no.

Michael Hicks moved to reconsider the vote; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

Dr. Sugiyama and Mr. Cuevas withdrew their respective motion and second of the original motion.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate the closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-1. Michael Hicks voted no.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure. Miguel Cuevas seconded.

After further discussion, Dr. Sugiyama and Mr. Cuevas withdrew their respective motion and second.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 3-2. Michael Hicks and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

1. School Master Plan – Approval of a Draft Plan and Initiation of Any Related Closures (continued)

**Corbett Elementary School** to Wheeler, Hudlow (GATE) or Kellond (GATE) schools

Mark Stegeman commented.

**Brichta and Menlo Park Elementary Schools** to Maxwell (as K-8) and Tolson (as K-5) schools

During the discussion, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Bryant Nodine and Martha Durkin commented.

It was determined to revisit this possible closure on November 27, 2012.

**Lyons Elementary School** to Erickson and Ford schools

Mark Stegeman commented.

**Warren Elementary School** to Johnson Primary, Lawrence 3-8, and Maldonado schools

Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded.

After further discussion, Dr. Sugiyama and Mr. Cuevas withdrew their respective motion and second.

Adelita Grijalva moved to initiate closure; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved 3-2. Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Motion failed 1-4. Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

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ACTION

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

1. School Master Plan – Approval of a Draft Plan and Initiation of Any Related Closures (continued)

**Manzo Elementary School** to Tully Magnet and Tolson schools

Participating in the discussion were Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Maggie Shafer, and Mark Stegeman.

It was determined to revisit this possible closure on November 27, 2012.

**Sewell Elementary School** to Bonillas and Kellond schools

Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas commented.

**Howenstine Magnet High School**, students to be distributed throughout high schools

Mark Stegeman and Adelita Grijalva commented.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Schedule Governing Board Special Meetings and Public Hearings as Necessary Related to the School Master Plan and Consolidations

John Pedicone, Martha Durkin and Bryant Nodine provided information. Others participating in the discussion to determine timing and dates for public hearings and special meetings were Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded.

After further discussion, Dr. Sugiyama and Mr. Cuevas withdrew their respective motion and second.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-2. Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Michael Hicks moved to schedule public hearings on Saturday, December 8 (preferably in the morning) and Monday, December 10, 2012; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Hicks moved to schedule a special board meeting on Thursday, December 20, 2012; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.



SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 11:16 p.m.

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

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

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