

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

**February 26, 2013
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Adelita S. Grijalva, President
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Michael Hicks, Member
Cam Juárez, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member – *arr. @ 4:10 p.m.*

Also Present:

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Maria Menconi, Interim Deputy 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
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
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff
Marcus Jones, Bond & Architecture Program Manager
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Planning Services
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
Dan Ireland, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star
TV Channels 11/13

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

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ACTION ITEM

1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
 - A. Student matters pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-342, 15-521, and 15-843; A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(2) (consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
 - 1) Hearing Officers' Recommendations
 - 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) Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
 - C. Legal Advice/Instruction to Attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)
 - 1) Open Meeting Law and Governing Board Policy Code BDAA – *Procedures for Governing Board Members*
 - D. 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
 - E. 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

Cam Juárez moved approval, Kristel Ann Foster seconded. Approved 4-0. Mark Stegeman was not present for the vote.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 4:03 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – 7:00 p.m.

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Adelita Grijalva apologized to the audience for the delay in the beginning of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kristel Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michael Hicks requested a Point of Personal Privilege to announce that the Gridley Middle School girls' soccer team took first place in the City for the first time ever. He also thanked all the schools that participated in the *Cowboy Up* baseball tournament held over the weekend. He attended both days and it was a great event.

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:

Marivel Roybal – Budget sheets for sites for 2013-14

Dan Ireland – Treating each other with respect

Debbie Perez – Job as monitor

Lillian Fox – School Closings

Margaret Chaney – Reconsider Campus Liaison Positions

Ray Siqueiros – Mexican American Studies

Rita Nicholson – Corbett Closure

Board Member Michael Hicks asked administration to review the budget process at the schools and see how it is being done.

Board Member Mark Stegeman asked administration to respond regarding comments from speaker regarding her position as monitor.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEM

2. Budget Recommendations for FY 2013-2014

Dr. Pedicone introduced the item. Yousef Awwad presented information reviewing previous approvals by the Board and proposed actions to reduce the budget deficit. He, Dr. Pedicone, Candy Egbert and John Gay responded to board members' questions and comments.

In a lengthy discussion Board members asking questions and/or commenting were Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Cam Juárez, Kristel Foster, and Michael Hicks.

Mark Stegeman moved acceptance of the Administration's recommendations with the following adjustments: Governing Board reductions changed to 18.5%; Elimination of the cuts to Technology Services Field Technician Positions at this time; and, Reserving the right for the Governing Board to revisit and make deeper cuts at a later date if necessary. Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Bond Project Update (Bond)

Information only. No action required.

Dr. Pedicone introduced the discussion of the status of the Bond. He deferred to Candy Egbert who introduced Donna Calvert, a long standing member of the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee. She expressed gratitude for the service of the members of the BFOC to oversee the projects and for the leadership of Marcus Jones, Director of Bonds and Architecture. Mr. Jones presented information on the history of the bond program which was approved by the voters in 2004 and reviewed the categories of projects included in the program and the successful completion of bond projects. He recognized the other current members of the BFOC and expressed appreciation for their dedication: Earl Mendenhall, Ch., Vanessa Garrison, Dr. Dan McDonald, Dr. David Ashcraft, Robert Selby and Bill Tilden. He reviewed the finances of the \$235 million bond program. He also discussed the future situation with major reductions in funding after the end of the bond program. He responded to board members' questions and comments.

Board members asking questions and/or commenting were Kristel Foster, Michael Hicks, and Cam Juárez.

Board member Mark Stegeman also recognized former BFOC member Jimmy Lovelace. Mr. Jones paid tribute to former BFOC members Gene Jones (dec.) and Bill Estes, Jr. (dec.).

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 8:56 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – 9:07 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

4. School Consolidation Plan Update

Information only. No action required.

Dr. Pedicone introduced the item and asked Candy Egbert to give an update. Ms. Egbert provided an overview and update of the plan and organization of the project management.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

4. School Consolidation Plan Update (continued)

She, Cara Rene, Dr. Pedicone and Maggie Shafer responded to questions and comments by board members Cam Juárez, Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 5. a) Intergovernmental Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Tucson Parks and Recreation for the Shared-use at Doolen Middle School | Michael Hicks moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| b) Financial Participation Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and the Fort Lowell Soccer Club, Inc., for the installation of Soccer Field Lights at Doolen Middle School, 2400 N. Country Club Road, effective for 25 years from the date of execution, with Authorization for the TUSD Planning Services Program Manager to Execute the Agreement | |
| c) Award of Construction Contact – Doolen Middle School – Renovation of Playground for Soccer Fields Complex (Bond) | |

Dr. Pedicone recommended approval as submitted.

ACTION ITEMS

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| 6. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Principal, Borman Elementary School | Kristel Foster moved approval, Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-1 in a roll call vote. Mark Stegeman voted no. Michael Hicks abstained. |
| Dr. Pedicone recommended Katherine Sisler for the position. | |
| 7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Principal, Dietz Elementary School | Cam Juárez moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote. |
| Dr. Pedicone recommended Tiffany McKee for the position. | |

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

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| 8. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Principal, Gale Elementary School

Dr. Pedicone recommended Maura Clark-Ingle for the position. | Kristel Foster moved approval, Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote. |
| 9. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Principal, Johnson Elementary School

Dr. Pedicone recommended Sabrina Cruz for the position. | Michael Hicks moved approval, Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote. |
| 10. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Principal, Maxwell New School

Dr. Pedicone recommended Rosanna Ortiz-Montoya for the position. | Cam Juárez moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote. |
| 11. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Principal, Tolson Elementary School

Dr. Pedicone recommended Ryan Wilson for the position.

Dr. Pedicone recognized Tiffany McKee, the new principal of Dietz Elementary School, who was in attendance. Also recognized Paula Godfrey, retiring principal of Gale, for her service. | Kristel Foster moved approval, Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote. |
| 12. Approval and Commitment of Funding for Continuation of District Internet and Long Distance Services for School Year 2013-2014

Dr. Pedicone introduced the item and recommended approval.

Board members asking questions or commenting were Mark Stegeman and Cam Juárez. | Michael Hicks moved approval, Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

13. Approval and Commitment of Funding for New and Continuing Wide Area Network and Telecommunications Services for School Year 2013-2014

Michael Hicks moved approval, Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

Dr. Pedicone recommended approval as submitted. John Gay provided information.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

14. Approval and Commitment of Funding for New Local Area Network Equipment and Installation for School Year 2013-2014

Mark Stegeman moved to not spend funds on LAN until the District has E-rate funding or the Board approves expenditure if no E-rate funding; Michael Hicks seconded. Motion failed 2-3 in a roll call vote. Adelita Grijalva, Kristel Foster and Cam Juárez voted no.

Dr. Pedicone recommended approval as submitted.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented in opposition.

John Gay provided information concerning E-rate submissions and he and Dr. Pedicone responded to board members' questions and comments.

Board members asking questions and/or commenting were Adelita Grijalva, Kristel Foster and Mark Stegeman.

Adelita moved approval as recommended, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved 4-1 in a roll call vote. Mark Stegeman voted no.

15. Approval and Commitment of Funding for New Telephony Equipment and Installation for School Year 2013-2014

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

Dr. Pedicone recommended approval as submitted.

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 10:08 p.m. Michael Hicks moved to extend the meeting to finish the agenda, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

16. Approval of Scope of Work Concept for Bond Projects for Receiving Schools in the School Consolidation Plan (Bond)

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

Dr. Pedicone asked Marcus Jones to present information regarding bond funded projects. Mr. Jones provided information on the schools to be affected: to change the configuration of schools to K-8 – Hollinger, Maxwell, Dietz, and new construction addition for Whitmore, to be submitted through legal counsel to the Court for approval.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

17. Governing Board Policies

Dr. Pedicone referred discussion to Martha Durkin for legal advice concerning the policies.

- a) Governing Board Policy Code BG – *Board Policy Process* (new)

Studied only.

Ms. Durkin provided information and she and Dr. Pedicone responded to questions from board members Kristel Foster, Cam Juárez, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva and Michael Hicks.

Ms. Durkin provided information concerning a link on the TUSD web site where feedback can be submitted concerning pending policies. Ms. Grijalva recommended board members submitting their suggestions via the website.

- b) Governing Board Policy Code BEDBA – *Board Meeting Agenda Preparation* (revision)

Studied only.

Ms. Grijalva introduced the item and the rationale for revision. Other Board members asking questions and/or commenting were Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman, and Cam Juárez.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

17. Governing Board Policies (continued)

- c) Governing Board Policy Code JICFB – *Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment* (revision), to include Recoding from JICFB to JICK

Michael Hicks moved approval with changes noted, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a roll call vote.

Ms. Durkin provided legal advice that revision is necessary to comply with law and responded to board members' questions. Board members asking questions and/or commenting were Michael Hicks, Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva, and Cam Juárez,

Changes discussed: from "reprisal" to "retaliation." Strengthen wording under reporting bullying by students and personnel.

ACTION ITEM

- 18. Governing Board Letter to Pima Community College Governing Board Regarding In-State Tuition – Requested by Board Clerk Kristel Ann Foster

Kristel Foster moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved 4-1 in a roll call vote. Mark Stegeman voted no.

Ms. Foster introduced the item and explained the rationale for supporting in-state resident tuition for children with DACA status (Deferred Action for Children Arrivals).

Other Board members asking questions or commenting were Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, and Cam Juárez.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:45 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of June, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Governing Board