

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

**November 27, 2012
6:30 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
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
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
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Operations, Planning Services
Dan Erickson, Principal, Magee Middle School
Deborah Anders, Principal, Davidson Elementary School
Yovannah Diovanti, Spanish Interpreter
Lizette Perez, Spanish 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
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association
Jamar Younger, *Arizona Daily Star*
TV Channels 9, and 11/13

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:42 p.m.

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Miguel Cuevas announced that interpreter services were available in Spanish and American Sign Language. He also explained that a desegregation hearing conflicting with this board meeting was not a TUSD sponsored event.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Pedicone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (20 minutes)

Miguel Cuevas provided an overview of the protocol for Call to the Audience.

Adelita Grijalva stated that with the number of individuals wanting to speak, she suggested that Call to the Audience be extended to at least an hour. Miguel Cuevas commented.

Adelita Grijalva moved to extend the Call to the Audience to one hour; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

- Steve Lynn** – General school closure;
- Michele Harbour** – Reasons Cragin should remain open;
- Kelci Hodgkinson** – Saving Brichta school;
- Scott Hodgkinson** – Support for Brichta school;
- Ruth Blunier** – Dual language programs in schools;
- Fabiola Gonzalez** – Effect of closing Pueblo Gardens school;
- Derrick Morrow** – Support for Lyons school;
- Janeth Gomez** – Support for Hollinger school;
- Daniel Schulter** – Support for Dodge school;
- Christina Partida** – Letter from Congressman Grijalva in support of Hollinger school;
- Carol Easterbrook** – Support for Howenstine Magnet High School;
- Elizabeth Macias** – Support for STEM program at Wakefield school;
- Colleen Niccum** – School Master Plan;
- Shea Clark** – Support for Santa Rita High School;
- Martha Buitimea** – Support for Menlo Park school;
- Rev. Ted Soderholm** – Support for Manzo school;
- Ron Shoopman** – Leadership in addressing \$17 million deficit.

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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.):

Lori Vargas – Support for Sewell school;
Adrian Pineda Munoz – Support for Pueblo Gardens school;
Joan Najita – Support for Cragin school;
Francisca Lopez – Wakefield Middle School closure;
Kathy Schultz – Santa Rita High School closure.

Adelita Grijalva proposed taking a brief break and then extending the Call to the Audience. Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman also commented about whether or not to extend the Call to the Audience.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 7:52 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 8:10 p.m.

Adelita Grijalva suggested extending the Call to the Audience so that one or two more speakers from each school could address the Board.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval as stated; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (extended) (continued)

Miguel Cuevas asked members of the audience representing various schools to begin to formulate who would be speaking on behalf of the respective schools.

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

Elizabeth E. Dalgleish – Brichta and Maxwell school closures;
Isabela Gamez – Support for Brichta school;
Paton – Keep Brichta school open;
Stephanie Hamilton – Support for Brichta school;
Kathryn Lukow – Support for Menlo Park school;
Nita Soto – Reasons for not closing Menlo Park school;
Sallie Marston – Support for Manzo school;
Georgia Ehlers – Support for Manzo school;
Katy Czopek – Support for Lyons 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.):

Ubaldo Martinez – Support for Lyons, Carson and Santa Rita schools;
Madison Fowler – Support for Fort Lowell/Townsend school;
Tippy Atkins – Support for Fort Lowell/Townsend school;
Rebecca Bush – Support for Cragin school;
Carmen Morales – Support for Pueblo Gardens school;
Edith Verdugo – Support for Pueblo Gardens school;
Isabella Ortiz – Keep Pueblo Gardens school open;
Steven Baker – Support for Hollinger school;
Maria Reyna – Support for Hollinger school;
Vianca Ruiz – Support for Hollinger school;
Alan Voelkel – Support for Wakefield school;
Marisol Carrasco – Support for Wakefield school;
Victoria Russell – Support for Santa Rita school;
Lorinda Pierce – Support for Santa Rita school;
Areya Roadman – Support for Howenstine school;
Blanca Garcia – Support for Howenstine school;
Jane Klipp – Support for Corbett school;
Rita Nicholson – Reasons Corbett school should stay open.

John Pedicone, Miguel Cuevas, and Mark Stegeman commented.

Miguel Cuevas moved to address agenda items in the following order: No. 5, No. 2, No. 4, No. 1 and No. 3, and to extend the meeting beyond the 10:00 p.m. curfew in accordance with Governing Board Policy BDAA – *Procedures for Governing Board Members*.

Miguel Cuevas moved to reorganize the agenda and extend the 10:00 p.m. curfew as stated; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 9:34 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 9:45 p.m.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Cuevas confirmed with Dr. Pedicone that the Study Item No. 1 – New Teacher/Principal Evaluation was being removed from the agenda and would not be addressed.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

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

John Pedicone and Bryant Nodine provided an overview of the draft plan that included information on criteria used for staff recommendations to address the deficit and a summary of the process followed in the last four to six months.

In response to questions from Adelita Grijalva, Bryant Nodine and John Pedicone provided additional information on timelines and securing buildings.

Maxwell Middle School to Mansfeld (6-8), Safford (6-8), Valencia (6-8) and Robins (K-8)

John Pedicone and Bryant Nodine provided information on matters related to recommended closure of Maxwell. Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas commented.

Brichta-Menlo Park to Maxwell (start as K-6 to become K-8), Mansfeld (6-8 option), Safford (6-8 option), and Tolson (K-5 option)

Miguel Cuevas and Adelita Grijalva commented.

After the initial vote on Brichta-Menlo Park, and during the discussion of Manzo school (below), Mark Stegeman expressed concerns about closing Maxwell without reopening it and asked about reconsideration of this item.

Following an affirmative vote to reconsider, Bryant Nodine, John Pedicone and Candy Egbert provided additional information in response to comments and questions from Michael Hicks and Miguel Cuevas. Martha Durkin provided legal advice.

Alex Sugiyama moved to initiate closure; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mark Stegeman moved to initiate closure of Brichta and Menlo Park and reopen Maxwell as a K-6 to become a K-8; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Motion failed 2-3. Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

Michael Hicks moved to reconsider this item; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 4-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no.

In a vote on the original motion, the item passed 3-2. Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

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

Manzo to Tully

Adelita Grijalva commented at the initiation of this discussion on initiating closure of Manzo school.

During the ensuing discussion, Adelita Grijalva, John Pedicone, Miguel Cuevas, Michael Hicks, and Mark Stegeman commented. Martha Durkin provided legal advice. Yousef Awwad also commented.

Mark Stegeman moved to initiate closure, with the request that Administration bring a future agenda item about operating Manzo as a district-run charter school; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved 3-2. Adelita Grijalva and Michael Hicks voted no.

Cragin to Blenman and Davidson

Bryant Nodine made a brief presentation, followed by a discussion that included John Pedicone, Miguel Cuevas, and Mark Stegeman.

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

Pueblo Gardens to Cavett (K-5) and Utterback (6-8)

Bryant Nodine described the process for students if Pueblo Gardens closes. Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman commented.

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

Hollinger to Mission View, Ochoa, Oyama (GATE) and Van Buskirk or **Wakefield** to Hollinger (as K-8) and Van Buskirk (K-5 option)

John Pedicone and Bryant Nodine presented information related to possible closures of Hollinger and/or Wakefield schools. Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Maggie Shafer and Alex Sugiyama participated in a discussion of options and pros/cons of closing these schools.

Mark Stegeman moved to initiate closure of Wakefield; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved 3-2. Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

Hollinger was not voted on because of the initiation of closure of Wakefield.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

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

Santa Rita to Palo Verde

Bryant Nodine provided information on the possible closure of Santa Rita and possible partnerships for use of the building should the school close. Miguel Cuevas, John Pedicone, Yousef Awwad, Mark Stegeman, and Michael Hicks commented.

There was a brief discussion for clarification of the Manzo options followed by Dr. Pedicone’s recommendation that, due to the lateness of the hour, following the completion of Item No. 5, that only Item Nos. 4 and 6 be considered. All other agenda items will be postponed to another meeting. Miguel Cuevas, Martha Durkin, John Pedicone and Mark Stegeman commented.

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

Michael Hicks moved to consider only Item Nos. 4 and 6 after Item No. 5 is completed; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 11:49 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 12:01 a.m.

Miguel Cuevas clarified that Item No. 5 was completed prior to the recess.

STUDY ITEMS

1. New Teacher/Principal Evaluation (Statute) Not addressed.
No action taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Presentation on Budget Priorities as Included in the Resolution Adopted by the Board at the October 9 Regular Meeting of the Governing Board Not addressed.
No action taken.
3. Board Member Report on Technology Oversight Committee Not addressed.
No action taken.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

4. Tucson Unified School District Calendars for 2013-2014 and 2014-5015 School Years

Candy Egbert, Dan Erickson, and Deborah Anders provided information and responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, and Alex Sugiyama. Yousef Awwad also responded to questions from board members.

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Proposed Changes to the Bylaws and Selection of the TUSD Representative to the ASBA Delegate Assembly on December 13, 2012

Miguel Cuevas was selected as the TUSD representative to the ASBA Delegate Assembly.

Michael Hicks moved to designate Miguel Cuevas; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

7. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies

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- a) Governing Board Policy IJOCA – *Recognition of Volunteers* (new)
- b) Governing Board Policy Code KHC – *Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials* (revision)
- c) Governing Board Policy Code KHCA – *Distribution/Display of Communications from School-Related Organizations* (revision)

None of the policies were addressed; thus, no action was taken.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

7. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies (cont.)
- None of the policies were addressed; thus, no action was taken.
- Action (cont.)
- d) Governing Board Policy Code GBAAA – *Staff Conflict of Interest* (revision)
 - e) Governing Board Policy Code GCRD – *Tutoring for Pay* (new)
 - f) Governing Board Policy Code IHCBA – *Student Participation in Events Out-of-State* (revision)
- Study
- g) Governing Board Policy Code IMG – *Animals in Schools* (new)
 - h) Governing Board Policy Code JICFA – *Hazing* (revision)
 - i) Governing Board Policy Code KE – *Public Concerns and Complaints* (revision)
 - j) Governing Board Policy Code KF – *Community Use of School Facilities* (revision)
 - k) Governing Board Policy Code EJB – *Digital Security* (eliminate)

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 12:15 a.m. on
November 28, 2012

Approved this 11th day of June, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Governing Board

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