

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

**March 27, 2012
7:00p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Mark Stegeman, President
Michael Hicks, Clerk
Miguel Cuevas, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Alexandre Sugiyama, Member

Also Present :

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer
Pamela Palmo, Acting Chief Human Resources Officer
John Gay, Chief Information Officer
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations
Frank Armenta, Principal, Cholla Magnet High School
Cathy Comstock, Principal, Rincon High School
Clarice Clash, Director, High School Leadership
Holly Colonna, Director, Guidance, Counseling/Student Prevention Programs
Kathryn Chavez, Literacy Specialist
Carol Cimino, DIBELS Project Specialist
Carmen Hernandez, Learning Support Coordinator, University High School
Karen Ward, Guidance, Counseling/Student Prevention Programs
Tanisha Tatum, Learning Support Coordinator, Davidson Elementary School
Jim Burns, Business Office Coordinator, Operations
Sam and Linda Polito, Lobbyists
Jeffrey Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Alexis Huicochea, *Arizona Daily Star*
TV Channels 11/13 and CNN

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:01 p.m.

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ACTION ITEMS

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| <p>1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –</p> <p>A. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instructs its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(7)</p> <p>1) School sites update on agreements</p> <p>B. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body to consider its position and instruct its representatives pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(5)</p> <p>1) Negotiations with employee organizations</p> | <p>Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> |
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SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 7:02 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED– 8:22 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited by those present.

No action required.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| <p>2. Update on Legislation Impacting TUSD – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva</p> | <p>Information only.
No action required.</p> |
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John Pedicone introduced education lobbyists Sam and Linda Polito. They reported on the progress on the educational budget; relationships with members of the state legislature and the Arizona Department of Education; and bills in progress, both those that are helpful to TUSD and those that would have a negative impact. Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, and Mark Stegeman commented.

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3. Approval of Mathematics Common Core Curriculum Grades K-8

Maria Menconi and Kathryn Chavez presented information and responded to comments and questions from Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, and Alex Sugiyama.

Michael Hicks moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of English Language Arts Common Core Curriculum Grades K-12

John Pedicone recommended approval and expressed appreciation to staff who worked on this curriculum. Maria Menconi and Carol Cimino responded to a question from Alex Sugiyama.

Michael Hicks moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Adoption of Supplementary Materials for High School and K-8 English Language Development

Maria Menconi provided a brief explanation of this item and responded to a question from Adelita Grijalva.

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

6. Board Member Report on Technology Oversight Committee

Mark Stegeman provided a brief report.

Information only.
No action required.

7. Summary of Accreditation

TUSD Staff Abel Morado, John Pedicone, Yousef Awwad, Frank Armenta, John Gay, Cathy Comstock, and Clarice Clash provided information and participated in a discussion of accreditation findings with Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, Alex Sugiyama and Adelita Grijalva.

Information only.
No action required.

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

Alex Sugiyama moved to extend the meeting through the end of the agenda; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

8. Moving Toward a Comprehensive System of Student Learning Supports Information only.
No action required.

During the discussion of job responsibilities and impact of TUSD Learning Supports Coordinators, Lupita Garcia, Holly Colonna, Carmen Hernandez, Mark Stegeman, John Pedicone, Alex Sugiyama, Karen Ward, Tanisha Tatum, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, Maggie Shafer, and Miguel Cuevas commented and/or asked questions.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

9. Governing Board Policy Code BEDBA – *Board Meeting Agenda Preparation* (revision to include a title change) – Requested by Board President Mark Stegeman Michael Hicks moved approval; Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved 3-2. Miguel Cuevas and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

Mark Stegeman introduced this item and participated in discussion about revisions to the policy with Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, and Martha Durkin.

10. Add Call to the Audience to Special Board Meetings – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva Studied only.
No action taken.

Adelita Grijalva presented her rationale for requesting the addition of a Call to the Audience to Special meetings that contain items for Board action. Also participating in the discussion were Michael Hicks, Martha Durkin, Miguel Cuevas, John Pedicone, Alex Sugiyama and Mark Stegeman.

11. Bus Lease Purchase Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

John Pedicone recommended approval. During a brief discussion, Alex Sugiyama, Candy Egbert, Jim Burns, and Michael Hicks commented.

12. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies
a) Governing Board Policy Code CH – *Policy Implementation* (new) Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas introduced this policy.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies (cont.)
b) Governing Board Policy Code EEAE – *Bus Safety Program* (new)

Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas provided an overview of this policy. Michael Hicks commented.

- c) Governing Board Policy Code EAAF – *Special Use of Buses* (new)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas commented briefly. Mark Stegeman, John Pedicone and Michael Hicks also commented.

- d) Governing Board Policy Code GE – *Defense and Indemnification of Employees in Litigation* (new)

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas outlined the purpose of this proposed new policy. Michael Hicks, Martha Durkin and Mark Stegeman commented.

- e) Governing Board Policy Code IKA – *Grading/Assessment Systems* (new)

Michael Hicks moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

Miguel Cuevas explained the purpose of this policy and stated that the policy was shared with stakeholders. Mark Stegeman, Martha Durkin, Michael Hicks, and Maria Menconi commented.

- f) Governing Board Policy Code JR – *Student Records* (new)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas outlined the key points of this proposed policy. Michael Hicks, John Pedicone and Martha Durkin commented.

- g) Governing Board Policy Code GBI – *Staff Participation in Political Activities* (revision)

Alex Sugiyama moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Motion failed 2-3. Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.

Miguel Cuevas described the suggested revisions and participated in a discussion of pros and cons of the policy with Michael Hicks, Martha Durkin, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, and John Pedicone.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies (cont.)
h) Governing Board Policy Code EGADA –
Electronic Copyright Compliance (eliminate)

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas provided the rationale for eliminating this policy.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 11:25 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of September, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
Michael Hicks, Clerk
Governing Board

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