

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

**June 18, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Adelita S. Grijalva, President
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Michael Hicks, Member
Cam Juárez, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member

Also Present:

Martha Durkin, Legal Counsel
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Leadership
Pamela Palmo, Interim Executive Director, Human Resources
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations
School Safety, and Staff
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association
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
Tucson Sentinel
TV Channels 4, 9, 11/13

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:07 p.m.

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ACTION ITEM

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| 1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –

A. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1); and Legal Advice/Instruction to Attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)

1) Superintendent Search | Cam Juárez moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
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RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 6:07 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – 7:57 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cam Juárez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (20 Minutes)

No action required.

Adelita Grijalva reviewed the rules and protocol for the Call to the Audience.

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

Marivel Roybal – Representing TEA, expressed support for Dr. H.T. Sanchez as Superintendent

Lysa Nabours – Representing TEA, endorsed Dr. H. T. Sanchez as Superintendent

Jimmy Ojeda – As a parent, encouraged continued working with the Board

Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Disappointment in the process for selecting the new Superintendent and inclusion of a disincentive in the Superintendent’s contract for early departure

Margaret Chaney – Impressed with Dr. Sanchez at the community forum

Cam Juárez commented on the positive comments of speakers regarding the new Superintendent.

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- 2. Appointment of the Superintendent of Tucson Unified School District

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

Michael Hicks moved to offer the position of Superintendent to Dr. H. T. Sanchez.

Dr. Stegeman expressed appreciation for everyone who came to the forum and provided both pro and con comments. He indicated he shares concerns about Dr. Sanchez’ lack of experience, but he expressed full support for whomever the Board appoints. He encouraged skeptics in the community to do the same and give Dr. Sanchez time to become familiar with TUSD and develop plans for its improvement.

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2. Appointment of the Superintendent of Tucson Unified School District (continued)

Mr. Juárez expressed appreciation for everyone's contribution to the process. He stated that a positive relationship with the new Superintendent is important and stated that Dr. Stegeman's comments were admirable and he supports them.

Mr. Hicks expressed disappointment that the Board was not able to bring forward more candidates for the community to review, but after reviewing Dr. Sanchez' resume and talking with him, he stated his support for him and his belief he will move TUSD forward. He indicated he is pleased with the individual being brought forward.

Ms. Foster apologized for the process since it was not how the Board went into it, but the goal is to bring the best person to TUSD. She stated the Board took a risk and she feels very confident because of the intelligence, commitment, and skill demonstrated. She stated her belief that he has the roots to be planted here and trusts that he will stay. She encouraged people to welcome him and get to know him. At the forum she said she saw an intelligent and charismatic person and leader and a father who brings skill and talent. She stated TUSD is lucky to have him.

Ms. Grijalva stated that the Board has had the opportunity to interview candidates and is bringing forward the best qualified person. She expressed hope that the community will embrace the new Superintendent. She invited persons to ask questions, but believes the Board has addressed all concerns. She said it is unfortunate that the Board has had to deal with hard issues, but it is imperative to work with the Superintendent. He brings new energy and enthusiasm, knowledge, and expertise. Overall, working with the team that has been established and bringing in new people to replace those that have left, and being given the Board's support, he will be able to do great things. This vote is a vote of hope for the future for TUSD.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:16 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of October, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Governing Board

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