

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

**December 20, 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  
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel  
Sam Brown, Legal Counsel  
Maria Menconi, Ph.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Leadership  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary and K-8 Leadership  
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer, Technology and Telecommunications Services  
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer  
Pamela Palmo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer  
Jim Fish, Executive Director, Equity Intervention  
Lorraine McPherson, Interim Executive Director, Exceptional Education  
David Scott, Director Accountability and Research  
Augustine Romero, Ed.D., Director, Student Equity  
Robert Rossi, Director, High School Leadership  
Eugene Butler, Director, High School Leadership  
Cara Rene, Director, Communications and Media Relations  
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Operations – Planning Services  
Jim Burns, Coordinator, Operations – Business Office  
Marcus Jones, Program Manager, Bonds & Architecture  
Luis Orantes, Coordinator, Language Acquisition – Meaningful Access  
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff  
Charles McCollum, Sponsor, Superintendent Student Advisory Council  
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  
Alexis Huicochea and Jamar Younger, Arizona Daily Star  
TV Channels 4, 9, 11/13

The following interpreters were present:

Oscar Corella, Spanish  
Yovannah Diovanti, Spanish  
Lionor Gomez, Spanish  
Veronica Bustamante, Spanish  
Monica Barbera, American Sign Language (ASL)  
Whitney Weirick, American Sign Language (ASL)  
Ndabibonye Desire, Kirundi/Swahili/French  
Ann Klocko, Korean  
Wadiyah Sarah, Arabic  
Bac Dinh, Vietnamese  
Nara Subedi, Nepalese  
Shoping Zhao, Chinese  
Fardowsa Abdi, Somali

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:35 p.m.

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ACTION

Miguel Cuevas called the meeting to order. He acknowledged the presence of language interpreters and asked each interpreter to speak and advise the audience of his/her particular services.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miguel Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Cuevas reviewed the rules and protocol for Call to the Audience.

Following are names of speakers and the subjects of their comments:

At the end of the 45 minute Call to the Audience, Dr. Stegeman moved to extend the Call to the Audience by another 45 minutes. Motion died for lack of a second.

**Brenda Limón** – School mergers effect on attendance boundaries and deseg compliance

**John Byrnes** – Closures

**Laura Leighton** – Education in TUSD

**Kristine Masalysky Groguen** – Carson closure

**Rita Nicholson** – Corbett closure

**Kerry Hodgkinson** – Brichta closure

**Valencia Dogur** – Saving our school (Ft. Lowell-Townsend)

**Rose Calisto** – Deferred to Maria Morones

**Maria Morones** – Lyons closure

**Linda Cato** – Manzo support

**Lillian Fox** – Schumaker closure

**Wendy Wurr** – District change and UHS

## ITEM

## ACTION

### CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

**Jana Happel** – School closures  
**Dave Croteau** – Closing schools  
**Billy Lolos** – Remedies  
**Frances Banales** – DIT process  
**Liz Rusk** – School closures  
**Gloria Copeland** – TUSD  
**Betts Putnam-Hidalgo** – School closures and administrative cuts

Dr. Stegeman responded to comments made by speakers regarding the UHS proposal.

### INFORMATION ITEM

1. Presentation on School Closures Information only.

Dr. Pedicone made opening remarks regarding the need and reasons for proposing school closures and the expected results. He then called upon Bryant Nodine and Sam Brown to present information.

Using a Power Point presentation,\* Mr. Nodine reviewed the goals of the Master Plan and reducing the expected budget deficit for 2013-2014 through 4 general areas: increasing revenue, increasing efficiency, cutting staff and programs and consolidating schools.

As Mr. Nodine presented information on each of the schools proposed for closure, Mr. Brown, also using a Power Point Presentation,\* reviewed desegregation impact analyses for each of the proposed closing and receiving schools. Goals are to improve diversity, and improve equitable education opportunities.

**\*Presentation documents may be seen and audio may be heard by accessing links to the agenda item and the audio recording on the Governing Board page on the TUSD web.**

Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

[During the presentation, Mr. Cuevas excused interpreters whose services were not being utilized.]

Mr. Cuevas announced that the following item was being removed from the agenda:

Study/Action Item – No. 16. Revision to Governing Board Policy including the terms of the TEA Consensus Agreement regarding placement of teachers when a school closure occurs

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 8:39 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 8:53 p.m.

### ACTION ITEMS

Prior to the vote on the Action items, Board Member Adelita Grijalva commented.

Prior to the vote on the Action Items, Board Clerk Michael Hicks stated he would be abstaining on all the votes.

Prior to the vote on the Action items, Board Member Alex Sugiyama commented.

Prior to the vote on the Action items, Board President Miguel Cuevas commented.

2. Closure of Hohokam Middle School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Valencia Middle School

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

3. Closure of Carson Middle School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Secrist Middle School and Dietz K-8

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-1. Mark Stegeman voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

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4. Closure of Schumaker Elementary School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Bloom and Henry Elementary Schools

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-0. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

5. Closure of Fort Lowell-Townsend K-8 including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger of 6-8 grades with Doolen and Magee Middle Schools, and K-5 to Whitmore Elementary School

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-1. Mark Stegeman voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Dr. Pedicone, Bryant Nodine and Candy Egbert responded to comments and questions by Board members Adelita Grijalva and Mike Hicks. Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

6. Closure of Corbett Elementary School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Wheeler Elementary School, and Hudlow or Kellond Elementary Schools for GATE

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-0. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

7. Closure of Lyons Elementary School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Erickson and Ford Elementary Schools

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-0. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

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8. Closure of Sewell Elementary School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Bonillas Magnet and Kellond Elementary Schools

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Board members Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Failed 1-3. Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

9. Closure of Howenstine Magnet High School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with High Schools To Be Determined

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Dr. Pedicone and Bryant Nodine responded to comments and questions from Board members Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas and Alex Sugiyama. Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-1. Mark Stegeman voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

10. Closure of Maxwell Middle School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger of 6-8 grades with Valencia and Mansfeld Middle Schools and Safford K-8 Magnet and Robins K-8 Schools

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

11. Closure of Brichta and Menlo Park Elementary Schools including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with the new Maxwell K-8 and Tolson Elementary School

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted and commented on options available for action.

Bryant Nodine responded to Board member Adelita Grijalva's comments/questions. Board members Mike Hicks and Mark Stegeman commented.

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-0. Michael Hicks abstained.

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

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**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

12. Closure of Manzo Elementary School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Tully Magnet Elementary School, **OR** Conversion of Manzo Elementary School to a District Charter School

Alex Sugiyama moved approval of the closure of Manzo Elementary School for the 2013-2014 School Year for merger with Tully Magnet Elementary School. The motion died for lack of a second.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure of Manzo for merger with Tully.

In response to Adelita Grijalva's question if it was necessary to close Manzo first before it could be converted to a charter, Martha Durkin responded with legal advice that the statute did not require the school to be closed first.

Mark Stegeman moved conversion of Manzo to a District Charter School and asked staff to prepare a charter, Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-0. Michael Hicks abstained.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented and moved the conversion of Manzo to a charter. As a procedural matter, he was asked to withdraw his motion to allow for any support for the closure of the school to be voiced by Board members. Dr. Stegeman withdrew his motion.

Subsequent to the motion to close Manzo which died for lack of a second, Dr. Pedicone recommended to convert Manzo Elementary to a District charter school.

Board members Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas commented. In response to Miguel Cuevas' question about what would happen to Manzo if the Board did not accept the charter when it was presented in the future, Martha Durkin provided legal advice that the school would stay open.

13. Closure of Cragin Elementary School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Blenman and Davidson Elementary Schools

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Failed 2-2. Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

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**ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

14. Closure of Wakefield Middle School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Hollinger K-8 and Van Buskirk Elementary School

Alex Sugiyama moved approval, Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no. Michael Hicks abstained.

Dr. Pedicone recommended closure as submitted.

Board members Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas commented.

Subsequent to the final votes on closures, Board member Mike Hicks commented on exodus of students and families from the east side due to closures of eastside schools. Dr. Pedicone responded that the District will do due diligence to arrive at the right size of the district. Board member Mark Stegeman commented.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

15. Future of University High School – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman

Dr. Stegeman presented opening remarks concerning his proposal for University High School.

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

Mark Stegeman moved approval to extend to complete Item No. 15, Alex Sugiyama seconded. Approved 4-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no.

15. Future of University High School – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman (continued)

Mark Stegeman moved the motion as attached, Michael Hicks seconded.

Dr. Stegeman continued his remarks and presented his proposal in accordance with the attached motion.

Board member Adelita Grijalva commented.

Dr. Stegeman moved a friendly amendment to change the deadline to November, Mr. Hicks accepted. Approved 4-1. Adelita Grijalva noted no.

Board member Alex Sugiyama questioned no. 3 in the motion concerning whether assurances can be given in lieu of funding and unitary status issues and asked for legal advice.



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**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

15. Future of University High School – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman (continued)

Dr. Stegeman responded that Legal had reviewed and assisted with drafting and that this proposal is a guideline for discussion.

Martha Durkin clarified she had no personal interest in the motion nor any position on whether it is a good or valid idea, and that this motion would just call for a plan to address these particular issues.

Following legal advice, Dr. Pedicone responded to Dr. Sugiyama's questions concerning the timeline and requested some flexibility in the deadline as stated.

Dr. Stegeman responded to comments/questions and made a friendly amendment to change the deadline to November 2013. Mr. Hicks accepted as the seconder of the motion.

Board member Miguel Cuevas commented positively.

16. Revision to Governing Board Policy including the terms of the TEA Consensus Agreement regarding placement of teachers when a school closure occurs

Item was removed from the agenda as announced earlier.

Prior to adjournment, Board member Miguel Cuevas took a point of personal privilege to express his appreciation to board members and the community for allowing him to serve on the Governing Board. He thanked everyone for the experience and thanked the Board staff for taking care of him during his tenure on the Board.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED AND ADJOURNED

– 10:20 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

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

ATTACHMENT

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BAI#15 **motion concerning University High School**

I move that the Board direct the Superintendent to work with UHS staff and site council to develop a plan for the expansion of UHS that addresses the following provisions:

1. UHS's exclusive use of an existing TUSD high school site, commencing in Fall, 2014.
2. Anticipated growth in UHS enrollment to accommodate more out-of-district students while maintaining priority for in-district students.
3. Assurances that the new UHS site is suitable for accommodating the creation, on the same site, of a new full magnet middle school with an emphasis on academic achievement opening no later than Fall, 2015. The middle school will have an independent name, mascot, and identity, and will be under the overall supervision of the UHS principal. Admissions will be open and subject to no test.
4. It is explicitly not the goal of this plan that students at the middle school typically matriculate to UHS. Attendance at or graduation from the middle school will confer no advantage in admission to UHS. Some middle school students will matriculate to UHS and others will matriculate to other TUSD high schools.

Staff should bring the UHS expansion plan to the Board no later than July 2013.