

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD
AGENDA FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

TIME: January 8, 2013
5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Board Room
Morrow Education Center
1010 E. Tenth Street

5:30 p.m. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. OATH OF OFFICE

Kristel Ann Foster – SWORN IN

Cam Juárez – SWORN IN

Mark Stegeman – SWORN IN

ACTION ITEMS

2. Election of Officers

a) Office of President APPROVED – ADELITA S. GRIJALVA

b) Office of Clerk APPROVED – KRISTEL ANN FOSTER

3. Approval of 2013 Regular and Special business meeting schedules of the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board APPROVED

4. Authorization of Superintendent or, in the Superintendent's absence, the Superintendent's designee to be the representative of Tucson Unified School District No. One for the purpose of executing documents pertaining to applications for federal funds which have been approved by the Board APPROVED

5. Authorization for Governing Board members, the Superintendent, Legal Counsel, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Operations Officer to travel in the State of Arizona for District-related business and to receive reimbursement of per diem expenses as allowed by law APPROVED

6. Authorization for Tucson Unified School District Legal Counsel to Appoint Hearing Officers for all Statements of Charges APPROVED

7. Authorization for Tucson Unified School District Legal Counsel to schedule Student Disciplinary Hearings for Recommendations to Expel and Authorize use of Hearing Officers in 2013 APPROVED

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (20 Minutes) (Pursuant to Governing Board Policy No. BDAA, at the conclusion of the Call to the Audience, the Governing Board President will ask if individual members wish to respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the Board, wish to ask staff to review a matter, or wish to ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. No more than one board member may address each criticism.)

8. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters: **APPROVED**
 - A. Legal Advice/Instruction to Attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4)
 - 1) Fisher-Mendoza

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – appx. 7:00 p.m.

Board Room
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ACTION ITEM

- 7:00 p.m.
9. Fisher-Mendoza v. Tucson Unified School District – Consideration of the Joint Unitary Status Plan Noting Areas of Party Disagreement Filed on December 10, 2012, and District Objections thereto as Noted in November 9, December 10, and December 14, 2012, Court Filings – Requested by Board Member Adelita Grijalva
APPROVED-SEE ATTACHED FOR MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

¹The time listed for consideration of each item is approximate only.

- One or more Governing Board members will/may participate by telephonic or video communications.
- Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board at 225-6070. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation.
- If authorized by a majority vote of the members of the Governing Board, any matter on the open meeting agenda may be discussed in executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice thereon, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A)(3). The executive session will be held immediately after the vote and will not be open to the public.

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Agenda Item 9

During the course of the development of the Joint Proposed Unitary Status Plan, the TUSD Governing Board directed counsel to file objections to the inclusion of curriculum, in particular curriculum related to culturally relevant courses, and the requirement that the culturally relevant courses be considered core courses. It is the intent of the motion I make today to direct counsel to withdraw all objections to including curriculum in the court-ordered Unitary Status Plan, to withdraw all objections related to culturally relevant courses, and to withdraw all objections to designating the culturally relevant courses as core courses. Designating a course as a core course means that passing the course will satisfy requirements for graduation. It does not mean that all students must take the course; culturally relevant courses will remain optional.

I move that the Governing Board withdraw all objections related to Section V. D(6)(a)(ii) of the Joint Proposed Unitary Status Plan Noting Areas of Party Disagreement submitted to the Court on December 10, 2012, and set forth in the Legal Memorandum of Objections Filed on November 9, 2012.

Moved: Adelita Grijalva
Seconded: Cam Juárez

Approved 3-2. Mike Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted “no.”