

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

**January 3, 2012
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Miguel Cuevas, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Michael Hicks, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member
Alexandre Borges Sugiyama, Ph.D., Member

Also Present:

John J. Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Maria Menconi, Ph.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Pam Palmo, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Candy Egbert, Chief Operations Officer
Richard Gastellum, Interim Assistant Superintendent for High School Leadership
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools
Maria Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs and Services
and Community Outreach
Cara Rene, Director, Communications
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Frances Barales, President, Tucson Education Association
Linda Arzoumanian, Ed.D., Superintendent, Pima County Schools
Ricky Hernandez, Chief Financial Officer, Pima County Schools
Cody Cassidy, Communications Coordinator, Pima County Schools
Ms. Tamzin Sugiyama (wife)
Miss Claire Sugiyama (daughter)
Miss Phoebe Sugiyama (daughter)
Mr. Sugiyama-Iutaka (father)
Mr. Pren Sawyer (father-in-law)
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star
TV Channels 4, 9 and 13

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SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miguel Cuevas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

OATH OF OFFICE

Alexandre Borges Sugiyama, Ph.D.

No action required.

Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, Superintendent, Pima County Schools, expressed appreciation to the Governing Board for the Committee to screen and interview applicants for the vacancy on the Governing Board created by the death of Board member Judy burns. She then administered the oath of office to Dr. Sugiyama.

ACTION ITEM

1. Hold an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
 - A. Discussion and consultation for legal advice/instruction with attorneys representing TUSD pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)

Michael Hicks moved approval, Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 5:34 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – 6:34 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Election of Officers

- a) Office of President

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

Michael Hicks nominated Mark Stegeman as President; Alexandre Sugiyama seconded. Approved 3-2. Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas voted no.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

b) Office of Clerk

Mark Stegeman nominated Michael Hicks as Clerk; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no.

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING – 6:43 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – 6:57 p.m.

At this point Dr. Stegeman assumed the office of President and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Approval of 2012 Regular Business Meeting Schedule of the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board

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

Dr. Pedicone explained the revision of the starting time to 7:00 p.m.

Board members commenting or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman regarding scheduling of Executive Session and the current curfew of 10:00 p.m. for board meetings to adjourn.

Martha Durkin provided legal advice.

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

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

Dr. Pedicone explained the circumstances when this authorization is appropriate. Board Member Mark Stegeman commented.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

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| <p>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</p> <p>Dr. Pedicone explained this allowed persons in these positions to travel as needed in the State and receive per diem expenses. Board member Mark Stegeman commented.</p> | <p>Michael Hicks moved approval; Alexandre Sugiyama seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> |
| <p>6. Authorization for Tucson Unified School District Legal Counsel to Appoint Hearing Officers for all Statements of Charges</p> | <p>Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.</p> |

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:11 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of February, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____
Michael Hicks, Clerk
Governing Board

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