

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

**January 13, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Judy Burns, President  
Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Bruce Burke, Member  
Miguel Cuevas, Member  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member  
Alejandra Curiel, Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) Representative

**Also Present:**

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Beatriz Rendon, Chief Business Officer, Educational Support Services  
Rudy Flores, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning  
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel  
Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel  
Dea Salter, Chief Academic Officer – Team 1  
Albert Siqueiros, Chief Academic Officer – Team 3  
Steve Holmes, Chief Academic Officer – Team 5  
Ross Sheard, Chief Academic Officer – Team 6  
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Lorraine McPherson, Executive Director, Grants Management and Resource Development  
Chandra Givens, Chief Negotiator, Employee Relations  
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communications and Media Relations  
Bonnie Betz, Director, Financial Services  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology  
Maria Hooker, Director, Pan Asian Studies  
Lisa Long, Director, Curriculum and Innovation  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board  
Marcy Briggs, Co-Moderator, School Community Partnership Council  
Eleanor Fowler, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council  
Jennifer Spring, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee  
Rhonda Bodfield, Arizona Daily Star

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alejandra Curiel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report

Information only.  
No action required.

Alejandra Curiel reported on the SSAC meeting held at Pueblo High School on January 12, 2009, and highlighted various events at TUSD high schools.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

No action required.

Dr. Fagen introduced new TUSD employees Jay Johnston from Risk Management and Michael Areinoff from the Legal Department. She also recognized the teachers that have become nationally certified.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas commented on attending the SSAC Meeting and plans to visit Hohokam Middle School.

Judy Burns reported on winter graduation ceremonies at Tucson High Magnet School and at Rincon High School. She also mentioned attending the Educational Leaders, Inc. (ELI) breakfast.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

**John O’Dowd** – State Historical Preservation Office invitation to TUSD to present plans related to Tucson High Magnet School;

**Miguel Ortega** – Support for Mexican American/Raza Studies in TUSD;

**Paul Wiest** – As a TUSD employee, his placement on medical leave without pay.

Miguel Cuevas requested that staff follow up on Dr. Wiest’s concerns.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report  
Eleanor Fowler reported on the various area SCPC meetings.

Information only.  
No action required.

3. Trends Impacting Our District and a Choice Schools Program

Information only.  
No action required.

Liz Fagen reported on significant trends impacting education now and into the future. She also explained how the Choice Schools Program not only addresses the four major trends, but provides the opportunity for students to be matched with personalized learning pathways that meet their individual needs. At the same time, staff can match their teaching strengths to the learning preferences of their students.

Dr. Fagen responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns. Dea Salter also provided information to the Board.

4. Presentation on FY 2009 Budget Status and Update on FY 2010 Budget Development

Information only.  
No action required.

Beatriz Rendon, Rudy Flores and Brian MacMaster presented information and responded to questions and comments from Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, and Mark Stegeman.

5. Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Funds for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2008

Information only.  
No action required.

Liz Fagen commented briefly; there were no other comments or questions.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 6. a) Salaried new hires
- b) Hourly new hires
- c) Salaried changes
- d) Hourly changes
- e) Salary changes for Food Services Department
- f) New hires from the teacher pool
- g) Salaried separations
- h) Hourly separations
- i) Separations for Food Services Department

Bruce Burke moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 6 (a-n) and (p); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 6. j) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel
- k) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
- l) Lease purchase of digital duplicators for elementary, middle and high schools (corrected – originally approved by the Board on November 18, 2008)
- m) Funding proposal award – Arizona Department of Education – *State Tutoring Grant for High Schools*
- n) Funding proposal award – Arizona Department of Education – *State Tutoring Grant for Underperforming and Failing Schools*
- p) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning December 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2008

Liz Fagen recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Miguel Cuevas requested that Consent Agenda Item 6(o) be considered separately.

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| 6. o) Award of Invitation for Bid (IFB) No. 10-03-14 – <i>Athletic Uniforms and Apparel</i> to Buddy’s All-Stars, Charles Stevens and Associates, East Valley Sports, Eiger Sportswear, Gamewear Teamsports, K&S Sports, Omni Cheer, Riddell All-American, Sunvalco Athletic Supply, Truwest Inc., Universal Athletic Service, Varsity Select Soccer, and Varsity Spirit Fashions for one year beginning July 1, 2009, with annual renewal options through June 30, 2010, in an annual amount of approximately \$80,000.00 | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Ross Sheard responded to a question from Miguel Cuevas.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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| 7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Assistant Director, Financial Services | Bruce Burke moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Miguel Cuevas voted no. |
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- Liz Fagen recommended Gillian Wettstein. Miguel Cuevas commented briefly.

## ITEM

## ACTION

### ACTION ITEMS (continued)

8. Proclaim TUSD's Participation in National School Counseling Week, February 2-6, 2009

Adelita Grijalva read the proclamation. Liz Fagen responded to a question from Mark Stegeman.

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

9. Statement of Assurance – Teacher Evaluation System Verification FY 2009-2010

Liz Fagen commented briefly and Rob Ross responded to a question from Bruce Burke.

Bruce Burke moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

### STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

10. Commitment of Funding for the E-Rate Applicant Share for Upgraded Wide Area Network Services

In response to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas and Bruce Burke, Brian MacMaster provided additional information.

Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Miguel Cuevas voted no.

11. Next Steps for Board Adoption of a Governance Model

Liz Fagen provided a brief overview of the Board's meeting in December on the Coherent Governance Model. She recommended (1) that the Board appoint one or two of its members to serve with TUSD leadership staff to move forward with refining the results work done in December; and (2) that at some point the Board develop a governance model that will provide staff with a clear understanding of direction based on the Board's values.

Adelita Grijalva moved that Bruce Burke and Mark Stegeman be designated to work with staff as recommended; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas, Bruce Burke, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Liz Fagen engaged in a lengthy discussion.

### GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org)

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Policy Code No. DID – *Asset Management* (revision)

Liz Fagen and Adelita Grijalva commented briefly.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER REQUEST TO SCHEDULE AN AGENDA ITEM

13. Review Governing Board Policy Code BEDBA – *Board Meeting Agenda Preparation*, with specific attention to the composition and practice of the Agenda Committee (requested by Judy Burns)

Judy Burns commented on the background and purpose for bringing the item to the Board. Rob Ross provided legal advice. Discussion ensued that included Bruce Burke, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva.

Miguel Cuevas moved to place this item on a future agenda; Mark Stegeman seconded.

Following further discussion, Mr. Cuevas revised his motion to place Policy BEDBA as a study/action item on the next meeting agenda so that revisions could be made; Dr. Stegeman concurred.

Bruce Burke presented a friendly amendment that would change the motion to place Policy BEDBA on the “next Regular meeting agenda (February)” rather than the “next meeting agenda”; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Amendment approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

REGULAR MEETING RECESSED – 9:08 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED – 9:12 p.m.


Judy Burns reconvened the meeting for the Board to vote on Mr. Cuevas's now amended motion.

Amended motion to place Policy BEDBA on the next Regular meeting agenda (February) as a study/action item was approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:14 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ 14<sup>TH</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ July, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Governing Board

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