

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Special Meeting
Joint Meeting with the Blue Ribbon Committee
TMC Marshall Auditorium, Sagebrush Conference Room
5301 E. Grant Road
Tucson, Arizona**

**February 19, 2008
12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Alex Rodriguez, President
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member

Board Members Absent:

Joel T. Ireland, Clerk
Adelita Grijalva, Member

Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) Members Present:

Larry Aldrich, President, Aldrich Capital Company
Pamela Clarridge, Ph.D., Principal, Kellond Elementary School; President, ELI, Inc.
Michael Duran, VP & Chief Development Officer, TMC Foundation; Interim BRC Chair
Bob Johnston, Committee Member
Chyrl Hill Lander, Director, Communications & Media Relations, TUSD
Jaimie Leopold, Coordinator, BRC
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer, TUSD
Earl Mendenhall III, Mendenhall Insurance & Investments
John Pedicone, Southern Arizona Leadership Council
Loretta Peto, CPA, ABV, CEO, Peto & Company CPA's PLLC
Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent, TUSD
Beatriz Rendon, CEO for Educational Support Services, TUSD
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association

TUSD Staff Present (in addition to those who are BRC Members):

Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Dalila Diaz, Administrative Assistant, TUSD

Others Present in the Audience:

Mary Schiltz
Adam Kinsey
Angela Davis

ITEM

ACTION

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 12:25 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No actions taken
or required at this
meeting.

1. Welcome – Alex Rodriguez, Board President, and Michael Duran, Co-Chair, Blue Ribbon Committee

Alex Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Michael Duran welcomed those present to the meeting and commented on the limited parking due to the high hospital census caused by the worst flu season in recent history. Roger Pfeuffer welcomed Board and BRC members and thanked Michael Duran for hospitality.

2. Superintendent's Search – Update on Process

Alex Rodriguez thanked all who have expressed opinions and reviewed what has happened to date. Finalists will be named in an open meeting on Thursday (Feb 21). There will be community forums and the Board expects to appoint in March.

Questions and comments by Michael Duran, Judy Burns, Roger Pfeuffer and Alex Rodriguez concerning:

- Transition
- Superintendent continues to be in charge and supervise staff and will be fully engaged until June 30th
- Concern about waiting for new superintendent to make a decision on an override

3. Superintendent's Report

- Roger reported on school closures and reviewed the process required by state law and the reasoning behind the difficult decisions. This is an effort to make the district more cost effective and do other things with facilities in preparation for the new superintendent.

Persons asking questions and making comments were John Pedicone, Alex Rodriguez, Jaimie Leopold, Steve Courter, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Larry Aldrich, Michael Duran, and Earl Mendenhall. Roger Pfeuffer and Rudy Flores provided information in response to questions.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 1:40 p.m. due a loss of a quorum of Board members.

Ms. Burns left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Approved this 8th day of April, 2008 .

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Governing Board

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