

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

**March 10, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

Elizabeth Celandia-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Bonnie Betz, Chief Business Officer, Educational Support Services  
Jay Johnston, Interim Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning  
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel  
Nancy Woll, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer  
Dea Salter, Chief Academic Officer – Team 1  
Maggie Shafer, Chief Academic Officer – Team 2  
Albert Siqueiros, Chief Academic Officer – Team 3  
James Fish, Chief Academic Officer – Team 4  
Steve Holmes, Chief Academic Officer – Team 5  
Ross Sheard, Chief Academic Officer – Team 6  
Alyson Nielson, Director, Employment Services, Human Resources  
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communications and Media Relations  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Leon George, Director, Purchasing  
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology Services  
Augustine Romero, Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies  
Rex Averett, Interim Director for High Schools  
Sean Arce, Director, Hispanic Studies  
Richard Foster, Senior Program Coordinator, Human Resources  
Brian Forstall, Resource Teacher for Industrial Education  
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board  
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association  
Eleanor Fowler, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council  
Rhonda Bodfield, Arizona Daily Star  
TV Channel 11, 13

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**ACTION**

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 6:39 p.m.

No action required.

## ITEM

## ACTION

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Melissa Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Judy Burns requested a moment of silence in honor of Cecilia Avalos, Dennis Nebe and Consuelo Aguilar.

No action required.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 1. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report

Information only.  
No action required.

Melissa Shaw reported on the SSAC meeting held March 9, 2009 at Sabino High School. Discussion topics included reports posted on the SSAC webpage, higher expectations for students, technology needs, and TUSD budget cuts.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Liz Fagen shared information and a video presentation related to the Ron Clark Story.

### BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas wished Dr. Fagen a happy belated birthday.

Judy Burns mentioned that board members attended public input hearings regarding the Post Unitary Plan at Pueblo and Rincon High Schools and also participated in Love of Reading at various TUSD school sites.

### CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

**Hans Huth** – Cell phone towers at Robins Elementary School

**Rich Kronberg** – Technology Committee;

**George Puckett** – Opposition to nonrenewals of minority administrator contracts;

**Frieda Baker** – Unitary status;

**Ana Estrada** – Opposition by community coalition to nonrenewals of minority administrator contracts;

**Rosie Garcia** – Opposition by community coalition to nonrenewals of minority administrator contracts;

**Corbin Judstra** – Support for principal at Catalina Magnet High School;

**Bruce Murchison** – Support for principal at Catalina Magnet High School;

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**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE** (continued)

**Cathy Pishos** – Support for principal at Catalina Magnet High School;

**Lee Ewing** – Opposition to Raza Studies and to the Pledge of Allegiance being recited in Spanish at Gale Elementary School;

**Alex Sierra** – Keeping in mind the positive things happening in TUSD;

**Nancy Deltman** – Support for principal at Catalina Magnet High School;

**Elliott Price** – Support for principal at Catalina Magnet High School;

**Carol Armstrong** – Support for principal at Catalina Magnet High School;

**Gary Dufek** – Support for principal at Catalina Magnet High School;

**Donna Liggins** – Support for maintaining Ethnic Studies administration as they currently are;

**Phil Brenfleck** – Concerns about budget cuts to elective programs such as languages.

Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke and Judy Burns commented.

Individuals whose names were called but were not present: Henry Oyama

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report Information only.  
No action required.

Eleanor Fowler presented the SCPC Report which included information on a recent joint SCPC area meeting and upcoming community budget forums. Judy Burns commented.

3. Presentation on FY 2009 Budget Status and Update on FY 2010 Budget Development Information only.  
No action required.

Bonnie Betz presented information. She and Liz Fagen responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman. Leon George and Jay Johnston also responded to comments from board members.

4. Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Fund for the Eight Months Ending February 28, 2009 Information only.  
No action required.

Liz Fagen, and Bonnie Betz commented briefly.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| 5. | a) Salaried new hires<br>b) Hourly new hires<br>c) New hires for Food Services Department<br>d) Salaried changes<br>e) Hourly changes<br>f) Salary changes for Food Services Department<br>g) Teachers hired through teacher pool process<br>h) Salaried separations<br>i) Hourly separations<br>j) Separations for Food Services Department<br>k) Requests for leave of absence for certificated personnel<br>l) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel<br>m) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence<br>n) Student absence approval for 2008-2009<br>o) Designation of the Superintendent as the agent on behalf of Tucson Unified School District for child care licensing in the State of Arizona<br>p) <i>Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT2) Materials Purchase</i><br>q) Purchases from Cooperative Purchasing Contracts<br>r) Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and Tucson Unified School District to design and construct improvements to facilities at Pueblo Gardens Elementary School (Pueblo Gardens Neighborhood Reinvestment Project #1628), effective 12-16-08<br>s) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona (Department of Teaching and Teacher Education) and Tucson Unified School District for Visiting Professor Program for the 2009-2010 School Year (Sylvia Olivas and Annette Knight)<br>t) Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima county, the City of Tucson and Tucson Unified School District for improvements to, and use of Menlo Park Elementary School playfields, effective on the date this Agreement is recorded with the Pima County Recorder, and shall end on the date that is twenty-five (25) years after completion and acceptance of Project | Adelita Grijalva moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No. 5 (a-t), (v-w), (y), and (aa-af); Miguel Cuevas seconded.<br>Approved<br>Unanimously. |
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**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

5. v) Award of Bid No. 09-131-09 – Rincon and University High Schools, Training Room and Locker Room Renovations (bond), awarded to Merit Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$248,630.80, which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid Nos. 1 and 2 and a 10% Contingency
- w) Award of Food Service Bid No. 09DG – Dry Goods, March 11, 2009 through March 1, 2010, awarded to Epicurean Foods; Malone Meat & Poultry; Shamrock Foods; Kellogg Supply, Inc.; BakeMark; and Good Source/Tools for Schools, in the amount of \$567,000.00
- y) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09-120-C13 – Disposal of Surplus/Used Textbooks to Arizona Book Services, LLC. At no cost to the District; this is a multi-term contract beginning fiscal year 2008-2009 with annual renewals of up to five years; District revenues to be earned from the sale of these materials is estimated from \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00 annually
- aa) Howenstine High Magnet School – Upgrades and Renovations – Contingency Increase (bond) to Contractor Merit Builders in the amount of \$13,110.00
- ab) Plans and specifications for Cholla High Magnet School – Fine Arts Renovations, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- ac) Plans and specifications for Corbett Elementary School – Multipurpose Room HVAC Upgrades, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- ad) Plans and specifications for Tully Elementary School – Multipurpose Room HVAC Upgrades, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- ae) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
- Special Board Meeting, July 23, 2008
  - Special Board Meeting, July 29, 2008
  - Special Board Meeting, August 2, 2008
  - Regular Board Meeting, August 12, 2008
  - Special Board Meeting, September 9, 2008
  - Regular Board Meeting, September 9, 2008
  - Special Board Meeting, September 16, 2008 (BFOC)
  - Special Board Meeting, October 7, 2008

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**CONSENT AGENDA (continued)**

- 5. af) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning February 1, 2009, and ending February 28, 2009

Liz Fagen recommended approval.

Miguel Cuevas requested Consent Agenda items No. 5 (u), (x) and (z) be considered separately.

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| 5. u) Memorandum of Understanding between Mathematica Policy Research and Tucson Unified School District for participation in a national study funded by the U.S. Department of Education, effective December 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute any agreements or contracts necessary to effect the purposes of this Agreement | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Liz Fagen responded to a question from Miguel Cuevas.

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| 5. x) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09-118-14 – Travel Agency Services to Rio Grande Travel 1 in an estimated annual amount of \$125,000 for the current fiscal year with annual renewals of up to five years | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Miguel Cuevas commented briefly.

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| 5. z) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09-128-13 – Flight Instructions for Catalina High Magnet School to Cochise College and to Tucson Aero Service Center for a multi-term contract beginning fiscal year 2008-2009 with annual renewals of up to five years in an amount of \$110,493.00 per year | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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In response to questions from Miguel Cuevas, Brian Forstall provided additional information.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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| 6. Nonrenewal of Administrator Contract for SY 2009-2010 (James Fish)   | Bruce Burke moved approval of Items No. 6 through 12; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| <p>Liz Fagen commented on the proposed reorganization for 2009-2010 and explained the rationale for nonrenewals of administrators' contracts. She recommended the Board's approval of Item Nos. 6-12. Board members commenting were Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman. Rob Ross provided legal advice.</p> |   |
| 7. Nonrenewal of Administrator Contract for SY 2009-2010 (Steve Holmes)   | See Agenda Item No. 6   |
| 8. Nonrenewal of Administrator Contract for SY 2009-2010 (Lisa Long)  | See Agenda Item No. 6   |
| 9. Nonrenewal of Administrator Contract for SY 2009-2010 (Dea Salter)   | See Agenda Item No. 6   |
| 10. Nonrenewal of Administrator Contract for SY 2009-2010 (Maggie Shafer)   | See Agenda Item No. 6   |
| 11. Nonrenewal of Administrator Contract for SY 2009-2010 (Ross Sheard)   | See Agenda Item No. 6   |
| 12. Nonrenewal of Administrator Contract for SY 2009-2010 (Albert Siqueiros)  | See Agenda Item No. 6   |

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

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| 13. Creation of a Governing Board Technology Oversight Committee   | Bruce Burke moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded.   |
| <p>Mark Stegeman provided an overview of the purpose and function of a Technology Oversight Committee. Liz Fagen, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas discussed the make-up and role of the Committee.</p>   |  |
| Bruce Burke moved: (1) that the Board appoint three members to the Committee via an application process; (2) that the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) be requested to appoint two student members; and (3) that the Open Meeting Law shall in all respects apply to the operation of the Committee. | Judy Burns offered an amendment that the Board appoint 5 members rather than 3.<br><br>The maker and second of the motion agreed; it was approved unanimously. |

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**STUDY ITEMS**

14. Governing Board Audit Committee Proposal for Hiring an Internal Auditor Studied only.  
No action taken.

In light of the District's financial situation, Liz Fagen recommended that the proposal for an internal auditor not be approved. Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman commented.

15. Overview of Override Process Studied only.  
No action taken.

Following a PowerPoint presentation, Bonnie Betz, Liz Fagen, Rob Ross, Brian MacMaster and Jay Johnston responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Bruce Burke.

16. Change of Name for ArtWorks Academy Alternative Education to The Museum School for the Visual Arts Studied only.  
No action taken.

Liz Fagen and Judy Burns commented briefly with the understanding that this item will likely come back for Board action at a subsequent meeting.

**GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES**

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

17. Governing Board Policy Code JK – *Student Discipline* (revision) Studied only.  
No action taken.

Nancy Woll presented an overview of proposed revisions to the student discipline policy. She and Liz Fagen responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas and Judy Burns.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


Mark Stegeman requested exploring Board/Superintendent training available through the Superintendent Search Agreement with ASBA (Arizona School Boards Association).



REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:04 p.m.

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By   
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Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Governing Board

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