

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

**March 13, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Joel T. Ireland, President
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Ashton Inskip, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Representative

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Bobby Johnson, Interim Executive Officer, Education Support Services
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Harriet Scarborough, Ph.D., Senior Academic Officer – Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Learning
James Fish, Principal Supervisor
Maria Patterson, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Pat Beatty, Executive Director, Financial Services
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Alyson Nielson, Director, Employment Services, Human Resources
Rudy Flores, Interim Executive Director, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Maria Hooker, Director, Pan Asian Studies
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communication and Media Relations
Augustine Romero, Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Albert Siquieros, Interim Director, Employee Relations
Steve Holmes, Director, School Improvement
Lisa Long, Administrator, Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Integration
Mary Veres, Interim Director, Technology and Telecommunication Services
Sheri Marlin, Borton Primary Magnet School
Ginger Snider, Borton Primary Magnet School
Renee Olson, Borton Primary Magnet School
Don Calhoun, Principal, Naylor Middle School
Charlotte Patterson, Principal, Doolen Middle School
Veronica Duran, Assistant Principal, Doolen Middle School
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Rosalva Meza, President, Tucson Education Association
Steve Courter, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Konstantinos Kalaitzidis, Tucson Citizen
TV Channel 11

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:03 P.M.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judy Burns led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Roger Pfeuffer reported on the district-wide campaign promoting TUSD kindergarten and mentioned that TUSD hosted a meeting with Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords regarding *NCLB (No Child Left Behind)*.

No action required.

Bruce Burke commented.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

At the suggestion of Mr. Ireland, board members decided to forego reporting tonight and can do so at the next meeting.

No action required.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

Speaker Cards held over from the February 13, 2007 meeting:

Maya Bernal – Commented on how helpful Raza Studies has been to her;

Michael Gordy – Extended invitations to board members and administration to help the Tucson Education Association in lobbying the State Legislature and commented on override elections and unitary status.

The following individuals did not come forward when their names were called: Patricia Bauerle, John Vasquez and Robert Golden.

New Speaker cards for the March 13, 2007 meeting:

Glenna Kornegay – Expressed concerns about Naylor Middle School;

Phil Brenfleck – Commented on the make-up of the 301 Committee and the use of the 301 funds;

Steven Reff – Spoke in support of reinstating high school economics education as a required course;

Michael Smith – Requested a revision of Policy JICJ regarding use of cell phones in high schools;

Jeannette Watters – Expressed concerns about her daughter’s experience at Doolen Middle School;

Patricia Maes – Commented on the way administrators at Doolen have treated her daughter;

Michael Gordy – (Spoke earlier in the meeting);

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Josefina Marbella – Stated that her daughter’s current exceptional education placement is not suitable to her abilities;
Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Addressed concerns about the district seeking unitary status;
Kenneth Seasholes – Commented on his concerns regarding unitary status;
Amy Utzinger – Expressed concerns about the effects of unitary status on magnet schools;
Ben Davis – Commented on student proficiency from grade school to high school and on TUSD’s use of desegregation funds;
Tracy Benson – Expressed praise for instructional strategies used at Borton Primary Magnet School.

Adelita Grijalva requested staff follow-up on Ms. Marbella’s concerns.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report
Information only.
No action required.
Ashton Inskeep reported on the recent SSAC meeting held at Howenstine High Magnet School including discussions related to technology, AIMS testing, and student input on a policy on guest speakers.
2. Intercultural Proficiency Presentation
Information only.
No action required.
Following introductory comments from Roger Pfeuffer, Patti Lopez, Lisa Long and Augustine Romero provided information to the Board via PowerPoint and responded to board members’ inquiries.
Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Adelita Grijalva and Bruce Burke.
3. Microsoft Worldwide Innovative Teacher Forum – Borton Primary Magnet School
Information only.
No action required.
Roger Pfeuffer introduced Renee Olson, Sheri Marlin and Ginger Snider. They made a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the instructional strategies being used at Borton Primary Magnet School.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

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| 4. | Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Eight Months Ending February 28, 2007 | Information only.
No action required. |
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Pat Beatty provided additional information in response to questions and comments from Judy Burns.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 5. | a) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of salaried personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
b) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of hourly personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
c) Teachers hired through teacher pool process for the 2007-2008 school year
e) Salary changes for hourly personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
f) Separations of salaried personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
g) Separations of hourly personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
h) Request for leave of absence for administrator
i) Requests for leave of absence and issuance of contracts for certificated personnel
j) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
k) Request to terminate leave of absence
m) Requests for released time
o) Funding Proposal: Arizona K-12 Center – <i>Mentoring and Induction and Developing Master Teacher Program</i> for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years (Doolen, Hohokam, Maxwell, Naylor, Valencia, and Wakefield Middle Schools)
p) Agreements
1) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona Department of Mathematics Visiting Professor Program and Tucson Unified School District for Coordinator of Professional Development and Outreach for the Center for the Mathematics Education of Latinos/as (CEMELA) for the 2007-2008 school year – Leslie Kahn | Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Items #5 (a-c), (e-k), (m), (o-p), and (r-t); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. p) Agreements (cont.)
 - 1) Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Tucson Unified School District for the “Explore the Future” Project, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007, Pueblo High Magnet School
 - 2) Arizona Nutrition Network Contributing Partner Program FY 2008, with authorization for the Director of Food Services to execute documents
- r) Plans and specifications, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids
 - 1) Bloom and Van Horne Elementary School Replacement Chillers (Building Renewal)
 - 2) Magee Middle School Sitework Improvements (Bond)
 - 3) Cholla High Magnet School Classrooms and Science Area Modifications (Bond)
 - 4) Sahuaro High School Science Classrooms Renovations (Bond)
 - 5) Summers Finance Building and Lee Instructional Resource Center Cooling Tower Replacements (Bond)
 - 6) Winsett Site Projects, Shops and Transportation Pavement – Phase II (Bond)
- s) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, August 16, 2006
- t) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning February 1, 2007, and ending February 28, 2007

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Judy Burns requested that Consent Agenda Items 5 (d, n, q, and u) be considered separately and Adelita Grijalva requested that Consent Agenda Item 5 (l) be considered separately.

- 5. d) Contract changes for salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years

Alex Rodriguez moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

Roger Pfeuffer and Sue Wybraniec provided information and responded to questions and comments from Judy Burns, Joel Ireland, Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. l) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence

Adelita Grijalva made a brief comment prior to her motion.

Adelita Grijalva moved *to grant* leave of absence; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. n) Requests for released time and travel expenses

Judy Burns commented.

Bruce Burke moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

5. q) Award of Request for Proposals (RFP) – RFP No. 07-69-11 – Professional Development Management System to TruthNorthLogic for FY 2006-2007, beginning March 2007, with the option to renew the multi-term contract for up to five consecutive fiscal years in the amount of \$42,000 annually

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer, Lisa Long and Sue Wybraniec provided information in response to comments and questions from Judy Burns.

5. u) Revised 2006-2007 Tucson Unified School District Calendar Due to Snow Day (January 22, 2007) *The Board may vote to go into Executive Session for Legal Advice at this point.*

Following a response to a comment from Judy Burns, Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval.

Bruce Burke moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Proclamation of March as *Social Work Month* in Tucson Unified School District

Adelita Grijalva read the proclamation as a motion followed by brief comments from Social Worker Tim Musty and an unidentified social worker.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

7. Statement of Charges and Resolution to Send Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certified Teacher and determine whether to appoint hearing officer to conduct teacher dismissal hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-541 – William Hefferon

Bruce Burke moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval.

Bruce Burke read the following motion: *I move to adopt the Statement of Charges and Notice of Intent to dismiss teacher William Hefferon at the expiration of 30 days. He will be placed on administrative leave pending the expiration of the 30 days. Should Mr. Hefferon request a hearing, I move to authorize appointment of a hearing officer to hold the hearing, hear the evidence, issue subpoenas, prepare a record, and issue a recommendation to the Governing Board for action.*

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

8. Uniform Dress Code, Doolen Middle School Students, effective for the 2007-2008 school year

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved 4-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval. Charlotte Patterson and Veronica Duran provided the Board with information on the process Doolen followed in making the recommendation for a uniform dress code.

9. Declare Naylor Middle School a “New School”

Roger Pfeuffer, Dea Salter and Steve Holmes presented information and responded to board members’ comments and questions.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Bruce Burke commented and/or asked questions.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

10. Process and Timeline for Superintendent Search

Following his introductory comments, Joel Ireland joined in a discussion with board members Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva and Alex Rodriguez. Roger Pfeuffer also commented.

Judy Burns moved that the Board President, in conjunction with the Purchasing Department and Board Staff, develop a request for proposal (RFP) to bring back to the Board for consideration; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

11. Process for Determining Use of Funds Subject to A.R.S. §15-977 (Proposition 301)

Rob Ross presented an overview of the statutory requirements of Proposition 301 and provided additional information and legal advice in response to comments and questions from Joel Ireland, Bruce Burke and Roger Pfeuffer.

Studied only.
No action taken.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – www.tusd1.org

Study

12. Policy Code No. IMC – *Guest Speakers*

Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Joel Ireland. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Studied only.
No action taken.

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GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES (continued)

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13. Policy Code No. AC – *Discrimination* and Policy No. AC-R – *Discrimination-Complaint Procedure* (Regulation) – No action taken.

Joel Ireland commented briefly that this item was brought to the Board for comparison with the previous (old) policy and stated that the Agenda Committee would review it again in consideration of future meeting placement.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:18 P.M.

Approved this 10th day of July, 2007.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Governing Board

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