

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

**March 24, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Judy Burns, President  
Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Bruce Burke, Member [participated via telephone beginning at 7:30 p.m.]  
Miguel Cuevas, Member  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member [arrived at 7:00 p.m.]

**Also Present :**

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer  
Jay Johnston, Interim Chief Operations Officer  
Nancy Woll, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer  
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel  
Maggie Shafer, Chief Academic Officer, Team 2  
Albert Siqueiros, Chief Academic Officer, Team 3  
Jim Fish, Chief Academic Officer, Team 4  
Steve Holmes, Chief Academic Officer, Team 5  
Ross Sheard, Chief Academic Officer, Team 6  
Brian MacMaster, Chief Technology Officer  
Richard Gastellum, Deseg Coordinator  
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  
Rhonda Bodfield, *Arizona Daily Star*  
Mary Bustamante, *Tucson Citizen*

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 6:31 p.m.

## ITEM

## ACTION

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
  - A. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(1); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1) Appointment of new members to the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC)

Mark Stegeman moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-0. Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva were not present for the vote.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 6:32 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED– 6:52 p.m.

### INFORMATION ITEM

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

Information only.  
No action taken.

Liz Fagen and Bonnie Betz provided information to the Board and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, and Miguel Cuevas.

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3. Appointment of New Members to the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC)

As part of his motion, Miguel Cuevas moved to approve two-year terms for Lisa Howells, Daniel McDonald and Robert Selby. There was no further discussion.

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 3-0. Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva were not present for the vote.

4. Governing Board Policy Code JK – *Student Discipline*

Liz Fagen recommended approval. Nancy Woll provided an overview of the proposed revisions and stated that, if approved, the policy would be effective with the 2009-2010 school year and would be printed and available to students by that time. Jim Fish also responded to questions. Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, and Adelita Grijalva.

Mark Stegeman moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-0. Bruce Burke was not present for the vote.

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STUDY ITEMS

5. Proposal for Training with Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Studied only.  
No action taken.

During the discussion, Liz Fagen, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas commented.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Prior to proceeding to the next agenda item, Judy Burns noted that an update on personnel on paid administrative leave was scheduled for the upcoming executive session (See Item No. 6). However, one of the individuals, Richard Choquette, requested that any discussion related to him be held in a public session. Discussion only.  
No action taken.

Liz Fagen commented in general about the number of staff on paid administrative leave. [Board Member Bruce Burke began participating in the meeting via telephone.]

Rob Ross provided information to the Board about the matters related to Mr. Choquette's paid administrative leave and responded to comments and questions from board members. Steve Holmes also spoke briefly.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters – Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.
- A. Legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
- 1) Fisher-Mendoza Post Unitary Plan

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)


- 6. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters – (cont.)
  - B. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(1); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1) Update on personnel on paid administrative leave

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:49 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:40 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By   
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Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Governing Board

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