

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

**April 14, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Also Present:

Elizabeth Celandia-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Bonnie Betz, Chief Business Officer, Educational Support Services
Jay Johnston, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Chandra Givens, Chief Negotiator and Labor Relations Director, Employee Relations
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
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communication and Media Relations
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, MIS and Planning
Robert Mackay, Director, Alternative Education
Annabel Crites, Curriculum and Instruction
Melissa Hall, Teacher, Cholla High Magnet School
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Cliff Altfeld, Chairperson, Governing Board Audit Committee
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association
Eleanor Fowler, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Rhonda Bodfield, Arizona Daily Star
Xavier _____, Tucson Citizen
TV Channel 4, 9, 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:37 p.m.

No action required.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Farnaz Nasr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.
No action required.

Farnaz Nasr reported on the SSAC meeting held on April 6, 2009. Topics discussed included information on the reduction in force (RIF), funding issues that impact TUSD's budget and reports from schools. Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas commented.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Liz Fagen provided an overview of the current reductions to TUSD central administration and pointed out that the percentage of budget cuts from central administration will be higher than those at school sites. Mark Stegeman commented.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas mentioned visiting 13 school sites and attending funeral services for TUSD Assistant Principal, Edna Hollins.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

George Puckett – TUSD leadership during times when Superintendent is away from the district;

Jean Colasanti – Librarians;

Clyde Ivan Phillips – Research for objectives and philosophy report;

Rich Harkins – Reductions in Force (RIFs) at Van Horne Elementary School;

Michelle Langan – Need for full-time principal at Collier Elementary;

Camy Juarez – Pomegranate Farms land trade;

Matilda Gits-Gilding – Need for full-time principal at Collier Elementary School;

Philip Brenfleck – Concern about cuts to foreign language;

Sally Lefko – Librarians in TUSD;

Sedona Naifeh – OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts);

Gail Schuessler – Post Unitary Plan;

Corbin Judsora – ROTC;

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

The following are names of individuals who spoke and the subject of their comments (cont.):

Sonny Aros – OCR/desegregation funding;
Curtis Dutiel – Budget cuts and decisions;
Steve Courter – Negotiations.

Individuals whose names were called but were not present:
Kristen Bitgood, Joe Sweeney, Elizabeth Pawson, Alicia Lara,
Laura Leighton, Stephen Murray, and Ed Federico

Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas and Bruce Burke commented.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING – 7:49 p.m.

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| 2. | <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> – Proposed Performance Based Compensation Plan Portion of 2009-2010 Classroom Site Fund Plan Under A.R.S. §15-977 (Proposition 301)
<i>(A Public Hearing on Performance Based compensation Plan is required under §15-977B)</i> | No action required. |
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There were no public remarks. Judy Burns commented.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 7:51 p.m.

STUDY/ACTION ITEM

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| 3. | TUSD 2009-2010 Classroom Site Fund Plan Under A.R.S. §15-977 (Proposition 301) (including Proposed Performance Based Compensation Plan discussed in the Public Hearing above) | Miguel Cuevas moved approval;
Mark Stegeman seconded.
Approved 4-0;
Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote. |
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- Liz Fagen presented information and recommended approval. Dea Salter provided a brief overview of revisions and corrections to the plan. Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas commented.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

4. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Eleanor Fowler presented a brief report outlining the locations of area meetings to be held on April 20, 2009. Further, she mentioned that the final SCPC district meeting of the year will be held on April 27, during which planning for the 2009-2010 school year and an election of SCPC officers will take place.

Judy Burns commented.

5. Governing Board Audit Committee Report

Information only.
No action required.

Cliff Altfeld shared highlights from the written report, e.g., the preparation of a confidential complaint procedure, a conference with the State Auditor General, appreciation for the Chief Financial Officer's attendance at Committee meetings, the addition of new Committee members and the recommendation for an internal auditor.

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

At the end of the Audit Committee Report, it was suggested that the Board consider Agenda Item No. 17 at this time in order to have the input from Mr. Altfeld.

Bruce Burke moved to address No. 17 at this time; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

STUDY ITEM

17. Governing Board Policy Code BDFB – *Audit Committee Complaint and Investigation Procedures*

Studied only.
No action taken.

Mark Stegeman introduced the item followed by discussion that included confidentiality issues, investigation procedures, and possible legal concerns. Bruce Burke, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Liz Fagen, Rob Ross and Cliff Altfeld participated in the discussion.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

6. Report from the Educational Facilities Plan Task Force Regarding Potential Boundary Changes for School Year 2009-2010
- Information only.
No action required.

Liz Fagen, Jay Johnston and Bryant Nodine presented information and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Bruce Burke and Mark Stegeman.

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

Bonnie Betz presented information followed by a lengthy discussion that included an update on how the State's budgeting process is impacting TUSD, retention bonuses and projected reductions in the budget. Bonnie Betz, Liz Fagen and Jay Johnston responded to questions and comments from Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, and Judy Burns.

8. Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Funds for the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2009
- Information only.
No action required.

Bonnie Betz and Judy Burns commented.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. a) Salaried new hires
b) Hourly new hires
c) Speech Pathologist/Occupational Therapist/Physical Therapist new hires
d) New hires for Food Services Department
e) Salaried changes
f) Hourly changes
g) Salary changes for Food Services Department
h) Teachers hired through teacher pool process
i) Salaried separations
j) Hourly separations
k) Requests for leave of absence for certificated personnel
l) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
m) Ratification of 2008-2009 supplementary textbooks and technology materials
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No. 9 (a-m), (o-y); Bruce Burke seconded.
Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 9. o) Dedication of land adjacent to Brichta Elementary School to Tucson Unified School District by the Brichta Neighborhood Association, with authorization for the District Planner to execute documents
- p) Modification of approved 403(b) vendor list and adoption of a resolution to change authorization for 403(b) plan document
- q) Funding Proposal – Arizona Game and Fish Department Wildlife Conservation Funding for Hohokam Youth in Wilderness Project, with authorization for Contract Manager to execute necessary documents
- r) Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement with the National Park Service for the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher Program – June 1, 2009-May 31, 2011, with authorization for Superintendent to execute agreement/contracts to effect the purposes of the Agreement
- s) After-the-fact procurement – MESA Distance Learning
- t) Award of Bid No. 09-133-09 – Santa Rita High School, science classroom renovations (bond), awarded to Giles Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$960,300.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid Nos. 1, 2, and 3 and a 10% contingency
- u) Award of Bid No. 09-138-09 – Catalina Magnet High School, fire alarm replacement, awarded to Brown and White, Inc., in the amount of \$558,113.00, which includes the Base Bid and a 10% contingency
- v) Award of Bid No. 09-143-09 – Corbett Elementary School and Tully Elementary School multipurpose room HVAC upgrades (bond), awarded to 4-L Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$291,400.00, which includes the combined Base Bid #3X, Alternate Bid No. 1 and a 10% contingency
- w) Plans and specifications for Safford Elementary and Magnet Middle Schools – upgrades and renovations, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

9. x) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
- Regular Board Meeting, October 7, 2008
 - Special Board Meeting, October 16, 2008
 - Special Board Meeting, October 28, 2008
 - Special Board Meeting, November 18, 2008
 - Regular Board Meeting, November 18, 2008
- y) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning March 1, 2009, and ending March 31, 2009

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately:
Adelita Grijalva, Item No. 9(n); Miguel Cuevas, Item No. 9(z)

9. n) Davis Bilingual Elementary Magnet School 2009 Summer Program – Mariachi and Basketball

Adelita Grijalva commented.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval;
Mark Stegeman seconded.
Approved unanimously.

- z) Rescind Statement of Charges for Wyatt Arnold

Miguel Cuevas commented.

Bruce Burke moved approval;
Mark Stegeman seconded.
Approved 4-0.
Miguel Cuevas not present for the vote.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Proclamation of National School Nurse Day on May 6, 2009, in Tucson Unified School District

Liz Fagen recommended approval. Adelita Grijalva read the proclamation as part of her motion.

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

11. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, Soleng Tom Elementary School

Liz Fagen recommended Oscar Dotson.

Mark Stegeman moved approval;
Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

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| 12. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, Vesey Elementary School

Liz Fagen recommended Leah Dardis. | Bruce Burke moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| 13. Change of Name for ArtWorks Academy Alternative Education to The Museum School for the Visual Arts

Liz Fagen recommended approval. Robert Mackay presented information followed by comments from Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, and Bruce Burke. | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

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| 14. Adoption of New Middle and High School Courses Beginning with the 2009-2010 School Year

Liz Fagen recommended approval. Maggie Shafer responded to a question from Adelita Grijalva. | Bruce Burke moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| 15. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA)

a) Proposals for ASBA 2010 Political Agenda

b) Selection of TUSD’s Representative to the ASBA Delegate Assembly, June 27, 2009

Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Liz Fagen and Rob Ross joined in an extensive discussion about information received from ASBA and the kind of information that might be presented to the Delegate Assembly. There was also discussion about other issues relating to the political agenda. | Studied only. No action taken.

Adelita Grijalva moved to appoint Bruce Burke as a delegate; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously. |

STUDY ITEMS

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| 16. Middle School Math Adoption

During the discussion, Liz Fagen, Maggie Shafer, Annabel Crites and Melissa Hall presented information on the proposed math adoption and responded to comments from Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman. | Studied only. No action taken. |
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STUDY ITEMS (continued)

17. Governing Board Policy Code BDFB – *Audit Committee Complaint and Investigation Procedures*

Addressed previously following Agenda Item No. 5 (above)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


Discussion only.
No action taken.

The Board discussed the possibility of getting legal advice in an executive session regarding the confidentiality issues referred to in the proposed Audit Committee complaint policy (Item No. 17). It was referred to the Agenda Committee for consideration at its next meeting. Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas commented.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:16 p.m.

Approved this _____ 13th day of _____ October, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By  _____
Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Governing Board

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