

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

**April 27, 2010
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Judy Burns, President
Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member

Also Present :

Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools & Acting Superintendent
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer
John Carroll, Interim Chief Operations Officer
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools
Lupita Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
Patricia Dienz, Director of High Schools
Donna Lewis, Director of Middle Schools
Candy Egbert, Director of Elementary Schools
Teri Melendez, Director of Elementary Schools
Augustine Romero, Director, Student Equity
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, MIS and Planning
Shannon Roberts, Employee Relations Coordinator
Andrew Kent, Principal, Ft. Lowell Elementary School
Barbara Kohl, Principal, Townsend Middle School
Carolyn Eldridge, Interim Principal, Borton Primary Magnet School
Robert Mackay, Director, Alternative Education
Yovannah Diovanti, Spanish Language Interpreter
Tamara Flanagan, ASL Interpreter
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Norma Galindo, Instructional LAN Support Manager
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association
Marivel Roybal, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Alexis Huicochea, *Arizona Daily Star*
TV Channels 4 and 13

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:42 p.m.

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ACTION ITEMS

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| 1. 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); negotiations pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(5) | |
| 1) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the Governing Board in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations | |
| B. Consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(2); and legal advice and consultation with attorney pursuant to to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(3) | |
| 1) Superintendent Search | |

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 5:43 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 6:54 p.m.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

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| 2. School Consolidation/Merge Recommendations: Rogers to Kellond; Ft. Lowell to Townsend; Duffy to Cragin or Blenman (TBD); and Richey to TBD | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Maggie Shafer, Teri Melendez, Donna Lewis, Andrew Kent, Barbara Kohl, Bonnie Betz, and John Carroll presented information and participated in an extended discussion with the Board.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

2. School Consolidation/Merge Recommendations: Rogers to Kellond; Ft. Lowell to Townsend; Duffy to Cragin or Blenman (TBD); and Richey to TBD (cont.)

Discussion topics included: enrollment under-capacity in a number of schools; demographics impacting the proposed consolidations; criteria for merges and what is most advantageous for students; post unitary status plan impact; boundaries; receiving-school capacity and compatibility with merging school; transportation issues; and the budgetary impact of the outcome of the May 18th sales tax referendum.

Board members participating in the discussion were Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, and Bruce Burke.

3. Proposal by Borton Primary Magnet School to Add Third Grade

Mark Stegeman moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

Maggie Shafer introduced Carolyn Eldridge who provided an overview of the school-wide focus on systems thinking, the effectiveness of site-based decision making at the school, and the process and involvement of the staff, parents and site council that resulted in the proposal to add third grade at Borton.

In addition to Ms. Shafer and Ms. Eldridge, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, and Teri Melendez participated in the discussion.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Presentation Regarding Declaration of New School Status – Maxwell Middle School

Information only.
No action required.

Donna Lewis outlined the recommendation that TUSD adhere to the Arizona Department of Education's accountability model for Maxwell and the request for new school status. She and Maggie Shafer responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, and Mark Stegeman.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continuation)

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| 5. | Presentation Regarding Declaration of New School Status – Howenstine High Magnet School | Removed from agenda.
No action required. |
| 6. | Presentation Regarding Declaration of New School Status – Project MORE | Information only.
No action required. |

Maggie Shafer, Edith Macklin and Patricia Dienz presented information on the background and basis for recommendations for new school status at Project MORE and responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, and Judy Burns.

RECESS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 8:55 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – To receive public comments regarding the Declaration of New School Status for Maxwell Middle School, Howenstine High Magnet School and Project MORE

Speakers during the Public Hearing will abide by the rules governing Call to the Audience at Board Meetings as follows:

Public Participation at Board Meetings**

Members of the public may speak during the Call to the Audience portion of the agenda. The Board President shall be responsible for recognizing speakers and for maintaining proper order by setting such limitations as may be appropriate.

Any person desiring to speak shall complete the Call to the Audience card. When addressing the Board, an individual shall state his/her full name and address before going into the subject matter.

Individuals are encouraged to be brief, with a maximum time limit of 3 minutes.

Individuals attending the meeting and/or speaking before the Board shall observe rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct, and refrain from impertinent or slanderous remarks.

These rules also apply to Public Hearings.

**REF: Governing Board Policy Code No. BDAA – *Procedures for Governing Board Members*

PUBLIC HEARING (continued)

Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas commented briefly prior to inviting members of the public to speak at the Public Hearing.

The following are names of individuals by school who spoke during the Public Hearing:

Maxwell Middle School:

Susie Moritz – Spoke in favor of the turnaround method rather than total reconstitution of the school;

John Moritz – Impact of reconstitution on the lives of teachers;

Nancy Billeci – Importance of consistency and positive climate at the school;

Fran Wilson – Requested that staff be allowed to continue to do the work that imparts confidence and trust in students;

Adriana Moreno – As a student, feels welcomed, cared for and loved by the teachers at the school.

Howenstine High Magnet School:

Mark Kutzmer – Feels it is unnecessary to declare Howenstine a new school and encouraged use of transformation model;

Heather Bates – Situation at this school does not warrant restructuring;

Paul Sherman – Legal action against TUSD because changes to the school would have very adverse effects on the students;

Carmen Orosco (interpreted by Yovannah Diovanti) – Requested that Special Education students remain at the school.

Project MORE:

Steven Gonzales – Against the replacement of teachers;

Shayne Michael Mather – Idea to restructure the school is a hasty decision;

Estrella Ruiz – Against the restructure;

Danyelle Hoy – Teachers serve students and develop family-like relationship;

Ricardo Snyder – Teachers are patient, loving and there for students;

Robert Mackay – School has performing label under AZ Learns and serves students outside traditional box.

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PUBLIC HEARING (continued)

Individuals whose names were called but were not present: **Chuck Sillence, Mary Pedrono, Darryl Stone**

RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 9:40 p.m.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

7. Declaration of New School Status for Maxwell Middle School

Bruce Burke moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

In response to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, and Miguel Cuevas, Maggie Shafer and Donna Lewis provided additional information.

8. Declaration of New School Status for Howenstine High Magnet School

Removed from agenda. No action taken.

9. Declaration of New School Status for Project MORE

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded.

Topics included during the discussion included consideration of a transformation model that would retain teachers; the impact of new school status on the students; time constraints on making the decision; and hiring process procedures. Participating in the discussion were Adelita Grijalva, Maggie Shafer, Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Miguel Cuevas, Rob Ross and Nancy Woll.

Following further discussion of this item, Bruce Burke moved to table for two weeks; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 3-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no; Miguel Cuevas abstained.

No vote was taken on the original motion.

RECESS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 10:07 p.m.

RECONVENE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – 10:17 p.m.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

10. Governing Board Policy Code BEDBA – *Board Meeting Agenda Preparation* – Requested by Board Members Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas

Studied only.
To be addressed at a future meeting.

The role of the Agenda Committee and the process for requesting that items be placed on a meeting agenda were discussed by Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, and Maggie Shafer.

11. Administrative Hiring Freeze – Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman

Judy Burns moved to refer to the Policy Subcommittee; Adelita Grijalva seconded.

Mark Stegeman introduced this item and suggested a one-year policy that administrative positions come to the Board before they are advertised.

Following additional discussion, and in a roll call vote, this item was approved unanimously.

Maggie Shafer, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Rob Ross and Adelita Grijalva commented during the discussion.

12. Governing Board Budget – Requested by Board Member Bruce Burke

Bruce Burke moved to go from 3 to 2 full time staff (excluding Courier position) for next fiscal year. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Bruce Burke proposed cutting the number of support staff in the Board Office and offered rationale for his proposal. Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, and Miguel Cuevas commented on issues surrounding Mr. Burke's proposal. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Following additional discussion, Bruce Burke moved to table this item until the next meeting; Mark Stegeman seconded. Motion failed 2-3; Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns voted no.

*Note that there was a recommendation to reconsider this item following No. 14 (below).

Bruce Burke moved to go to 2 staff positions and retain an overtime budget; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Motion failed 1-4. Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns voted no.

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13. Consideration of a Revised Charter for the Technology Oversight Committee (TOC)

Judy Burns moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

John Carroll provided an overview of changes since the last draft of the Charter was reviewed by the Board. Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, and Bruce Burke commented on the Charter.

STUDY ITEM

14. Potential Boundary Changes for Bused Areas

Studied only.
No action taken.

Maggie Shafer introduced this item, followed by a brief presentation by Bryant Nodine. Others commenting during the discussion were Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns Bonnie Betz, and Adelita Grijalva. Bryant also mentioned that a recommendation will come to the Board at the May 11th meeting.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Governing Board Budget – Requested by Board Member Bruce Burke - **Reconsideration**

Mark Stegeman moved to reconsider; Bruce Burke seconded. Motion to reconsider failed 2-2. Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns voted no; Miguel Cuevas abstained.

Mark Stegeman requested that the Board reconsider Bruce Burke's last motion on this item (see Item No. 12 above). Rob Ross provided legal advice.

INFORMATION ITEM

15. Discussion Regarding Impact on TUSD of Senate Bill 1070 and Relevant Pending Legislation

Information only.
No action required.

Maggie Shafer and Rob Ross presented information and responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, and Edith Macklin-Isquierdo.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED –11:24 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED/ADJOURNED –
12:02 a.m. – April 28, 2010

Approved this 8th day of June, 2010.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By

Miguel Cuevas, Clerk
Governing Board

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