

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

**May 13, 2014
4:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Adelita S. Grijalva, President
Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Michael Hicks, Member
Cam Juárez, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member
Madison Dodge, Student Liaison

Also Present:

Heliodoro T. Sánchez, Ed.D., Superintendent
Julie Tolleson, Lead Legal Counsel
Adrian Vega, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Yousef Awwad, Deputy Superintendent for Operations
Steven Holmes, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction
Abel Morado, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Secondary School Leadership
Karla Soto, Chief Financial Officer
Stuart Duncan, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Damon Jackson, Chief Information Officer, Technology and Telecommunications Services
Jim Fish, Executive Director, Equity Intervention
Sam Brown, Director, Desegregation
Anna Maiden, Chief Human Resources Officer
Eugene Butler, Interim Director, Exceptional Education
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Kevin Startt, Director, Purchasing
Jeff Coleman, Director, School Safety
Shirley McKechnie-Sokol, Director, Food Services
Cara Rene, Director, Communications/Media Relations
Bryant Nodine, Acting Director, Planning and Student Assignment
Marcus Jones, Program Manager, Bonds and Architecture
Gene Armstrong, Technology Services
Jes Ruvalcaba, District Photographer
Greg Gibson, Gibson Consulting Group
Cheyanne Rolf, Gibson Consulting Group
Ali Taylan, Gibson Consulting Group
Laurie Gilmer, Gibson Consulting Group
Linda Cherrington, Gibson Consulting Group
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services for the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Frances Banales, President, Tucson Education Association
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 4:31 p.m.

No action required.

ACTION ITEM

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| 1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters:

A. Personnel issues pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)

1) Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers

B. Legal Advice/Instruction to Attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3) and (A)(4)

1) Complaint Investigation

C. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(5)

1) Negotiations with employee organizations

D. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsection (A)(7)

1) Wrightstown
2) Broadway Properties | Michael Hicks moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
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REGULAR MEETING RECESSED – 4:31 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED – 6:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Ms. Grijalva asked Daniel Woodruff to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Grijalva announced that the Superintendent’s Report would be addressed next.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Superintendent's Report [available with this agenda item posted on the web]. Information only.

Dr. Sanchez introduced the **Rincon/University High School Jazz Band**, under the direction of **Jeff Marchant**, who entertained with a musical performance. He highlighted the awards the band has received, and recognized trombonist **Sam Chess** for his acceptance into the Julliard School of Music. Pictures were taken. Dr. Sanchez then recognized musicians in the **White Elementary Mariachis**, under the direction of **William Mark**, and mentioned their opportunity to perform with Los Lobos. Mr. Mark commented on the origin and make-up of the group and highlighted the value of the arts in education. He introduced the teacher and members of the group. He introduced Folklorico teachers from White who were present. Pictures were taken. Dr. Sanchez commented OMA (Opening Minds Through the Arts) would be offered at all elementary schools in the following school year.

Dr. Sanchez then recognized the following teachers and students who participated in Tucson's River of Words Youth Poetry and Art contest: Teacher **Jane Martin**, and student winners from Erickson, Howell and Van Buskirk – **Theresa Lockwood, Ursula Denholm, Joseph Felix, and Eibly Cureses**; Teacher **Kevan Kiser-Chuc**, and student winners from Grijalva and Hughes – **Analyssa Wood, Miguel Angel Barriga, and Greer Stokes**; Teachers **Celeste Aho and Sandra Payton**, and student winners from Sewell – **Philip Rosado, Ibrahim Adel and Lillyana Carmona**; Teachers **Angela Bennett and Elvick Mejia**, and student winners from Ochoa – **Jan Carlo Bonilla, and Luis Fernandez Escalante**; Teacher **Eric Wagner** and student winner from Borton – **Athena Leeks**; Teacher **Megan Winter** and student winner from Hudlow – **Jesus Trujillo**. Pictures were taken.

Dr. Sanchez then recognized teachers and advisors and student winners from Henry Elementary School who participated in the Earth Day Poetry Contest: Teacher/Advisors **Elena Ryan and Christina Miles**, and students **Jeronomo Ojeda, Harrison Richter, Bethany Seal, Kali Thompson and Hannah Pairrett**. Pictures were taken.

The next students recognized were winners of art scholarships awarded by the Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild: **Carmina Garcia** from Pueblo, **Samantha Trappman and Jero Delos**

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3. Superintendent's Report [available with this agenda item posted on the web]. (continued)

Santos from University High School. Pictures were taken.

Dr. Sanchez recognized Tucson High student **Meagan Bethel**, a winner in the Southern Arizona Science and Engineering Fair, and named a Carson Scholar. Ms. Bethel was unable to be present as she was competing in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles.

Flinn Scholars **Graham Place** of Sabino High School and **Carly Snyder** of University High School were recognized for winning this prestigious scholarship.

Dr. Sanchez announced that Rincon High School's Chapter of Junior State of America won the Ernest Andrew Rogers Award for Outstanding Chapter in the State of Arizona, and recognized Teacher **Stacia Reeves** who introduced participating students Chapter President **John Lopez-Aldas**, Vice President **Alex Granillo**, Secretary **Johnny Taylor**, Treasurer **Rey Estrada**, **Christian Ho**, **Roy Armenta**, **Obie Dieke**, **Didi Dieke**, **Naomi Brown**, **Marlene Effiwat**, **Anamayan Narendran**, **Jacob Sepulveda**, **Manual Dominguez**, **Bryan Barley**, **Leslie Gonzales**, and **Rebecca Manjivar**. Pictures were taken.

Dr. Sanchez then recognized Doolen Middle School Science Teacher **Ivan Yocum** as the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Arizona Top Science Teacher Award, and Doolen as the recipient of a grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Southern Arizona. Pictures were taken.

Dr. Sanchez recognized **Kirstin Bittel** for being honored with the K-12 Educator Award from WISE (Women In Science and Engineering).

Dr. Sanchez then introduced former Tucson City Councilman **Rodney Glassman** for his contribution of free books to kindergarten students in TUSD schools. Mr. Glassman made remarks. Pictures of the Superintendent and Board members with Mr. Glassman were taken.

Dr. Sanchez acknowledged and thanked Jimmy Hart and the Student Services Department staff for their work on the African

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3. Superintendent's Report [available with this agenda item posted on the web]. (continued)

American Student Service celebration that took place at the University of Arizona on May 12th. He also expressed appreciation for the work of Tsuru Baily-Jones and Rincon/University High students on the Asian Pacific American Student Service celebration. He then recognized the work of Maria Figueroa and other Student Services directors in organizing the Mexican American Student Service celebration at Palo Verde. He announced the Native American Student Service celebration would be held the following Saturday (May 17) at Cholla and invited all to attend.

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

Information only

Student Liaison Madison Dodge presented the report. The previous SSAC meeting was filmed for presentation and included highlights from each school and an interview with the Superintendent. She announced that Michelle Howard from Sabino would be SSAC President next year. She expressed appreciation on behalf of all graduating seniors, and for allowing her the opportunity to voice the student perspective at each board meeting. She invited board members to attend the last SSAC meeting of the year which would be on Friday, May 16, at Sabino from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

4. Board Member Activity Reports

Information only.

Mr. Juárez reported on attending student recognition ceremonies for Mexican American students; the Pistor Adopt-a-School Clean Up on Saturday; visits to Sabino and Sahuaro on April 29th; Career Day at McCorkle; Exceptional Education programs at Project M.O.R.E.; the Metropolitan Education Association Crystal Apple Awards; and visits to Pueblo Gardens and Roberts/Naylor.

Ms. Foster reported attending the celebrations for the African American, Mexican American and Asian Pacific American students; the Crystal Apple awards; and the ELI celebration for retiring administrators.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

4. Board Member Activity Reports (continued)

Mr. Hicks mentioned the upcoming Native American Student Service awards program. He indicated he and Ms. Grijalva attended the Partnership meeting; and with Ms. Grijalva and Ms. Foster attended the African American Student Service awards program. He reported that he and Ms. Grijalva attended the dedication of the solar energy project at Marshall Elementary School and expressed appreciation for the Board's support for the project.

Ms. Grijalva reported that in addition to the events Mr. Hicks mentioned, she attended the Tucson Education Association Laurels event which recognizes teachers retiring from the District. She commented on the impressive length of service of many of the retirees.

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| 5. Administrative appointments, reassignments, and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Miller Elementary School | Kristel Foster moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded. |
| Dr. Sanchez recommended Maricella Carranza for the position. | Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 6. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Hollinger K-8 School | Kristel Foster moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded. |
| Dr. Sanchez recommended Marisela Campillo for the position. | Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Roberts Naylor K-8 School | Cam Juárez moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. |
| Dr. Sanchez recommended Jesus Vasquez for the position. | Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 8. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, C.E. Rose K-8 School | Cam Juárez moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. |
| Dr. Sanchez recommended Dora Saldamando for the position. | Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |

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| 9. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Gridley Middle School

Dr. Sanchez recommended Dinah McGlory for the position. | Michael Hicks moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded.
Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 10. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Palo Verde High Magnet School

Dr. Sanchez recommended Jennifer Miller for the position. | Michael Hicks moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded.
Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 11. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Principal, Ochoa Magnet Elementary School

Dr. Sanchez recommended Lydia Gonzales for the position. | Cam Juárez moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded.
Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 12. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Principal, Warren Elementary School

Dr. Sanchez recommended Leslie Ann Mason for the position. | Michael Hicks moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded.
Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 13. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Principal, Booth-Fickett Math/Science Magnet School

Dr. Sanchez recommended Charles Bermudez for the position. | Michael Hicks moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded.
Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 14. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Principal, Safford K-8 Magnet School

Dr. Sanchez recommended Steve Gabaldon for the position. | Kristel Foster moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded.
Approved unanimously in a voice vote. |

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

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| 15. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Principal, Sahuaro High School | Cam Juárez moved approval, Michael Hicks seconded. |
| Dr. Sanchez recommended Roberto Estrella for the position. | Approved |
| Dr. Stegeman commented. | unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 16. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Principal, Catalina High Magnet School | Michael Hicks moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. |
| Dr. Sanchez recommended Kathryn Shaw for the position. | Approved |
| | unanimously in a voice vote. |
| 17. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Assistant Principal, Sabino High School | Cam Juárez moved approval, Michael Hicks seconded. |
| Dr. Sanchez recommended Jill Ronsman for the position. | Approved |
| | unanimously in a voice vote. |

New appointees present in the audience were called forward and congratulated by the Superintendent and Board members.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Adelita Grijalva reviewed the rules and protocol for the Call to the Audience. She announced that 45 minutes would be available for the Call to the Audience.

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

Meghan Severson – Risk Management/Legal actions regarding injury to son at Kellond Elementary School

Gloria Copeland – African American student achievement, discipline and dropouts, and African American administrators

Sylvia Campoy – The Unitary Status Plan and the Curriculum Audit report on implementation

Jamie Cox – Racial disparity in student punishment

Lorraine Richardson – 27:1 Ratio in high school classes

Rev. Elwood J. McDowell – Supervision of African American Studies personnel

Rosalva Meza – Supervision of Principals

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Bradford Robinson – Excessive Suspension of African American Students and Criticism of Board Members for not attending the Legacy of Excellence ceremony

Frances Banales – Summary of Events during the Year under the new Superintendent and Negotiations

Lillian Fox – Endorsement Requirements for ELL Educators

Joyce Green – African American Student Services Department Employees being Supervised by Principals

Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Sequence of Order of Business on the meeting agenda; Implementation of Class Size Initiative

Vivian Hedrington – Undisciplined student behavior on buses, student safety on buses, and retention of drivers

Diana Tolton – Request for a Board Agenda Item regarding Education Support Professional Concerns

The following person did not come forward when her name was called: **Treya Allen**

Board Member Comments

Ms. Foster asked for a report on the Professional Development that has occurred aligned with the student handbook (GSRR).

Dr. Stegeman asked for a summary of policy regulations and contract language for bus drivers.

Mr. Juárez asked for a report on the breakdown in the class size. He further stated he had received no e-mails from the community on any of the issues brought forth tonight.

Mr. Hicks asked for an investigation into whether proper protocols were followed where the speaker claimed information was withheld concerning the Risk Management incident.

Ms. Grijalva commented, in response to the speaker who criticized the Board and Superintendent for not attending the Legacy of Excellence for African American Students, that she only received information the day before. She recommended invitations to events be sent directly Board members whose addresses appear on the TUSD web, or to the Governing Board office which will send them to all Board members.

Dr. Sanchez commented on his attendance at all student recognition events he has been invited to or made aware of.

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Board Member Comments (continued)

Dr. Sanchez also clarified the 27:1 class size initiative and how it is being implemented and funded. [Details are available via the audio recording posted on the TUSD web, beginning at the 1:45 point.]

Ms. Foster asked for a conversation about dual supervision for the Equity Department and Dr. Sanchez responded concerning the current practice in accordance with the ELI Agreement.

Dr. Stegeman requested a summary in writing of the TUSD insurance coverage for incidents such as described in the Call to the Audience.

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

18. Presentation of the Proposed Unitary Status Plan (USP) Budget for 2014-2015 Information only.

Dr. Sanchez asked Ms. Soto to present the item. Using a Power Point presentation Ms. Soto provided information, including timelines for review and adoption of the budget before July 15, 2014. [Details are available via agenda items and recordings posted on the TUSD web.]

Ms. Soto responded to Dr. Stegeman's inquiry regarding whether the Plaintiffs have reviewed the timelines. Sam Brown provided further information concerning the Plaintiffs' review and responded to Mr. Juárez', Dr. Stegeman's and Ms. Foster's questions concerning the deadlines. He stated the District is on target to meet the deadlines.

19. Presentation of Efficiency Audit Findings Information only.

Yousef Awwad introduced the item and Greg Gibson, the consultant for the efficiency audit. Mr. Gibson acknowledged the cooperation and support of District staff in performance of the audit, particularly Cheryl Kellum for her efforts in scheduling and coordinating the interviews. He introduced his project team – Cheyanne Rolf, Ali Taylan, Laurie Gilmer, and Linda Cherrington.

Using Power Point Mr. Gibson and the team members presented the report, findings and recommendations of the efficiency audit. [Details are available via agenda items and recordings posted on the TUSD web. The efficiency audit is posted on the TUSD web.]

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

19. Presentation of Efficiency Audit Findings (continued)

Dr. Sanchez commented on the crossover of recommendations between the Curriculum and Efficiency audits and the leadership that would be required to make tough decisions to change the status quo and move past ineffective practices to make improvement. He stated there was no expectation of additional funding from the State and his commitment to fulfill the requirements of his position as Superintendent.

Ms. Foster expressed appreciation to the consultants for their work and commented on the effect of the decrease in Legislative support for public education.

Dr. Stegeman expressed appreciation for Dr. Sanchez' commissioning the audit and that he would defer questions until he had an opportunity to read the entire report.

In response to Mr. Hicks' inquiry regarding busing for open enrollment students, Dr. Sanchez clarified busing is providing for open-enrolled students living within TUSD boundaries contingent upon improving diversity at the receiving school, but not for students who do not live within TUSD boundaries.

Mr. Hicks commented regarding inadvisability of the recommendation to close schools as a long range plan. He also suggested the MMP (maintenance management program) be recommended district wide rather than for a particular area. Mr. Taylan responded to Mr. Hicks' inquiry for clarification of the recommendation for a Project Manager in IT. In response to Mr. Hicks question if the Report would be posted on the TUSD web, Dr. Sanchez stated it would be. Mr. Gibson provided additional information and recommendation concerning prospective increased enrollment. Mr. Hicks expressed appreciation for the work involved by the consultants and District staff.

Dr. Sanchez commented on project management that will be done regarding the revision of job descriptions, and the work being done in the strategic plan regarding facilities management.

Mr. Gibson responded to Mr. Juárez inquiry whether use planning was being considered.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

19. Presentation of Efficiency Audit Findings (continued)

Ms. Grijalva commented that she planned to read the report.

She then suggested a short break until 9:30 p.m.

RECESS REGULAR MEETING – 9:16 p.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 9:28 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Sanchez asked for Ms. Sokol to provide clarification on Consent Agenda Item 20(k). She explained it is about the Lunch Equity Rule which is intended for equity in school districts across the nation in covering costs for paid lunches for students. She, Mr. Awwad and Dr. Sanchez responded to questions by Ms. Grijalva and Mr. Hicks.

Dr. Stegeman asked about the expiration date for Consent Agenda Item 20(o). Dr. Vega responded.

Dr. Stegeman asked about the increase in Consent Agenda Item 20(r). Dr. Sanchez responded.

Dr. Stegeman asked about Consent Agenda Items 20(i) and 20(j). Dr. Sanchez responded.

Dr. Sanchez recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

20. a) Salaried Critical Need and Replacement Hires
b) Hourly Critical Need and Replacement Hires
c) Substitute New Hires
d) Salaried Separations
e) Hourly Separations
f) Substitute Separations
g) Requests for Leave of Absence for Certified Personnel
h) Requests for Leave of Absence for Classified Personnel
i) Adoption of Supplementary Materials for High Schools for School Year 2014-2015 – Silent Spring
j) Approval of Supplemental Materials for Dietz K-8 for Classroom Libraries

Michael Hicks moved approval of the Consent Agenda Items 20(a-v), Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 20. k) Lunch Price Increases for Paying Lunch Program Participants for the SY2014-2015 as Required by Public Law 111-296 "Section 205 "Equity in School Lunch Pricing" for the National School Lunch Program
- l) National School Lunch Program Agreement between St. Ambrose Catholic School and Tucson Unified School District effective August 7, 2014 through May 29, 2014, with the Authorization for the Food Services Director to execute the Agreement
- m) Cost Reimbursable Agreement with Flowing Wells Unified School District for Tucson Unified School District to Provide Science Curriculum and Professional Development Resources to the Teachers and Students of Flowing Wells Unified School District, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017
- n) Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and University Physicians Healthcare for Physician Professional Services, July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, with Authorization for the Director of School Health Services to Execute the Agreement
- o) Intergovernmental Agreement between University of Arizona's College of Education and Tucson Unified School District for the Administrative Internship Program (AIP), with Authorization for the Superintendent to Execute the Agreement
- p) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona for the Visiting Professor Program for the 2014-2015 Academic Year, with authorization for the Superintendent to Execute the Agreement (Donna M. Rishor)
- q) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona for the Visiting Professor Program for the 2014-2015 Academic Year, with authorization for the Superintendent to Execute the Agreement (Joline M. Riddle)
- r) Approval to Increase Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 14-18-18 – Temporary Staffing Services, awarded on June 11, 2013 in an amount up to \$550,000/year, for an increase of \$400,000, to bring the total annual expenditure authority to \$950,000/year currently and for subsequent years

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 20. s) Award of Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 15-22-19 – Yearbook and Related Services, awarded to Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co., Jostens Lifetouch Yearbooks, Taylor Publishing Company DBA Balfour Publishing, and Walsworth Yearbooks, in the amount of \$500,000/year, \$2.5m for five years.
- t) Acceptance of the Summary of Student Activity Funds for the Period of July 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014
- u) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning April 1, 2014 and Ending April 30, 2014
- v) Memorandum of Understanding between University of Arizona’s College of Education and Tucson Unified School District for the Masters of Education in Educational Leadership (EDL) and Principal Certification Program with Authorization for the Superintendent to Execute the Agreement

RECESS REGULAR MEETING – 9:46 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – Final Revision of FY 2013-2014 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905

- 1. Presentation of the budget revision by TUSD staff
- 2. Any person can ask for an explanation of the budget
- 3. Further Explanation of the budget by TUSD staff if necessary

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 No. BDAA – *Procedures for Governing Board Members*

Dr. Sanchez asked Ms. Soto to make the presentation on the budget revision. Using Power Point Ms. Soto presented information as required for revision of the budget. **[Details available via agenda items and recordings posted on the TUSD web.]**

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PUBLIC HEARING – Final Revision of FY 2013-2014 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905 (continued)

She and Mr. Awwad responded to inquiries by Dr. Stegeman.

There were no persons wishing to speak during the Public Hearing.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING – 10:00 p.m.

Consideration of extending the meeting beyond the 10:00 p.m. curfew in accordance with Governing Board Policy BDAA – *Procedures for Governing Board Members* was addressed.

Cam Juárez moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

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21. Final Revision of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget, in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905

Michael Hicks moved approval, Kristel Foster seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

Dr. Sanchez recommended approval as submitted.

22. Partial Payment of Court Ordered Attorney Fees in the Fisher/Mendoza Lawsuit

Kristel Foster moved approval of \$500,000, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

Dr. Sanchez provided information that \$500,000 was budgeted to pay for Plaintiffs' attorney and did not cover expenses incurred by the Special Master and his experts. He also stated that a request had been made by the Plaintiffs' attorneys for fees of \$2.2m up through February. He recommended that the Board authorize to pay \$500,000 to the Fishers' and Mendozas' attorneys.

Mr. Hicks commented that he felt this was absurd and was taking money away from students.

Ms. Grijalva inquired about the District's legal fees. Dr. Sanchez responded that the District is incurring fees by external legal counsel in responding to disagreements by the two Plaintiffs on how the USP is being implemented, because internal legal counsel cannot address all the work sufficiently. Ms. Grijalva asked that more information be provided for the benefit of showing the community what the costs are.

Ms. Foster asked for clarification on what is being budgeted annually for attorneys' fees. Dr. Sanchez responded that this \$500,000 is just for the Fisher and Mendoza attorneys.

Mr. Juárez commented and asked how the District's external counsel is being paid. Dr. Sanchez responded that attorneys' fees are being paid from the deseg fund, but staff work is not paid from deseg.

Ms. Grijalva asked more updates to the Board on this matter.

Dr. Stegeman inquired about the \$2.2m request by Plaintiffs' attorneys. Ms. Tolleson provided clarification on the period covered by the \$2.2m. Dr. Sanchez provided clarification on the division of the payment between the attorneys for the two Plaintiffs.

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23. Governing Board Policy JFB – *Enrollment and School Choice*

The item was pulled from the agenda. No Action.

Dr. Sanchez stated the item would be brought back at a later date to address the deadline for applications for open enrollment.

24. Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Legislative Proposals

Michael Hicks moved approval, Cam Juárez seconded. Approved unanimously in a voice vote.

Ms. Foster offered the following legislative priorities with the exception of the one offered by Dr. Stegeman.

Long-Term Issues (5-10 years)

- Uphold preservation of local control
- Revise the school finance formula to adequately fund schools
- Implement equity with charter schools – make competition work for all
- Advocate for the 200-day school year and increase funding (offered by Dr. Stegeman)

Short-Term Issues (3-5 years)

- Restore K-12 funding to 2007 level
- Fund full-day Kindergarten
- Restore facilities funding

2015 Session-Specific Issues

- Establish a statewide minimum salary for teachers
- Establish a new model for ELL (4-hr block)
- PARRC Testing – technology and funding

Mr. Juárez, Ms. Grijalva and Mr. Hicks commented.

Kristel Ann Foster was selected to represent the Governing Board at the ASBA Delegate Assembly.

Mr. Juárez agreed to serve as an alternate in the event Ms. Foster cannot attend. Ms. Foster clarified that all board members can attend and she encouraged all board members to participate.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEM

25. Agreement with Pepper Viner Investment Company II, LLC, for the Purchase of the Former Wrightstown Elementary School, with Authorization for the Acting Director for Planning and Student Assignment to Execute the Agreement

The item was pulled from the agenda. No Action.

Ms. Grijalva announced this item would be coming back at a later date.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Hicks asked for an item to revisit Policy BEDBA regarding when agenda items and materials should be given to the board. The Policy currently states the Board will receive information four days prior to the meeting. He would like to set a “drop dead” for items to be added to the agenda, and any items submitted after that date be held until the next meeting.

Mr. Hicks thanked the Board regarding action items being addressed earlier on the agenda.

Dr. Stegeman proposed three items:

1. An item on the recommendation for an internal auditor
2. A resolution setting a timetable for staff to address items recommended in the audit. Dr. Vega explained this would be part of the strategic plan presented in July.
3. To revisit and revise Policy BEDBA every six months.

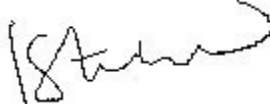
Dr. Sanchez introduced the new Chief Operations Officer Stuart Duncan who commented.

Mr. Juárez acknowledged the work of Candy Egbert and other principals and staff who are leaving the District at the end of the school year.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:32 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2015.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____

Kristel Ann Foster, Clerk
Governing Board

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