

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

**May 17, 2011  
4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Mark Stegeman, President  
Judy Burns, Clerk  
Miguel Cuevas, Member [arrived at 4:30 p.m.]  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member  
Michael Hicks, Member

**Also Present :**

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Maria Menconi, Ed.D., Interim Deputy Superintendent  
Adrienne Sanchez, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer  
John Gay, Chief Information Officer  
Candy Egbert, Interim Chief Operations Officer  
Sam Brown, Legal Counsel  
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research  
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership  
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Leadership  
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership  
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach  
Richard Gastellum, Director, High School Leadership  
Donna Lewis, Director, Middle School Leadership  
Holly Colonna, Director, Counseling and Guidance  
Jeffrey Coleman, Director, School Safety  
Bryant Nodine, Program Manager, Planning and MIS  
Marion Pickens, League of Women Voters  
Carol West, League of Women Voters  
Bob Casillas, Managing Director, Stone and Youngberg  
John Howe, Principal, Carson Middle School  
Scott Backus, Director, Alternative Education  
Dr. Don Enz, Advance Education, Arizona Department of Education  
Rex Averett, Retired Administrator  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board  
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association  
Marivel Roybal, President-elect, Tucson Education Association  
Andrew Kent, President, Educational Leaders, Inc.  
Alexis Huicochea, *Arizona Daily Star*  
TV Channels 4, 9, 11 and 13

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 4:01 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Schedule an executive meeting at this time to consider the following matters –
  - A. Student matters pursuant to A.R.S. §§15-342, 15-521, and 15-843; A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(2) (consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection); legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1) Hearing Officer’s Recommendation
  - B. Legal advice/instruction to attorney pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 Subsections (A)(3) and (A)(4)
    - 1) A.R.S. §15-112 (formerly HB 2281)
    - 2) Roy Fisher, et al. v. Tucson Unified School District, et al. – United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit Case No. 10-15407 (Fisher-Mendoza)
    - 3) Board Leadership
  - C. 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

Judy Burns moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved 4-0. Miguel Cuevas was not present for the vote.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED** – 4:02 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED** – 6:11 p.m.

## ITEM

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Michael Hicks led the Pledge of Allegiance

### ACTION ITEM

2. Closure of Carson Middle School including Recommendations on K-8 Schools and Boundary Changes for the 2011-2012 School Year in the Southeast Area

Adelita Grijalva moved to not close Carson and move the Utterback Annex back to Carson; Judy Burns seconded.

John Pedicone introduced this item with Candy Egbert and Bryant Nodine providing additional information via PowerPoint.

Judy Burns offered a friendly amendment to include changing the Dunham School boundaries but withdrew it after further discussion.

Judy Burns, John Pedicone, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, Bryant Nodine, Adelita Grijalva, Maggie Shafer, Jim Fish, Candy Egbert and Michael Hicks participated in a lengthy discussion that included pros and cons for closure, the role of K-8 schools, conditions and/or criteria for recommending closure, enrollment data, movement of annexes, etc.

Ms. Grijalva's original motion was approved unanimously.

Candy Egbert and Bryant Nodine presented additional information related to the annexes. Michael Hicks, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman made additional comments.

Judy Burns made a motion to move the Wheeler Annex to Marshall, the Marshall Annex to Dunham, and the Soleng Tom Annex(es) to Dunham; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 3-2. Adelita Grijalva and Mark Stegeman voted no.

John Pedicone recommended addressing Item No. 6 at this time.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Presentation on Charter Schools [addressed out of sequence]

Information only.  
No action required.

Marion Pickens, Carol West and Donna Lewis presented information to the Board. Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva and John Pedicone participated in the discussion.

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John Pedicone recommended addressing Item No. 10 at this time.

### STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

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| 10. Alternative Education Re-Design Due to Accreditation and Instructional Minutes [addressed out of sequence] | Studied only.<br>No action taken. |
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Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Don Enz, Scott Backus and John Pedicone presented information and responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks. The discussion centered on proposed changes in Alternative Education related to the instructional minutes requirement and accreditation standards.

### INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

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| 3. Update on Bond Refinancing | Information only.<br>No action required. |
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Adrienne Sanchez and Bob Casillas provided an update on TUSD bond refinancing and responded to comments from Judy Burns and Mark Stegeman.

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| 4. Update on E-Rate Status and Progress of the WAN Implementation | Information only.<br>No action required. |
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John Gay provided the Board with an update on the e-rate status and the progress of the WAN implementation. Mr. Gay responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Michael Hicks, and John Pedicone.

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| 5. Lawson Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Systems Update | Information only.<br>No action required. |
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The Lawson ERP Systems update was provided by John Gay. Mark Stegeman and Michael Hicks commented.

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| 6. Presentation on Charter Schools | Addressed out of sequence following Item No. 2 (above). |
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**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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| 7. | b) | Appointment of a Hearing Officer to Hold a Hearing on Notice of Intention to Dismiss Certified Teacher [Martin Villa]  | Michael Hicks moved approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 7(b) and (c); Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously. |
|    | c) | Agreement between TUSD and Tutor.com to provide on-line professional development to Algebra I teachers, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute documents |   |

Mark Stegeman asked that Consent Agenda Item No. 7(a) be considered separately.

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| 7. | a) | Purchases from Cooperative Purchasing Contracts for New K-8 School that Exceed \$250,000 | Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Item No. 7(a); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no. |
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In response to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman, John Gay provided additional information.

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| Consideration of extending the meeting beyond the 10:00 p.m. curfew in accordance with Governing Board Policy BDAA – <i>Procedures for Governing Board Members</i> | Judy Burns moved to extend the meeting to 10:15 p.m.; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS** (continued)

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| 8. | Board Leadership – Requested by Board Clerk Judy Burns | Not addressed. |
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**ITEM**

**ACTION**

9. Naming of the New PreK-8 School

Mark Stegeman made opening comments. Others participating in the discussion were Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, John Pedicone, Miguel Cuevas, and Donna Lewis. Subsequent to the motion to name the school after Mary Belle McCorkle, there was discussion about the tag line (name ending) for the school, e.g., academy, center for excellence, etc. as well as other possible names. It was determined that the principal and parents/community committee would submit a tag-line recommendation to the Board at a later date.

Judy Burns moved to name the school after Mary Belle McCorkle; Miguel Cuevas seconded.

Judy Burns offered to change her motion to name the school Mary Belle McCorkle Academy. Following further discussion, the original motion remained.

Mark Stegeman made a substitute motion to call the school Adelante. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Mark Stegeman made a substitute motion to name the school after Cecilia Avalos. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Original motion was approved 3-2. Michael Hicks and Mark Stegeman voted no.

10. Alternative Education Re-design due to Accreditation and Instructional Minutes

Addressed out of sequence prior to Item No. 3 above.

11. TUSD Strategic Facilities Plan for School Year 2011-2012 Update on Implementation

Not addressed.

13. Report of the Subcommittee on Policies [addressed out of sequence]

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org)

a) Governing Board Policy Code No. AC – *Anti-Discrimination* (revision)

Judy Burns moved approval of Item Nos. 13 (a) and (b); Michael Hicks seconded.

b) Governing Board Policy Code No. ACA – *Sexual Harassment* (revision)

Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas provided a quick summary of the revisions to these policies. Judy Burns commented.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

12. Recommendations for the Establishment of K-8 Schools for 2011-2012 School Year [addressed out of sequence]

Mark Stegeman moved to make Lawrence a 3-8 school.

John Pedicone, Candy Egbert, and Bryant Nodine presented information and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas and Michael Hicks. Maggie Shafer also commented.

Following additional discussion, it was determined that Michael Hicks would move to convert Lawrence to a 3-8 school; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:32 p.m.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Hicks, Clerk  
Governing Board

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