

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

**June 23, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Judy Burns, President
Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Miguel Cuevas, Member [arrived at 5:48 p.m.]
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member

Also Present :

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer
Nancy Woll, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Maggie Shafer, Chief Academic Officer, Team 2
Jim Fish, Chief Academic Officer, Team 4
Steve Holmes, Chief Academic Officer, Team 5
Chandra Givens, Chief Negotiator and Labor Relations Director, Employee Relations
Leon George, Director of Purchasing
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology Services
Stuart Baker, Director, Distance Learning
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, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Pernela Jones, Executive Director, Tucson Education Association
Rhonda Bodfield, *Arizona Daily Star*

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:34 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 – | Mark Stegeman moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-0. Miguel Cuevas was not present for the vote. |
| 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 Status Plan | |
| 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) Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers | |

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 5:35 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED– 6:59 p.m.

Prior to addressing other agenda items, Judy Burns announced that Agenda Item No. 12 - *Establishment of a General Liability Trust Fund* was being removed from the agenda and would not be addressed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| 2. Presentation on Instructional Budget Reductions for 2010 | Information only.
No action required. |
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Following introductory comments by Liz Fagen, Maggie Shafer presented information on instructional budget reductions for next year. Liz Fagen, Maggie Shafer, Jim Fish and Leon George responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas, and Judy Burns.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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| 3. | a) | Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-06-14 – Workers’ Compensation & Liability: Third Party Administration to TriStar Risk Management in a multi-term contract with renewal options through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$194,367.00 | Bruce Burke moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No. 3 (a-c); Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| | b) | Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-07-14 – Treatment of Occupational Injuries & Medical Examinations to Concentra, Tucson Occupational Medicine and MBI Occupational Healthcare in a multi-term contract with renewal options through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$433,300.00 | |
| | c) | Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-08-14 – Comprehensive Insurance Program and Broker Services to Willis of Arizona in a multi-term contract with renewal options through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$1,418,104.00 | |

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately: Miguel Cuevas, Item No. 3(d)

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| 3. | d) | Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-04-12 – Lobbyist Services to Polito Associates for a multi-term contract not to exceed three consecutive fiscal years beginning 2009-2010 and ending June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$60,000.00 annually. | Miguel Cuevas moved approval of Consent Agenda Item No. 3(d); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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Liz Fagen responded to a question from Miguel Cuevas.

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| 4. | Approval of the Notice for the <i>Truth in Taxation Public Hearing</i> (Proposed FY 2009-2010 Budget) | Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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- Liz Fagen and Bonnie Betz commented briefly.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

5. FY 2009-2010 Tucson Unified School District
Proposed Budget and Presentation

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

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

6. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, Jefferson Park Elementary School

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

Liz Fagen recommended David Dodge and responded to a question from Miguel Cuevas.

7. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, Sam Hughes Elementary School

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

Liz Fagen recommended Janet Jordan.

8. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal Sewell Elementary School

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

Liz Fagen recommended Kerry Varga.

9. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Principal, Roskruge K-8 (Elementary and Middle Magnet) School

Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen recommended Jose Olivas. Miguel Cuevas commented.

10. Administrative appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Chief Operations Officer

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

Liz Fagen recommended Joseph (Jay) Johnston.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

11. Administrative appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs and Community Outreach

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

Liz Fagen recommended Maria (Lupita) Garcia for a two-year contract. Miguel Cuevas commented.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

12. Establishment of a General Liability Trust Fund

Removed from agenda. No action taken.

13. Consider, and If Deemed Advisable, to Order and Call a Budget Override Election to Be Held in and for the Tucson Unified School District on November 3, 2009

Miguel Cuevas moved to adopt resolution ordering 6% M&O budget override and a \$9 million capital override; Bruce Burke seconded.

Liz Fagen presented background information on the process that brought staff to the point of recommending that the Governing Board call for a three percent Maintenance and Operation (M&O) budget override and a \$9 million technology capital override. The three percent M&O would restore some of the cuts to the schools and assure all-day kindergarten in all elementary schools.

Following discussion, Bruce Burke, as second to the motion, suggested as a compromise a 7% M&O budget override (\$18,448,753.00 levy) along with the \$9 million capital override; Miguel Cuevas as maker of the original motion agreed. The amended motion was approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

Each board member shared personal comments about the rationale for their individual votes. Overall, discussion topics included the pros and cons of calling for an override election; the effect of current and future State budget cuts to public education, and the resulting cuts to TUSD school sites; the fact that Arizona ranks near or at the bottom of educational funding per student across the United States; the tax impact on home and business owners; the per pupil funding increase with a successful override; and the development of a community oversight group to assure accountability in spending.

Bonnie Betz commented briefly and Rob Ross provided legal advice.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

14. Governing Board Subcommittee on Ends Results Report Studied only.
No action taken.

Mark Stegeman provided a brief report followed by comments from Bruce Burke and Judy Burns.

15. Governing Board Subcommittee on Policies Report

- a) Policy Code No. IKAB – *Report Cards/Progress Reports* (revision) Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas and Rob Ross commented.

- b) Policy Code No. IJNAA – *Curriculum Design* (elimination) Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns commented.

- c) Policy Code No. IJNAB – *Curriculum Guides* (elimination) Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas commented briefly.


- d) Policy No. 5502/Code No. IHAE – *Student Absences from Physical Education Classes Due to Illness or Injury* (elimination) Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Miguel Cuevas commented.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:01 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of November, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 

Mark Stegeman, Clerk
Governing Board