

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

**August 11, 2009
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

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

Also Present:

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer
Jay Johnston, Chief Operations Officer
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools
James Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools
Lupita Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
Chandra Givens, Chief Negotiator and Labor Relations Director, Employee Relations
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology Services
Kathy Prather, Director, Career and Technical Education
Dan Erickson, Principal, Steele Elementary School
Don Haskell, Executive Director, Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF)
Del Arvaya, President, Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF) Board of Directors
Michael Block, Metro Water District
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
Eleanor Fowler, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Rhonda Bodfield, Arizona Daily Star
TV Channel 4

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Stegeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

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Judy Burns requested that those present observe a moment of silence in honor of Bill Estes who passed away this week. Bill was a long-time friend of TUSD.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Liz Fagen reported that even with a \$40 million reduction in funding from the State of Arizona, TUSD is prepared for students to return to school. Dr. Fagen stated that she and members of her staff will be visiting school sites on the first day.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas mentioned that he and Judy Burns went to the Technology Oversight Committee meeting; he also stated that he plans to visit Sabino High School and Collier, Wrightstown and Henry Elementary Schools during the first week of school.

Bruce Burke reported that he attended Tucson's Best Wing Fest in support of the Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF) and that it was an overwhelming success.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

George Puckett – The dramatic changes in TUSD and the world; a reminder that students are the true constituents;

Kathleen Arterberry – Daughter's transportation to Carson; requesting a return call from administration regarding a bus schedule;

Luci Messing – Concerns about public comments at last board meeting regarding bargaining in good faith and comments about extension of bargaining agreements;

Marivel Roybal – Bargaining with employee groups;

Debra Batten – Relationship between pay and job duties;

Vicki Dawson – Fiscal responsibility in TUSD;

Dan Ireland – Impact of Board decisions on employees;

Mitch Dorsan – Urged Board to strengthen all TUSD schools as opposed to proposed expansion of University High School;

Phil Brenfleck – Experience of TUSD students in China; need for a director of Pan Asian Studies.

Miguel Cuevas requested an update from the Superintendent on Kathleen Arterberry's situation after staff follow-up.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

1. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Eleanor Fowler announced that the district-level SCPC meeting will be held August 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Governing Board Room. Meeting topics include discussion on development of SCPC into a 21st century organization and on planning for the orientation meeting, which will be held on September 21, 2009, when Dr. Fagen will be the keynote speaker.

2. Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Don Haskell shared EEF's purpose via video presentation and responded to board member comments. Del Arvayo emphasized that those involved in EEF truly care about children and want to continue to build the partnership with TUSD. Miguel Cuevas (also a member of the Educational Enrichment Foundation Board of Directors), Bruce Burke and Judy Burns expressed thanks to Don and Del for their work through EEF.

CONSENT AGENDA

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- a) Salaried new hires
 - b) Hourly new hires
 - c) New hires for Food Services Department
 - d) Salaried changes
 - e) Hourly changes
 - f) Teachers hired through teacher pool process for the 2009-2010 school year
 - g) Addendum to contract list for members of the Tucson Education Association (TEA) Bargaining Unit (MBU) for the 2009-2010 school year approved by the Board May 26, 2009
 - h) Salaried separations
 - i) Hourly separations
 - j) Separations for Food Services Department
 - k) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel
 - l) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
 - m) Funding Award for the Department of Defense Activity's Grant for Borman Elementary School, with authorization for the Contracts Manager to execute any documents necessary to effect the purposes of this Award

Adelita Grijalva moved approval of the Consent Agenda; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

3. n) Funding Proposal – U.S. Department of Education: *Teaching American History Grant Award* (no cost one-year extension), with authorization for the Contracts Manager to execute documents necessary to effect the purposes of the Funding Agreement
- o) Intergovernmental Agreement between Cochise County Community College District and Tucson Unified School District for support of the Catalina Magnet High School Aviation Program, 2009-2010 SY, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the Agreement
- p) Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County Joint Technological Education District (JTED) and Tucson Unified School District for lease of space at Santa Rita High School to facilitate offering evening central JTED classes for the SY 2009-2010, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute IGA
- q) Educational Affiliation Agreement between the University of Northern Colorado College of Natural and Health Sciences and Tucson Unified School District No. 1, July 16, 2009 through July 15, 2014, with authorization for the Director of Health Services to execute the Agreement
- r) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09-136-12 – Special Audit Services, effective August 2009 for a three-year period, awarded to Heinfeld, Meech and Co. in the amount of \$74,500 over the three years
- s) Award of Construction Contract – Phase II Lighting Retrofit for 15 schools (bond) – Banks, Bloom, Davis, Gale, Menlo Park, Myers/Ganoung, Warren and Wright Elementary Schools; Carson, Doolen, Safford, Utterback and Valencia Middle Schools; and Palo Verde Magnet and Sahuaro High Schools, awarded to Thunderbird Mountain Facilities Performance Services through a TCPN (The Cooperative Purchasing Network) contract in the amount of \$852,000.00 base bid and a contingency of \$85,000.00, for a total of \$937,000.00
- t) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
- 1) Regular Board Meeting, February 10, 2009
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, February 24, 2009
 - 3) Regular Board Meeting, March 10, 2009

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

3. u) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning July 1, 2009, and ending July 31, 2009

Liz Fagen recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Judy Burns announced that Agenda Item No. 14 was being pulled from the agenda. Liz Fagen explained that the Agenda Committee will be asked to place this item on the next August meeting agenda. In response to an inquiry from Judy Burns, Rob Ross provided legal advice.

RECESS REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:48 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – Revision of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905

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 No. BDAA – Procedures for Governing Board Members*

Liz Fagen indicated that the requested change in the adopted budget is to reflect the two percent State educational budget increase. In addition, Bonnie Betz noted that the change is also a result of an 85 percent decrease in soft capital.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Revision of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget in accordance with A.R.S. §15-905 (continued)

The following individual spoke at the Public Hearing regarding the budget revision: **Mary Schiltz**

RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 7:51 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Revision of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget in Accordance with A.R.S. §15-905

Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

Liz Fagen provided further explanation and stated that the State budget increase will take TUSD from a \$46 million reduction to a \$40.3 million reduction. She reminded everyone that the State budget is likely to change further.

Bonnie Betz provided additional explanation of the revision and responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke and Judy Burns.

5. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Interim Principal, Borton Primary/Holladay Intermediate Magnet Schools

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen introduced Maggie Shafer who provided information on the process used with both site councils for filling the position of interim principal for Borton and Holladay. Liz Fagen recommended Carolyn Eldridge as Interim Principal for this school year only. Miguel Cuevas and Adelita Grijalva commented and/or asked questions.

6. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Director of Middle Schools

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

Liz Fagen recommended Donna Lewis.

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ACTION ITEMS (continued)

7. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Director of Mexican American Studies
- Liz Fagen recommended Sean Arce. Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman commented.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 3-2. Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas voted no.
8. Resolution Supporting Improvements in TUSD Technology
- Liz Fagen commented that she and Mark Stegeman have been working together on this document. Dr. Stegeman provided further explanation of the document and read the resolution as a motion.
- Mark Stegeman moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.
9. TUSD Governing Board Audit Committee Charter – Amendment
- Rob Ross explained that the proposed changes were related to appointments and terms of service on the committee. Mark Stegeman commented briefly.
- Mark Stegeman moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.
10. Reappoint Members to the TUSD Governing Board Audit Committee
- Mark Stegeman commented briefly and moved to reappoint Clifford Altfeld and Sandra Parker to the Audit Committee for two-year terms.
- Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

11. Increase Membership on the TUSD Technology Oversight Committee
- Judy Burns briefly explained the process for coming to the recommendation to increase the number of members on this Committee. Mark Stegeman moved to (1) expand the number of community members from five to seven, (2) allow the two student members of the Committee to have voting privileges and (3) define “student” as a current student or recent graduate.
- Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Rob Ross provided legal advice. Adelita Grijalva and Miguel Cuevas commented and/or asked questions.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

12. Appoint Additional Member(s) to the TUSD Technology Oversight Committee

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

Judy Burns made introductory comments. Mark Stegeman nominated John Paul Velasquez as a student member for a one-year term and Theodore Gomez and Harry McGregor for two-year terms.

13. Continuation of Incentives for Hard-to-Fill Positions and the "Grow Our Own!" Agreement, with Authorization for the Human Resources Recruiter to Execute Agreements with employees.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen commented briefly.

14. Incentives for Hard-to-Staff Schools – Hohokam and Valencia Middle Schools

Not addressed. Removed from Agenda.

STUDY ITEMS

15. Settlement Agreement Re Proposal from Metro Water to Purchase a Portion of Land and to Establish an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tucson Unified School District at Fruchthendler Elementary School, with Authorization for the MIS and Planning Program Manager to Execute the Settlement Agreement

Studied only. No action taken.

Liz Fagen made introductory comments and responded to questions from board members. Jay Johnston provided additional information and he and Bonnie Betz provided responses to board members' comments. Michael Block also addressed the Board.

Bruce Burke, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns commented and/or asked questions.

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STUDY ITEMS (continued)

- 16. Utilization of Tax Credit Funds for Extracurricular Time in Kindergarten to Support Student Development

Studied only.
No action taken.

Liz Fagen commented briefly. Maggie Shafer provided the rationale for this item and presented an overview of the process that would be used. Dan Erickson offered additional information in response to board members' questions. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, Miguel Cuevas and Bruce Burke commented and/or asked questions.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Adelita Grijalva requested that an item similar to Agenda Item No. 16 be brought to the Board for action at its next meeting on August 25, 2009.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 8:46 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of November, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
 Mark Stegeman, Clerk
 Governing Board

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