

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

**September 13, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Miguel Cuevas, President
Judy Burns, Clerk
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Michael Hicks, Member
Mark Stegeman, Member

Also Present:

John Pedicone, Ph.D., Superintendent
Martha Durkin, Lead Legal Counsel
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, High School Leadership
Jim Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle School Leadership
Maggie Shafer, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary School Leadership
Lupita Garcia, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach
Nancy Woll, Chief Human Resources Officer
Yousef Awwad, Chief Financial Officer
John Gay, Chief Information Officer
Vivian "Candy" Egbert, Chief Operations Officer
Sean Arce, Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies
Clarice Clash, Director, High School Leadership
Donna Lewis, Director, Middle School Leadership
Jeffrey Coleman, Director, School Safety, and Staff
Elizabeth Redondo, Principal, Mary Belle McCorkle School
Ruben Diaz, Principal, Wakefield Middle School
Nicholas Prychodko, Assistant Principal, Wakefield Middle School
Jose Olivas, Principal, Roskrige Middle School
Marcos Quijada, Principal, Roberts/Naylor Middle School
Joan Gilbert, Program Coordinator, Science Resource Center
Corky Poster, Frost, Mirto Inc.
Emiliano Felix, Student, Mary Belle McCorkle School
David Romero, Student, Mary Belle McCorkle School
Joe Salkowski, President, Educational Enrichment Foundation
Lissa Gibbs, Executive Director, Educational Enrichment Foundation
Jimmy Stewart, Retired Meteorologist
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Leo Masursky, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Alexis Huicochea, [Arizona Daily Star](#)
TV Channel 11

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:34 p.m.

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas announced that Item No. 1 would be addressed immediately following *Board Member Activity Reports*. Further, he stated that Item No. 3 would be addressed after *Call to the Audience* but later clarified that Item No. 6 (rather than No. 3), would be addressed out of sequence immediately following *Call to the Audience*.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mark Stegeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

John Pedicone presented his report that included information on the district's staff development process, an update on work with Arizona Department of Education related to the Title I expenditure disallowance, and a recognition of David Scott related to the *Unsung Heroes Project*.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECESSED – 6:39 p.m.

The meeting was recessed because of a live streaming issue.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECONVENED – 6:45 p.m.

In light of the fact that live streaming was not operational at this point, Miguel Cuevas asked Martha Durkin to comment about legal issues. Ms. Durkin advised that, since the district is not legally required to live stream, the meeting could proceed and that a recording would likely be available tomorrow.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Judy Burns mentioned attending the TUSD opening-of-school assembly. She also spoke at a workshop on how schools can be more welcoming to parents.

Michael Hicks reported attending a Sahuaro/Santa Rita high school football game.

Adelita Grijalva mentioned that her daughter is attending Miles School. Ms. Grijalva also reported that she visited Ochoa and McCorkle schools.

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BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS (continued)

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas stated that with his recent election, he became the youngest Governing Board President. Further, he mentioned that he visited McCorkle School, went to Phoenix to learn more about an A-D grading system, and attended a Jamboree football game/tournament that included Cholla, Pueblo, Sahuaro, and Tucson High Magnet Schools.

INFORMATION ITEM

1. Presentation on the Jimmy Stewart Weather Bus

Information only.
No action required.

Joan Gilbert and Jimmy Stewart presented information about the purpose of the weather bus. Miguel Cuevas commented.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

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

Nicole Hopkins – Use of Van Horne School facility;

Charles Collingwood – Equity in the district;

Erin Leahey – Use of Jefferson Park School facility;

Maria Burt – Class changes at Mansfeld;

Laura Leighton – Mexican-American Studies issues;

Kim Merson – Use of Van Horne School facility;

Debbie Niwa – International Baccalaureate education issues;

Paul Mackey – Item No. 5(o) on tonight's agenda.

Judy Burns commented.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Assignment of Official Name for New Mary Belle McCorkle Pre K-8 School [addressed out of sequence]

Adelita Grijalva moved to name the school Mary Belle McCorkle Academy of Excellence K-8; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved 4-1. Mark Stegeman voted no.

John Pedicone, Donna Lewis, Elizabeth Redondo, Emiliano Felix and David Romero presented findings of a community survey related to name-ending possibilities for McCorkle School. Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Mark Stegeman, Michael Hicks, Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

2. Annual Report on the Educational Enrichment Foundation
Information only.
No action required.
Joe Salkowski and Lissa Gibbs presented the annual report and responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks and John Pedicone.
3. Presentation on Middle Schools Making a Difference
Information only.
No action required.
John Pedicone, Jim Fish, Jose Olivas, Marcos Quijada, Ruben Diaz, and Nicholas Prychodko presented information on various middle schools and participated in a lengthy discussion with Board Members Miguel Cuevas, Adelita Grijalva, Michael Hicks, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns.
4. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report
Information only.
No action required.
Leo Masursky presented a brief report that highlighted the upcoming orientation meeting; SCPC logo for the year: *TUSD – Together Unique, Strong and Dynamic*; and an SCPC prioritization exercise consistent with TUSD’s priorities.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECESSED – 8:33 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECONVENED – 8:43 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. b) Hourly New Hires
c) New Hires for Food Services Department
d) Salaried Separations
e) Hourly Separations
f) Separations for Food Services Department
g) Requests for Leave of Absence for Certified Personnel
h) Requests for Leave of Absence for Classified Personnel
i) Requests for Leave of Absence for Food Services Department
j) Authorization to Continue the Use of Instructional Materials for Pima Community College Dual Enrollment Courses
k) Funding Proposal: Award of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants for Warren and Cavett Elementary Schools and Pueblo and Tucson Magnet High Schools
- Judy Burns moved approval of Item Nos. 5 (b-n) and (p-u); Michael Hicks seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. l) Agreement between Weather Bus, Inc., and Tucson Unified School District for a Parking Space at the Eastside Transportation Facility, effective September 14, 2011 through June 30, 2013, with authorization for the GIS and Planning Program Manager to execute the agreement
- m) Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Tucson Unified School District for Community Schools Grant, effective July 1 2011 through June 30, 2012, with authorization for the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools to execute the agreement (Previously approved by the Board on 11-11-10)
- n) Modification No. 1 to Cost Reimbursable Subcontract with University of Arizona to provide funds from U.S. Department of Education Grant No. P407A100036 for Transition Programs, effective October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015, with Authorization for the Director of Purchasing to execute additional documents
- p) Authorization to Increase Contract for Kellond Elementary School – Upgrades and Renovations (Bond) by \$6,000 to permit scope to be expanded for additional fire alarm work
- q) Award of Construction Contract – Energy Efficient Upgrades under School Facilities Board (SBF) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Energy Grant for Ochoa, Mission View and Van Buskirk Elementary Schools and LIRC (Bond), awarded to KX2 Holdings, LLC., dba Climatec BTG, in the amount of \$438,710 which includes a 10% contingency
- r) Grant a Right-of-Way Easement to City of Tucson for Gale Elementary School, with authorization for the GIS and Planning Program Manager to execute the easement
- s) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Regular Board Meeting, March 8, 2011
 - 2) Special Board meeting, August 9, 2011
 - 3) Special Board Meeting, August 12, 2011
- t) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning August 1, 2011, and ending August 30, 2011

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. u) Statement of Charges and Resolution to Send Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certified Teacher and appoint a hearing officer as necessary to conduct a dismissal hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-539 (Allison Schwille)

John Pedicone recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mark Stegeman requested Consent Agenda items 5(a) and 5(o) be considered separately.

5. a) Salaried New Hires

John Pedicone, Maggie Shafer, Nancy Woll and Lupita Garcia responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Michael Hicks, and Miguel Cuevas.

Judy Burns moved approval; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. o) Award of Amendment to Purchase Order 0000179775 – Consultant Services for the Disposition of Closed School Sites (Original RFP No. 11-64-11)

John Pedicone and Corky Poster provided information to the Board and responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, and Michael Hicks.

Mark Stegeman moved approval of the amendment excluding Phase 11; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

6. Assignment of Official Name for New Mary Belle McCorkle PreK-8 School

Addressed out of sequence immediately following Call to the Audience (above)

7. Governing Board Representative on the Employee Benefits Trust (EBT) Board

Mark Stegeman commented.

Judy Burns moved to continue with Mark Stegeman as the Governing Board representative for a one-year term; Michael Hicks seconded. Approved unanimously.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

8. 2012 Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Political Agenda Priorities

Judy Burns moved approval in its entirety.

In a discussion that included Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas, it was determined that this item would come back for Board consideration on September 27, 2011, prior to the September 30 deadline for submission set by ASBA.

Following discussion, Ms. Burns was prepared to offer another motion but decided to withdraw her motion(s).

Studied only.
No action taken.

9. Site Update for the Westside Transportation Facility Project with a Recommendation for an Alternative Site

Judy Burns moved approval as recommended; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

John Pedicone recommended approval to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Judy Burns – Requested information on number of long-term/short-term substitutes still in classrooms and why (can be either via board agenda item or via *Friday Report*).

Adelita Grijalva – Requested update on magnet school themes, including list of focus for schools (can be either via board agenda item or via *Friday Report*). John Pedicone commented.

Mark Stegeman – Requested report from staff on current testing regime that includes grade levels tested, when, and why they are tested, etc.

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REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:21 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of April, 2012.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By _____

Michael Hicks, Clerk
Governing Board

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