

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

**October 9, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Joel T. Ireland, President
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member (participated via telephone)
Brandon McAllister, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Representative

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Steve Holmes, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Albert Siqueiros, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communication and Media Relations
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Bill Ball, Director, Transportation
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Augustine Romero, Director, Mexican American/Raza Studies
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Lisa Long, Director, Curriculum/Instruction
Alyson Nielson, Director, Employment Services, Human Resources
Kathy Prather, Director, Career and Technical Education
Sam Giangardella, Principal, Sahuaro High School
Dan Weisz, Principal, Johnson Primary School
Stephanie Roll, Teacher, Roberts Elementary School
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association
Patrick Whelan, Moderator, School Community Partnership Council
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star
Konstantinos Kalaitzidis, Tucson Citizen
TV Channels 4, 11, 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:08 P.M.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bruce Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Mr. Ireland reported that Adelita Grijalva was participating via telephone. Ms. Grijalva commented.

MOTION TO CONSIDER INFORMATION ITEM No. 5

Bruce Burke moved to consider Item No. 5 at this time; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEM

5. Recommended Budget Cuts for the 2007-2008 School Year

Roger Pfeuffer provided information at the request of Board Member Bruce Burke and recommended the removal of middle school interscholastics from the list of potential budget cuts.

Other board members commenting at this time were Joel Ireland and Judy Burns.

Following discussion supporting Mr. Pfeuffer's recommendation, Alex Rodriguez moved to table the remainder of discussion on this item until later in the meeting; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Honorary High School Diploma – John Michel

Roger Pfeuffer reported that Arizona statute provides that an honorary high school diploma may be granted to individuals who meet certain criteria. Based on compliance with the criteria, Roger commented on the background and accomplishments of John Michel and recommended awarding him an honorary high school diploma from Tucson High School in the Class of 1960.

John Michel expressed appreciation to the Board and Superintendent. Board members Judy Burns and Joel Ireland commented.

Judy Burns moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

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INFORMATION ITEM

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

Information only.
No action required.

Brandon McAllister reported on the speakers present and discussions held at the SSAC meeting on October 8, 2007.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Alex Rodriguez reported that the newly appointed TUSD Governing Board Audit Committee was already at work and that he, Joel Ireland and Roger Pfeuffer attended the initial meeting.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

The following individuals whose cards were held over from the September 11, 2007 meeting did not come forward when their names were called: Jason Freed, Paul Karlowicz, John Fife, Cathy Paredes, Sara Gascto, Lori Stratton, and Frances Banales

Speaker cards submitted for the October 9, 2007 meeting:

Bruce Slabaugh – Expressed appreciation to negotiating team and commented on the duties of bus monitors and crossing guards;

Phil Brenfleck – Shared concerns about student and teacher absences on September 14;

Leticia Giessuebel – Thanked the Board and administration for not cutting middle school sports;

Steve Wharam – Expressed appreciation that middle school athletics would not be cut;

Paula Godfrey – Requested that elementary school teacher librarians be maintained and not cut from the budget;

Fran Johnson – Spoke in support of naming a portion of Sahuaro High School's auditorium the "David Ashcraft Center for the Performing Arts";

Harry Johnson – Spoke in support of naming a portion of Sahuaro High School's auditorium the "David Ashcraft Center for the Performing Arts";

Sandy Novak - Spoke in support of naming a portion of Sahuaro High School's auditorium the "David Ashcraft Center for the Performing Arts";

Tim Tacchia – Expressed concerns about an incident at Pistor Middle School involving his son;

Cathy Deaubl – Requested that Library Technical Services remain in place;

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Lisa Funkhouser – Spoke in support of Teacher Kelly Munsell;
Cheryl Bowman - Spoke in support of Teacher Kelly Munsell;
Brenda Bacahui - Expressed appreciation that middle school athletics would not be cut;
Ben Davis – Requested information on desegregation monies;
Mike and Dee Conrad – Expressed concerns about an incident on a TUSD bus involving their son;
Miguel Cuevas – Commented on budget issues related to negotiations with Tucson Education Association;
Cathie Fox – Expressed concerns about budget cuts related to libraries;
Michael Gordy – Commented on negotiations issues;
Margery Gilbert – Spoke in support of Teacher Kelly Munsell.

The following individuals did not come forward when their names were called: Arlene Vargas, Ray Mack, Kim Shea, Jill Bullock, David Williams, Luis Borbon, Bill De La Rosa, Gabriel Verdugo, Lucy Howell, Taylor Plecity

In response to a Call to the Audience comment, Judy Burns offered clarification of a student achievement statement.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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| <p>3. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report</p> <p>Patrick Whelan reported on SCPC organization activities, including the orientation meeting held September 17, 2007, the status of leadership in the four SCPC Area Council areas, and providing formal input for the search for a TUSD superintendent.</p> | <p>Information only.
No action required.</p> |
| <p>4. Update on Superintendent Search</p> <p>Joel Ireland provided a brief update on the anticipated cost, the projected time line for the search and the scheduled forums to receive public input on October 16 and 17. He also responded to comments and questions from Board Members Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva.</p> | <p>Information only.
No action required.</p> |

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

5. Recommended Budget Cuts for the 2007-2008 School Year (continued)
MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE

Alex Rodriguez made a motion to remove Item No. 5 from the table and continue discussion; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer presented information on recommended budget cuts and he, Patti Lopez, Lisa Long and Steve Holmes responded to comments and inquiries from board members.

Discussion only of this item continued. No action required.

During a lengthy discussion, board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva and Joel Ireland.

Joel Ireland announced that Item No. 10 would be addressed out of the printed order of business at this time.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

10. Naming of the performing arts portion of the Egbert Auditorium at Sahuaro High School in honor of Dr. David Ashcraft – to be known as the “David Ashcraft Center for the Performing Arts”

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer commented briefly and recommended approval. Sam Giangardella also provided information.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. a) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of salaried personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
b) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of hourly personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
c) Contract changes for salaried personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
d) Salary changes for hourly personnel for the 2007-2008 school year

Bruce Burke moved approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 (a-i), (k-o), and (q-s); Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. e) Separations of salaried personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
- f) Separations of hourly personnel for the 2007-2008 school year
- g) Requests for leave of absence and issuance of contracts for certificated personnel
- h) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
- i) Requests for released time
- k) Tucson Unified School District Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Annual Financial Report
- l) Authorization to dispose of administrative records
 - 1) Cholla High Magnet School
 - 2) Vail Middle School
- m) Agreements
 - 1) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Every Voice in Action Foundation and Tucson Unified School District for Social Justice Education Project's (SJEP) – Youth Philanthropy Program for School Year 2007-2008, with authorization for the Director of Mexican American/RAZA Studies Department to execute the MOU
 - 2) Cost Reimbursable Agreement between the University of Arizona, Office of Early Academic Outreach and Tucson Unified School District for MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) at participating middle and high school campuses, August 15, 2007 through June 30, 2012
- n) Award of office supplies through Southern Arizona Strategic Procurement Alliance (SASPA) Purchasing Cooperative Contract, RFP #L050708 to Office Depot, at the estimated cost of \$500,000 per year, with authorization for the Director of Purchasing to execute a participation agreement with the vendor for the use of this cooperative contract, a five-year agreement (various M&O and Capital)

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. o) Award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #08-55-08 – Construction Manager at Risk for Athletic and Interscholastics Facility Projects and Parking Structure at Tucson High Magnet School, to Sundt Construction, Inc., with authorization for the Director of Bonds to proceed with negotiations and award of a contract (bond, deseg capital and adjacent ways)
- q) Plans and specifications for practice gym and field support facilities for Cholla High Magnet School, with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond and deseg capital)
- r) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, July 24, 2007
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, August 1, 2007
 - 3) Special Board Meeting, August 2, 2007
- s) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning September 1, 2007, and ending September 30, 2007

Judy Burns requested that Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6 (j) and (p[1-3]) be considered separately.

- 6. j) Requests for released time and travel expenses

In response to a comment from Judy Burns, Roger Pfeuffer provided additional information.

Bruce Burke moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

- p) Grant easements with authorization for the District Planner to execute all documents, five-year agreement
 - 1) T-Mobile West Corporation for a Telecommunications Facility at Collier Elementary School
 - 2) Cricket Communications, Inc., for a Telecommunications Facility at Cholla High Magnet School
 - 3) Cricket Communications, Inc., for a Telecommunications Facility at Santa Rita High School

Bruce Burke moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved 3-2. Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

Roger Pfeuffer provided information in response to comments and questions from Judy Burns.

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7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers—Principal, Alternative Education
- Roger Pfeuffer recommended Rex Averett. Adelita Grijalva commented.
- Judy Burns moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.
8. GATE Report to the Arizona Department of Education
- Steve Holmes provided information to the Board. Adelita Grijalva commented.
- Judy Burns moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.
9. Hearing Officer's Recommended Decision in the Matter of the Proposed Termination of a Certified Teacher
- Roger Pfeuffer commented briefly and recommended upholding the Hearing Officer's recommendation to terminate Teacher Kelly Munsell.
- Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Joel Ireland and Bruce Burke.
- Judy Burns moved to reject the Hearing Officer's findings, conclusions and recommendation and to reinstate Kelly Munsell; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Motion failed 2-3. Bruce Burke, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland voted no.
- Following additional discussion, Bruce Burke moved to uphold the Hearing Officer's findings, conclusions and recommendation and terminate Kelly Munsell; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 3-2. Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

10. Naming of the performing arts portion of the Egbert Auditorium at Sahuaro High School in honor of Dr. David Ashcraft – to be known as the “David Ashcraft Center for the Performing Arts”

This item was addressed above (immediately following Item No. 5).

11. Joint Technological Education District (JTED) Elections for November 2008

Roger Pfeuffer presented information and responded to board members’ questions and comments. Further, he recommended approval of Option 1, the realigning to a five-person board with a member being elected from each of the existing county supervisors’ districts. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Bruce Burke moved approval of Option 1; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Burke and Joel Ireland.

12. 2008 Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Political Agenda Priorities

Joel Ireland stated that the list of eleven proposals presented on the agenda item represented selections from four board members. Alex Rodriguez shared his selections during the meeting. Adelita Grijalva commented.

Bruce Burke moved approval of the list presented with the addition of No. 12 under the Accountability section; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved 4-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.

13. Lease Purchase of Waterford Full Curriculum (Reading, Math and Science) – Levels 1, 2 and 3 for site licenses and software support to Pearson Digital Learning through Baystone Financial Group via Mohave Educational Services Cooperative contract, in the amount of \$499,976.02 per year, for a five-year period, beginning September 2007, with authorization for the Director of Purchasing to execute the lease purchase documents.

Bruce Burke moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved 3-1. Adelita Grijalva voted no. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.


Following introductory comments by Roger Pfeuffer, Lisa Long, Dan Weisz and Stephanie Roll presented information via PowerPoint.

Alex Rodriguez and Bruce Burke commented.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:56 p.m.

Approved this 15th day of January, 2008.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Governing Board

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