

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

**October 13, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Judy Burns, President  
Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Bruce Burke, Member  
Miguel Cuevas, Member  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member  
Farnaz Nasr, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

**Also Present:**

Elizabeth Celania-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Nancy Mueller, Senior Budget Analyst (representing Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial Officer)  
Jay Johnston, Chief Operations Officer, Engineering, Facilities and Planning  
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel  
James Fish, Assistant Superintendent, Middle Schools  
Edith Macklin-Isquierdo, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools  
Lupita Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Government Programs & Community Outreach  
Marcus Jones, Program Manager, Bonds and Architecture  
Teri Melendez, Director, Elementary Schools  
Kathy Prather, Director, Career and Technological Education  
Gillian Wettstein, Assistant Director, Financial Services  
Richard Foster, Senior Program Coordinator, Human Resources  
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council  
Joan Gilbert, TUSD Science Center  
Ruben Diaz, Principal Carrillo Intermediate Magnet School  
Jesus Celaya, Principal, Drachman Primary Magnet School  
Cliff Altfeld, Chairman, TUSD Governing Board Audit Committee  
Jerry DeGrazia, Property Owner, TUSD Site 143 – Via Ingresso & Member of RFP Evaluation Committee  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board  
Mary Canty, District Video Producer  
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association  
Marivel Roybal, Vice President, Tucson Education Association  
Pernela Jones, Executive Director, Tucson Education Association  
Cheryl Bowman, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council  
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

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**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 6:45 p.m.

No action required.

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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Farnaz Nasr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 1. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report

Farnaz Nasr presented a brief report on SSAC's first meeting, held October 5, 2009, and the activities the various high schools are involved in.

Information only.  
No action required.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Liz Fagen commented on recent restorative practices issues raised by members of the public in relation to TUSD's post unitary plan. She presented a short video on the impact of restorative practices with respect to juvenile incarceration and the link to K-12 education. Bruce Burke and Judy Burns commented.

No action required.

### BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Adelita Grijalva described her experience as a phone bank participant with KidsCare and the insurance services available to TUSD students through KidsCare. She also commented on her visit to TUSD's college night.

Miguel Cuevas encouraged everyone to attend the Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF) annual luncheon on October 22, 2009. Judy Burns will be a speaker.

No action required.

### CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

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

**William Poorten** – Student rights and responsibilities in regard to his daughter;

**Luci Messing** – School Site Council meetings; the EEF luncheon and TEA activities.

Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Bruce Burke commented.

No action required.

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**INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC Report) Information only.  
No action required.

Cheryl Bowman reported on the success of SCPC's September orientation meeting and the locations of upcoming Area SCPC Council meetings.

3. Status of Community Schools in TUSD Elementary Schools Information only.  
No action required.

Teri Melendez presented information via PowerPoint and responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Mark Stegeman, and Judy Burns. Liz Fagen commented briefly.

4. Semi-Annual Report of the Governing Board Audit Committee This item was addressed after No. 5 (below)

5. Update of Pima County Joint Technological Education District (JTED) Program, Including Tucson Unified School District Information only.  
No action required.

Following Liz Fagen's introductory remarks, Edith Macklin-Isquierdo presented information via PowerPoint. Kathy Prather joined with Dr. Fagen and Dr. Macklin-Isquierdo to respond to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman, and Bruce Burke.

4. Semi-Annual Report of the Governing Board Audit Committee Information only.  
No action required.

Cliff Altfeld presented a brief report and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman and Bruce Burke.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. a) Salaried new hires  
b) Hourly new hires  
c) New hires for Food Services Department  
d) Salaried changes  
e) Hourly changes  
f) Salary changes for Food Services Department  
g) Salaried separations  
h) Hourly separations  
i) Separations for Food Services Department  
j) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel
- Bruce Burke moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No. 6 (a-r), (t-y), (aa), (ac-ad), and (af-ak); Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

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**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

6. k) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
- l) Requests to cancel Board approved leave of absence
- m) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – *Learn and Serve Grant 1.1* for the Community Transitions Program, 2009-2010 SY
- n) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – *Learn and Serve Grant 1.2* for the Community Transitions Program, 2009-2010 SY
- o) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – *Learn and Serve Grant 1.1* for Howenstine Magnet High School, 2009-2010 SY
- p) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – *Learn and Serve Grant 1.2* for Howenstine Magnet High School, 2009-2010 SY
- q) Funding Proposal: Arizona Department of Education – *21<sup>st</sup> Century Communities Learning Centers 5-Year Grant* for Brichta and Menlo Park Elementary Schools
- r) Funding Proposal: Arizona Game and Fish Department – *Heritage Grant*, Borton Primary Magnet School, and approval of Grant-in-Aid Agreement, effective October 2009 through October 2012, with authorization for Contracts Manager to execute necessary agreement documents
- t) Funding Proposal: IBM Systems & Technology Group – *TraduceloAhora!* Grant for Myers-Ganoung Elementary School, effective upon execution of agreement documents through August 31, 2010, with authorization for Principal of Myers-Ganoung to execute necessary agreement documents
- u) Funding Proposal: IBM Systems & Technology Group – *Reading Companion Grant* for Myers-Ganoung Elementary School, effective upon execution of agreement documents through August 31, 2010, with authorization for Principal of Myers-Ganoung to execute necessary agreement documents
- v) Funding Proposal: IBM Systems & Technology Group – *Young Explorers Grant* for Myers-Ganoung Elementary School, with authorization for Principal of Myers-Ganoung to execute necessary documents for expansion of the grant originally awarded in 2001

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

6. w) Intergovernmental Agreement between the University of Arizona and Tucson Unified School District Career and Technical Education to co-offer an Engineering Program at Sabino High School for university credit for the SY 09-10, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the agreement
- x) Intergovernmental Agreement between Arizona Superior Court in Pima County and TUSD for its Juvenile Court Center/Probation School Safety Programs, Amendment No. 1 to IGA originally approved 11-18-08, effective 7-1-09 through 6-30-10, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute the agreement (Carson, Doolen, Naylor, Pistor, Townsend and Valencia Middle Schools; and Catalina Magnet, Palo Verde Magnet, Pueblo Magnet, Rincon, Santa Rita, Tucson Magnet and University High Schools)
- y) Memorandum of Agreement with the Arizona Department of Education and Tucson Unified School District for the use of Title II-A Funds (LEAs 2141), effective SY 09-10, with authorization for the Superintendent to execute necessary documents
- aa) Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for schools in School Improvement Year 2+ under *NCLB* Sec. 1116
- ac) Award of Bid No. 10-59-10 – Cragin Elementary School – Upgrades and Renovations (bond), awarded to Giles Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$183,700.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid Nos. 1-3 and a 10% contingency
- ad) Award of Bid No. 10-60-10 – Brichta Elementary School – Upgrades and Renovations (bond), awarded to 4-L Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$166,014.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate Bid Nos. 1-4 and a 10% contingency
- af) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
- 1) Regular Board Meeting, April 14, 2009
  - 2) Regular Board Meeting, May 12, 2009
  - 3) Special Board Meeting, May 26, 2009
  - 4) Special Board Meeting, June 9, 2009
  - 5) Regular Board Meeting, June 9, 2009

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. ag) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning September 1, 2009, and ending September 30, 2009
- ah) Rescind Statement of Charges for Certified Administrator Linda Patterson
- ai) Statement of Charges and Resolution to Send Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certified Teacher and determine whether to appoint hearing officer to conduct dismissal hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-541 (Michael Corkery)
- aj) Tucson Unified School District's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Financial Report – Supporting Documents
- ak) Resolution Requesting Advance Payment of State Aid

Liz Fagen recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately: Adelita Grijalva, Item No. 6 (s); Mark Stegeman, Item Nos. 6 (z), (ab) and (ae)

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| 6. s) | Funding Proposal and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Every Voice in Action Foundation and Tucson Unified School District for Catalina Magnet High School English Language Learner (ELL) students for SY 09-10, with authorization for Superintendent to execute necessary agreement documents | Bruce Burke moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva abstained. |
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Adelita Grijalva commented briefly.

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| z) | Regional Science Center Cost Agreement between Altar Valley Unified School District and Tucson Unified School District effective October 2009 – June 2012 | Mark Stegeman moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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In response to a question from Mark Stegeman, Liz Fagen and Joan Gilbert provided additional information.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

6. ab) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-57-14 – Telecommunication Equipment and Supplies, awarded to Black Box Network Services (Telecom Parts - Group 1) and Graybar (Telecom Supplies – Group 2) in the amount of \$225,000 in a multi-term contract beginning with FY 2009-2010, with renewal options through June 30, 2014
- Mark Stegeman moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Liz Fagen, Leon George and Jay Johnston responded to an inquiry from Mark Stegeman. Miguel Cuevas commented briefly.

- ae) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 09-145-09 – Professional Architectural-Engineering Services – Site 143 – New School (bond), awarded to Swaim Associates LTD with permission to negotiate a Professional Services Contract
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 4-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.

Following comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Liz Fagen, Jay Johnston, Marcus Jones and Jerry DeGrazia provided additional information. Judy Burns also commented.

RECESS REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 8:37 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

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*

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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**

Liz Fagen explained that this revision is to bring TUSD into compliance based on recent line-item vetoes of the State budget by the Governor. Judy Burns, Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke, and Rob Ross also commented.

RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 8:45 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

Liz Fagen, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas and Bruce Burke commented.

8. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Interim Principal, Booth-Fickett Magnet School

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

Liz Fagen recommended Larry McKee for a contract not to exceed June 30, 2010. Miguel Cuevas, Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns commented.

9. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Director of Interscholastics.

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

Liz Fagen recommended Herman House. Miguel Cuevas commented.



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**ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

10. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers – Assistant Director of Finance  
Liz Fagen recommended Amber Fernandez.
11. Declaration of Tucson Unified School District Curricular & Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards for the 09-10 School Year  
Liz Fagen commented briefly and recommended approval.
12. Appointment of Member to the Tucson Unified School District Technology Oversight Committee  
Bruce Burke suggested that the Board do further work on this item and that it be considered at the November regular board meeting. Judy Burns commented.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Bruce Burke moved to consider this item at the November regular meeting; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

13. Procedure to Advertise for Vacant Positions on the Tucson Unified School District Technology Oversight Committee  
Bruce Burke suggested that the Board take time for further study and work and recommended that this item be considered at the regular meeting in November.
14. 2010 Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Political Agenda Priorities  
Judy Burns made introductory comments followed by a Governing Board discussion of priorities. The dialogue included Mark Stegeman, Bruce Burke, and Adelita Grijalva.  
(The List of Priorities submitted to ASBA is attached and made part of these Minutes.)
- Bruce Burke moved approval as stated; Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Adelita Grijalva moved to proceed with priorities submitted by board members; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

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### STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

15. Tax Credit and Mandatory Fees for Extended School Day Programs at Carrillo K-5 and Drachman K-6 Montessori Magnet Schools

Liz Fagen made introductory comments followed by additional information from Principals Ruben Diaz and Jesus Celaya. Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, and Adelita Grijalva. During the discussion, it was clarified that Carrillo's program would not be limited to Carrillo students; however, Drachman's program is only for Drachman students.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval as discussed and clarified; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved unanimously.

### STUDY ITEMS

16. Board Approval of First Choice Schools and Reallocation of Desegregation Funds

Mark Stegeman provided an overview of a possible policy in draft format. Liz Fagen suggested that a policy delineate the Board's guidelines and parameters for school choice models or reallocation of desegregation funds. Staff would then operate within that policy framework to create plans. Conclusion of the discussion was to refer the matter to the Subcommittee on Policies for future discussion by the Board. Others commenting were Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas and Rob Ross.

Studied only.  
No action taken.


### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Topics suggested by Bruce Burke as future agenda items: (1) Interactions with the Pima County Joint Technological Education District (JTED), (2) Further explanation and opportunity for understanding restorative practices. Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, and Liz Fagen commented during the discussion.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:36 p.m.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By   
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Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Governing Board

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October 16, 2009

Janice Palmer  
Director of Governmental Relations  
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2100 North Central Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Dear Ms. Palmer,

At its meeting on October 13, 2009, the Governing Board of the Tucson Unified School District voted to submit the following Legislative Action Proposals for ASBA's 2010 Political Agenda Priorities:

**I. ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENT NEEDS**

1. Seek and support legislation that adequately encourages, assists and financially supports the curriculum and instructional needs of Arizona's public schools to ensure college and career readiness of all students.

**II. LOCAL CONTROL/GOVERNANCE**

1. Advocate for preservation of community governance of school districts through elected representation and oppose efforts to erode the authority of governing boards. **Strong emphasis to oppose challenges to local control.**
2. Oppose unfunded and burdensome legislative mandates. **Emphasis.**

### III.ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Seek and support the continued re-evaluation and refinement of the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards.
2. Seek and support legislation to ensure that all schools receiving public funds are equally accountable financially to the public by complying with conflict of interest laws. Further, efforts to create charter funding systems are transparent, do not allow comingling of funds, and reverts all public funds and property to the state if a charter school ceases to operate or loses its charter. **Standards for Charter schools should be brought in line with those for Charter schools in other states for accreditation, academic achievement, etc.**
5. Oppose efforts to require verification of free and reduced lunch applications beyond federal guidelines.
6. Advocate a change to the Arizona Constitution to state that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction meets the same qualifications as all other local school district superintendents and the Superintendent of Public Instruction be employed by the State and appointed by the Arizona State Board of Education.

### IV.TAXATION/REVENUES

5. Seek and support efforts that would serve to maximize and increase the earnings of the school trust lands for the benefit of K-12 public education.

### V.FUNDING

1. Advocate a complete revision of the school finance formula.
5. Seek and support legislation to adequately fund English Language Learners.

An additional issue for consideration as a legislative priority is

- Legislation regarding ELD programs should allow for flexibility by districts in implementing such programs.

Sincerely,

Mary Alice Wallace  
Director of Staff Services to the  
Governing Board