

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

**December 8, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Judy Burns, President  
Mark Stegeman, Clerk  
Bruce Burke, Member  
Miguel Cuevas, Member  
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member [participated via phone 8:46 p.m. to 8:52 p.m.]  
Gabriel Garcia, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

**Also Present:**

Elizabeth Celandia-Fagen, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Bonnie Betz, Chief Financial 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  
Brian MacMaster, Director, Technology Services  
Leon George, Director, Purchasing  
Teri Melendez, Director of Elementary Schools  
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council  
Joan Ashcraft, Director, Fine and Performing Arts/OMA  
Phyllis Burks, Math Coach, Robison Elementary School  
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board  
Michele Gutierrez, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board  
Mark El Tawil, President, Humana Arizona  
John Cruikshank, M.D., Humana Market Medical Officer  
Luci Messing, President, Tucson Education Association  
Marivel Roybal, Vice President, Tucson Education Association  
Pernela Jones, Executive Director, Tucson Education Association  
Lourdes Serna, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council  
Cheryl Bowman, Co-Moderator, School Community Partnership Council  
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – 6:36 p.m.

No action required.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Gabriel Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

## ITEM

## ACTION

### INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.  
No action required.

Gabriel Garcia reported on the recent SSAC meeting including members of the staff and Board who attended and presented information. He also advised the Board of the student responses to information shared at the meeting. Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas commented.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

Liz Fagen expressed appreciation to Gabriel Garcia for his leadership of the SSAC organization this year. In addition, she reported that Santa Rita and Sabino High Schools were in the State Championship football games; she also mentioned the voluntary school merger incentive program presented to staff last week to maximize efficiencies.

### BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Miguel Cuevas reported on his visits to Tucson High Magnet, Pueblo High Magnet, Warren Elementary and Utterback Middle Magnet schools for various events.

Bruce Burke stated that he attended the second game of the football Championships and extended congratulations to both Santa Rita and Sabino High Schools.

Mark Stegeman read an excerpt from Charles Dickens' book, *A Christmas Carol*.

### ACTION ITEM

2. Humana *Get Moving Challenge 2009-2010*: Tucson Unified School District Governing Board and Superintendent vs. Tucson City Council

Bruce Burke moved approval; Miguel Cuevas seconded.

Bruce Burke expressed his willingness to personally appear before the City Council to accept the Humana challenge. Mark El Tawil, John Cruikshank, Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas also commented. A brief video featuring Tucson City Councilman Rodney Glassman presented the Council's challenge to the TUSD Board.

Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

No action required.

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

- George Puckett** – Middle school situation with a student;
- Luci Messing** – Collaboration between Tucson Education Association (TEA) and TUSD;
- Irene Perazzone** – Medical leave of absence request;
- Altagracia Carrillo** – Irene Perazzone’s Request for leave of absence;
- William Poorten** – TUSD rules and regulations related to student discipline;
- Jiselle Perazzone** – Request for medical leave of absence for her mother, Irene Perazzone.

Miguel Cuevas, Judy Burns and Bruce Burke commented.

**INFORMATION ITEMS** (continued)

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

Cheryl Bowman and Lourdes Serna provided a report to the Board and advised that at this time only ten schools are without an SCPC representative. Judy Burns commented.

- 4. Presentation on Restorative Practices Information only.  
No action required.

Following brief comments from Liz Fagen, Jim Fish gave a PowerPoint presentation on restorative practices that included the origins of restorative practices, where they are used and the impact on students. Judy Burns, Miguel Cuevas, Bruce Burke, and Mark Stegeman posed questions and commented on the presentation.

- 5. Presentation on FY 2010 Budget Status and Update on FY 2011 Budget Development Information only.  
No action required.

Bonnie Betz provided information via PowerPoint. Judy Burns and Miguel Cuevas commented.

- 6. Summary of Districtwide Gifts and Donations and Student Activity Fund for the Five Months Ending November 30, 2009 Information only.  
No action required.

Liz Fagen commented briefly.

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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| 7. | a) Salaried new hires<br>b) Hourly new hires<br>c) New hires for Food Services Department<br>d) Salaried changes<br>e) Hourly changes<br>f) Salary changes for Food Services Department<br>g) Salaried separations<br>h) Hourly separations<br>i) Separations for Food Services Department<br>j) Requests for leave of absence for certified personnel<br>k) Request to cancel Board-approved leave of absence<br>n) Tucson Unified School District Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Revised Annual Financial Report<br>o) Acceptance of the Arizona Department of Education Early Childhood Block Grant<br>p) Intergovernmental Agreement between Pima County and Tucson Unified School District for the Provision and Administration of Dental Services and Sealant Services<br>q) Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Arizona and Tucson Unified School District in support of the State in the <i>Race to the Top</i> grant application<br>s) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-66-14 – Electronic DIBELS Reading Assessment Hardware & Software, awarded to Wireless Generation, Inc. in a multi-term contract beginning December 9, 2009 with renewal options through June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$402,200.00<br>t) Easement Agreement with Clearwire for wireless communications facility at Cholla High Magnet School, with authorization for the District Planner to execute the easement<br>u) Easement Agreement with Clearwire for wireless communications facility at Rincon High School, with authorization for the District Planner to execute the easement<br>v) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings<br>1) Regular Board Meeting, September 8, 2009<br>2) Special Board Meeting, September 22, 2009<br>3) Regular Board Meeting, October 13, 2009<br>4) Special Board Meeting, November 10, 2009 | Miguel Cuevas moved approval of Consent Agenda Items No. 7 (a-k), (n-q), (s-z); Mark Stegeman seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote. |
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**CONSENT AGENDA** (continued)

- 7. w) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning November 1, 2009, and ending November 30, 2009
- x) 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 – Robert Riviera
- y) 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 – John William Farrell
- z) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-63-12 – PeopleSoft Maintenance and Support, awarded to CedarCrestone in a multi-term contract beginning December 18, 2009 with renewal options through June 30, 2012, in the estimated amount of \$75,000.00

Mark Stegeman requested that Consent Agenda items No. 7(l), (m) and (r) be considered separately.

- 7. l) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence for certified personnel – Irene Perazzone

In response to Ms. Perazzone’s request that any discussion of her be held in public, Maggie Shafer provided information, and responded to questions from Mark Stegeman. Miguel Cuevas, and Judy Burns. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

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

- m) Authorization for Governing Board Member(s) to travel to the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 9-13, 2010, with funding from the Superintendent’s out-of-state travel budget

Liz Fagen responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, Bruce Burke and Miguel Cuevas.

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

## ITEM

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### CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

7. r) Award of Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 10-65-14 – Professional Development, Training & Coaching Services, awarded to The Flippen Group; Arizona Foundation for Resource Education; Strength Building Partners; Leadership for Learning, LLC; Rensulli Learning Systems, LLC; Traaen & Associates, LLC; Global Scholar; Creative Networks/Care Resources; and Workplace Options in a multi-year contract beginning December 9, 2009 with renewal options through June 30, 2014, in the estimated amount of \$20,000 per year
- Miguel Cuevas moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

Liz Fagen and Leon George responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman and Judy Burns. Rob Ross also provided legal advice during the discussion.

### RECESS REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 8:43 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

1. Presentation of the budget revision by TUSD staff.
2. Any *person* can ask for an explanation of the budget.  
  
\*\*Speakers during this portion of the Public Hearing will abide by the rules governing Call to the Audience at Board meetings as listed below.
3. Further explanation of the budget by TUSD staff if necessary.

#### 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.

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**ACTION**

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

**Public Participation at Board Meetings\*\***  
(continued)

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*

Members of the public who spoke during the Public Hearing:  
**Barbara Krider**

Judy Burns commented briefly.

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

8. 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; Miguel Cuevas seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

Liz Fagen recommended approval. Bonnie Betz responded to an inquiry from Judy Burns.

***Judy Burns paused to get Adelita Grijalva on the phone so that she could participate in the meeting at this time.***

9. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Assistant Principal, Tucson High Magnet School

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

Liz Fagen recommended David Mandel.

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**ACTION**

ACTION ITEMS (continued)

10. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Director, African American Studies

Liz Fagen recommended Jimmy Hart. Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas commented.

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

11. Administrative Appointments, Reassignments and Transfers – Director, Student Placement & Community Outreach

Liz Fagen recommended Noreen Wiedenfeld. Miguel Cuevas commented.

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

***At this time Adelita Grijalva discontinued her participation by phone.***

12. Appointment of Members to the Tucson Unified School District Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC)

Liz Fagen recommended approval of the individuals recommended by the BFOC, i.e., Bill Cole, Captain David M. Flowers, Sr., and William Tilden. Miguel Cuevas and Judy Burns commented.

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

13. Procedure for Obtaining Public Input on Governing Board Performance

Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Liz Fagen, Mark Stegeman and Miguel Cuevas participated in the discussion which resulted in the decision to offer to various TUSD and Community groups the opportunity to participate in evaluating the Board's performance.

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

It was suggested that this opportunity be provided to those who regularly participate with TUSD, e.g., the Superintendent; Superintendent's Cabinet; TUSD leadership; employee groups, i.e., Tucson Education Association (TEA), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Communication Workers of America (CWA); School Community Partnership Council (SCPC); Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC); TUSD Governing Board Audit Committee; Title II



**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**ACTION ITEMS (continued)**

13. Procedure for Obtaining Public Input on Governing Board Performance (continued)

District Advisory Committee (DAC); the Superintendent's P13 group; TUSD Budget Advisory Committee; and the Superintendent's Advisory Committee.

**STUDY/ACTION ITEMS**

14. Arizona School Improvement Plans for Warning Year, First Year, Second Year, Corrective Action, and One School Planning Restructure Under the No Child Left Behind Act: First Year (Lynn/Urquides and Richey Elementary Schools and Teenage Parent Program); Second Year (Myers/Ganoung and Robison Elementary Schools and Safford Middle School); Corrective Action (Cavett Elementary School, Hohokam, Maxwell, Naylor and Valencia Middle Schools); and Restructure Planning (Wakefield Middle School.)

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

Liz Fagen commented briefly and recommended approval.

15. AZ Learns: Arizona School Improvement Plans for Underperforming and Failing Schools: Underperforming (Fort Lowell Elementary School and Aztec Desert Vista); and Failing (Maxwell Middle School)

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

Following brief comments, Liz Fagen recommended approval.

16. Participation Fee for Extracurricular Portion of Opening Minds Through the Arts (OMA)

Liz Fagen presented introductory information and she and Joan Ashcraft responded to comments and questions from Miguel Cuevas and Mark Stegeman. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

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

**ITEM**

**ACTION**

**STUDY ITEMS**

17. Elementary Math Adoption

Studied only.  
No action taken.

Liz Fagen, Maggie Shafer and Phyllis Burks provided an overview of the evaluation process used to determine recommendations for the elementary math adoption. They participated in the discussion and responded to comments and questions from Mark Stegeman, Judy Burns, and Miguel Cuevas.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Discussion only.

Mark Stegeman stated that he would like to bring back an item related to Board oversight of First Choice Schools and desegregation funds, a subject that the Board studied at a recent meeting.

Miguel Cuevas mentioned bringing back Policy Code BEDBA – *Governing Board Meeting Preparation* for the Board’s review sometime in January.

Judy Burns suggested a January update on the *Humana Get Moving Challenge* between TUSD and the City Council.

**REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED** – 9:32 p.m.

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE



By

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Miguel Cuevas, Clerk  
Governing Board

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