

MINUTES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING (Tuesday, December 8, 2020)

Members present:

Leila Counts, Adelita S. Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Ann Foster.

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

1. EXECUTIVE MEETING – 5:02 p.m.

Action: 1.1 Motion to Convene Executive Meeting

Board Member Attendance was established via a call for the roll. Those in attendance were Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster. Leila Counts and Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon were not present for the roll call. Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Trujillo was not present for the roll call. Rob Ross was present for the roll call.

Resolution: Motion and vote to recess Regular Meeting into Executive Session.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Discussion: 1.2 Personnel Matters

Discussion: 1.3 Negotiations for the Purchase, Sale or Lease of Real Property

Action: 1.4 Adjourn Executive Meeting and Reconvene Regular Meeting

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – 5:33 p.m.

Procedural: 2.1 Call to Order

Board Member Attendance was established via a call for the roll. Those in attendance were Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke, and Kristel Foster. Superintendent Dr. Gabriel Trujillo and Rob Ross were present for the roll call.

5:33 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Lucas Albarran, 3rd grader and Marcos Albarran, 1st grader at Davis Bilingual Elementary Magnet School.

Action: 2.2 Agenda Adjustments – 5:36 p.m.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommended addressing Item 9.4 after Call to the Audience. By unanimous consent to address Items 9.4 after Call to the Audience.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information: 3.1 Superintendent's Report – 5:36 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

- Recognitions – 5:36 p.m.
- Superintendent's Report – 5:44 p.m.
- Departing Governing Board Member Acknowledgement & Tribute – 5:58 p.m.

Details are available via the video and audio recordings on the TUSD Internet at www.tusd1.org.

Dr. Trujillo provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Leila Counts.

4. BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

Information: 4.1 Board Member Activity Reports – 6:16 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

Board Members, Kristel Foster, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon and Bruce Burke, whose term will end on December 31, 2020 commented and thanked the public and staff. Adelita Grijalva and Leila Counts commented.

5. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Call to the Audience, Procedural: 5.1 Guidelines to Address the Board – 6:28 p.m.

Board President Kristel Foster announced that Leila Counts would read the Call to the Audience protocol.

Leila Counts read the protocol for Call to the Audience.

Members of the public submitted their written comments via email at governingboard@tusd1.org.

Public comments were read into the record by Yolanda Peña, Program Coordinator of Staff Services to the Governing Board.

Persons whose comments were read during the Call to the Audience were Catherine Donovan re: Not having grades count; Dolores de Vera re: Thanks Board Members; Rhesa Olsen re: Postponing Hybrid Schedules; Rachel Zachritz Johnson re: Please Listen; Wesley Oswald re: Please Keep our Schools Open with Distance Learning Only; Dan Ireland re: Changes to 1st Semester Grading; Alicia McKendry, Jennifer Paye and Jennifer Merritt re: Nonessential Classified Staff Remote ONLY; Lillian Fox re: Thank you to Rachael Sedgwick and Remote Instruction Academic Support Plan; Jason Freed re: Item 9.3 – Information: 9.3 Remote Instruction Academic Support Plan for Struggling Students; Ana Kroh re: Money.

Board President Kristel Foster asked if Board Members wanted to respond to audience comments.

Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon thanked Ms. de Vera and Ms. Fox for their kinds words.

Dr. Trujillo clarified the comments from Ana Kroh. The Superintendent and his leadership team do not receive a bonus. Kristel Foster commented and provided information.

Kristel Foster closed the Call to the Audience. – 6:52 p.m.

9. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

Information: 9.4 Update on Census 2020 and Thank you – 6:53 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

Dr. Trujillo provided information and introduced Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas, U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist, who provided information. Kristel Foster commented.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): 6.1 Approval of Consent Agenda Items 6.2 Through 6.10 – 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2 through 6.10.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 6.8 and 6.9.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon requested that Items 6.3, 6.4 and 6.10 be addressed separately.

Action (Consent): 6.2 Approval of Talent Acquisition, Transfers, Separations, Changes, Payouts, and Leaves of Absence

Motion to approve the Talent Acquisition personnel lists.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 6.8 and 6.9.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 6.5 Amendment III to the Lease Agreement with International School of Tucson at the former Jefferson Park Elementary School, with Authorization for the Operations Program Manager to Execute the Agreement

Motion to approve Amendment III to the lease agreement with the International School of Tucson at the former Jefferson Park Elementary School, with Authorization for the Operations Program Manager to Execute the Agreement.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 6.8 and 6.9.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent), Minutes: 6.6 Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meeting – November 17, 2020

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for November 17, 2020.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 6.8 and 6.9.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 6.7 Salary and Expense Vouchers - November 2020

Ratification of Salary and Expense Vouchers for the Period Beginning November 1, 2020 and Ending November 30, 2020.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 6.8 and 6.9.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 6.8 Student Activity Funds through November 30, 2020

Motion to approve the Summary of Student Activity Funds for the Period of July 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 6.8 and 6.9.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke, Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 6.9 Tax Credit Extracurricular Activity Programs Report by School Site through November 30, 2020

Motion to approve the Summary of Tax Credit Extracurricular Activity Balances for the Period of July 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020.

Resolution: Dr. Trujillo recommends approval of the Consent Agenda items 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 6.8 and 6.9.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Action (Consent): 6.3 Approval of Supplemental Material Online Platform Nearpod K-12 – 7:13 p.m.

Resolution: Motion to Approve the Supplemental Material Online Platform Nearpod K-12 as presented.

Action (Consent): 6.4 Approval of Supplemental Material Gizmos Science Digital Support Grades 6-7

Resolution: Motion to approve the Supplemental Material Gizmos Science Digital Support Grades 6-7 as presented.

Items 6.3 and 6.4 addressed as one item.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

No: Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Heid Aranda who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Kristel Foster and Leila Counts. Dr. Trujillo commented.

Action (Consent): 6.10 Statement of Charges for Certified Teacher – 7:26 p.m.

Resolution: Motion to adopt Statement of Charges and direct staff to provide Notice to Certified Teacher, and if necessary, appoint a hearing officer.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Bruce Burke.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

No: Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon

Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon commented.

7. ACTION ITEM(S)

Action: 7.1 University High School Admissions Modification Proposal due to COVID for SY2021-22 – 7:28 p.m.

Motion to approve University High School admissions modification proposal due to COVID for SY2021-22 as presented.

Motion by Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, second by Leila Counts.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided information and introduced Ernest Rose who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Ernest Rose introduced Hailey Freitas and Bruce Converse, Esquire, Dickerson-Wright, who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Leila Counts and Adelita Grijalva. Dr. Trujillo provided additional information.

Action: 7.2 Approval of Honorary Sahuaro High School Diploma for Clyde Brown – 7:43 p.m.

Motion to Award Honorary Diploma for Clyde "Rocky" Brown.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided a bio and information of Sgt. Clyde Brown and introduced Roberto Estrella who provided information. Roberto Estrella introduced Colonel (Ret) Wanda Wright, Arizona Department of Veteran's Services Director, who presented a medal to Sgt. Clyde Brown. Board Members commenting were Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Bruce Burke, Kristel Foster and Rachael Sedgwick. Dr. Trujillo thanked Sgt. Clyde Brown.

Action: 7.3 Resolution to Adopt a Plan for the Former Hohokam Middle School and to Send a Letter of Interest to the Bureau of Land Management to Purchase the Reversionary Interest in the Site – 7:52 p.m.

Motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt a Plan for the Former Hohokam Middle School and to Send a Letter of Interest to the Bureau of Land Management to Purchase the Reversionary Interest in the Site.

Motion by Bruce Burke, second by Adelita Grijalva.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Bryant Nodine who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva and Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon.

Action: 7.4 Approval of Nourishing Neighbors Marginalized Grant of \$89,000 from Albertson's Companies Foundation – 7:59 p.m.

Motion to approve Nourishing Neighbors Marginalized Grant of \$89,000 from Albertson's Companies Foundation.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Lindsay Aguilar who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster and Adelita Grijalva.

Action: 7.5 Revision of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tucson Unified School District Annual Expenditure Budget – 8:02 p.m.

Motion to Approve the FY2020-2021 Expenditure Budget in Accordance with A.R.S. 15-905.

Motion by Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, second by Kristel Foster.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Renee Weatherless who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster and Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon. Dr. Trujillo provided additional information.

8. STUDY/ACTION ITEM(S)

Study/Action: 8.1 Consideration of Financial "Dashboard" Recommendations from the TUSD Audit Committee – 8:12 p.m.

Motion to Approve implementation of the TUSD Audit Committee's recommendations regarding a Financial "Dashboard".

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Leila Counts.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Renee Weatherless and Darin Guthrie, Audit Committee Chair, who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Adelita Grijalva and Leila Counts. Dr. Trujillo provided additional information.

Study/Action: 8.2 Governing Board Policy ACD – NEW – Non-Discrimination and Gender Identity (Students) FIRST READING – 8:23 p.m.

Motion to adopt Policy ACD and post on the Governing Board website for public comment.

Motion by Adelita Grijalva, second by Leila Counts.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Rob Ross who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster and Adelita Grijalva. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Study/Action: 8.3 Governing Board Policy AC – REVISED - Non-Discrimination – FIRST READING – 8 :33 p.m.

Motion to post the proposed revisions to Policy AC on the Governing Board website for public comment prior to Second Reading.

Motion by Bruce Burke, second by Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon, Bruce Burke and Kristel Foster.

Rob Ross provided information. Kristel Foster commented.

Study/Action: 8.4 Governing Board Policy IMB – Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues – REVISIONS – F IRST READING – 8:35 p.m. STUDIED ONLY

Rob Ross provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster, Leila Counts, Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon and Bruce Burke. Dr. Trujillo commented. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

9. INFORMATION ITEM(S)

Information: 9.1 State of District Network – 9:00 p.m. INFORMATION ONLY

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Blaine Young who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Blaine Young introduced Rabih Hamadeh who provided information and responded to Board Members inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva, Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon and Kristel Foster.

Information: 9.2 Timeline for the Implementation of Family Life Curriculum for the 2020-2021 SY – 9:13 p.m. INFORMATION ONLY

Dr. Trujillo provided information and introduced Heidi Aranda who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Heidi Aranda introduced Amanda Lee-Confer who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Kristel Foster and Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon.

Information: 9.3 Remote Instruction Academic Support Plan for Struggling Students – 9:21 p.m. INFORMATION ONLY

Dr. Trujillo provided brief information and introduced Heidi Aranda and Flori Huitt who provided information and responded to Board Member inquiries. Board Members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva and Kristel Foster. Dr. Trujillo commented.

Information: 9.5 FY20 Expenditure Update – November 2020 - 9:43 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY

Dr. Trujillo provided information and introduced Renee Weatherless who provided information and responded to Kristel Foster's inquiry.

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEM(S) (A Board Member may propose future agenda item(s), with limited discussion. The discussion should center around the purpose of placing the item on the next most appropriate agenda for consideration and action, as necessary. Ref: Governing Board Policy BEDB.)

Procedural: 10.1 Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Item(s) – 9:48 p.m.

Dr. Trujillo provided some brief information regarding the items on the January 5, 2021 Special Organizational Board meeting. He highlighted some of the items: Oath of Office of the three incoming Board Members, approving the meeting schedule for 2021 and appointment of President and Clerk.

Bruce Burke requested the data and survey results for the SRO issues and that it be made available to the public.

Rachael Sedgwick-Gordon recommended to the Board to consider taking a second look and updating the curriculum.

Kristel Foster thanked everyone and wished the new Board Members good luck.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:54 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus, meeting conducted via Zoom.

Kristel Ann Foster presided and called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 5:33 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Approved this 12 day of January, 2021.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By _____
Sadie Shaw, Clerk
Governing Board