

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

December 13, 2005

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Bruce Burke, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Clerk
Judy Burns, Member
Joel T. Ireland, Member
Alex Rodriguez, Member
Destiny Ortiz, Student Advisory Council (SAC) Representative

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Judith Knight, Ph.D., Associate Superintendent, Education Support Services
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Kelly Langford, Senior Academic Officer – Student Services
Harriet Scarborough, Ph.D., Senior Academic Officer – Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Learning
Maria Patterson, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Pat Beatty, Executive Director, Financial Services
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Marcus Jones, Director, Engineering and Planning Services
Guyton Campbell, Director, Technology and Telecommunications Services
Norma Johnson, Policy Coordinator
Lisa Long, Assistant Director, Curriculum and Technology Integration
Guy Ferro, Real Estate Manager, Engineering and Planning Services
Teri Melendez, Principal, Borton Primary Magnet School and Holladay Intermediate Magnet School
Eleanor Droegemeier, Coordinator, CAPS/PACE
Patricia Dienz, Principal, Pueblo High Magnet School
Bridget Auvenshine, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Mary Alice Wallace, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Rosalva Meza, President, Tucson Education Association
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:33 P.M.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Adelita Grijalva led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burke announced that he was making minor changes in the order of the agenda and began by asking the Student Advisory Council (SAC) representative to present the SAC report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Student Advisory Council (SAC) Report

Information only.
No action required
or taken.

Destiny Ortiz, Pueblo High School junior and vice chair of SAC, reported on the topics discussed at SAC's meetings in November and December.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer recognized the following persons:

Utterback students **Marissa Owens** and **Alicia Tharpe** recently returned from the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.; students were selected to attend based on their demonstrated maturity, academic excellence and leadership potential.

Booth-Fickett seventh-grade students **Rachel Holmes**, **Maxine Robinson** and **Melissa Shaw** and their teacher, **Victoria Milani**, took top honors in a city-wide architectural competition.

A group of seventh-graders from Maxwell Middle School, **Michael Mata**, **Antonio Nunez**, **Erika Aguirre** and **Jamie Ortiz**, were recognized for their excellent writing abilities during the annual Neighborhood Heritage Festival.

The following individuals have been recognized by prominent state and national organizations for their commitment to student success: **Mary Hinson**, Exceptional Education Teacher at Catalina Magnet High School, winner of the 2005 Kurzweil Educational Systems Teaching Excellence Award; Booth-Fickett Principal **Rosanne Neal**, recently named as University of Arizona's Black Alumni 2005 Outstanding Alumni Achiever; both **Susie Frei**, teacher at Palo Verde Magnet High School, and **Patrice Thumberg**, teacher at Blenman Elementary School, attained National Board Certification.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION (cont.)

Rodel Charitable Foundation of Arizona's Exemplary Teacher Initiative winner, **Janice Byrd** from Howell Elementary School, and finalists **Renee Bailey** and **Timothy Daldrup**, both from Blenman Elementary School, were also honored.

The following teachers have been named finalists in the 10th annual UA Arizona Athletics/Circle K Outstanding High School Faculty Awards Program: **Anne Bedford**, Catalina Magnet High School; **DeAnna McDonald**, Palo Verde High Magnet School; **George Parra**, Cholla High Magnet School; and **Margaret Wilch**, Tucson High Magnet School.

During the YWCA of Tucson's 24th annual Women on the Move Awards banquet, **Cherie Bludau**, instructional coach at Lineweaver Elementary School; **Marge Gould**, teacher and coordinator for the Learn Program at Catalina Magnet High School, (award recipient); **Pernella Jones**, Executive Director for Tucson Education Association (TEA); **Kathy Prather**, Assistant Director of Career & Technical Education; and **Sally Trattner**, Executive Director for the Educational Enrichment Foundation (EEF), were honored for their remarkable accomplishments and community service.

Certificates were presented in honor of TUSD's Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) Program and Howell Elementary School for having been included in a national study commissioned by the Arts Education Partnership entitled *Third Space: When Learning Matters* which describes how the arts transform schools. Honored from OMA were **Dr. Joan Ashcraft, Carolyn Kemmeries, Carroll Rhinehart** and **Gene Jones**; from Howell were **Jan Vesely, Dr. John Snavely, Shirley Wagner, Joan Gilbert, Keith Maynard, Genevieve Rodriguez, January Tkach, Eve Long, Chris Diaz, Janice Byrd, Pam Selby, Susan Platt, Irma Burrell, Bob Goodman, Lilly Dominguez, Laura Oberg, Stephanie Greene-Hunley, Lisa Sartori, Michelle Merrick, Flor Robles, Linda Perry, Alice Shircore, Maria Cristina Reyna, Tevis Nagle** and **Marcia Gavlak**.

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TRIBUTE TO ALBERT SOTO

No action required.

Mr. Burke opened the meeting to individuals wanting to make comments in honor of Albert Soto who had been Chairperson of the Independent Citizens' Committee (ICC) until his recent death.

The following individuals spoke in tribute to Mr. Soto:

Roger Pfeuffer, Annabelle Nuñez, Robert McKee, Brandon Costige, Joann Thompson, Ray Davies, and Richard Fimbres. On behalf of the Governing Board, Bruce Burke expressed public appreciation for Mr. Soto's service to TUSD and the community.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Presentation of Governing Board Meetings Online

Information only.
No action required
or taken.

Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments; Guyton Campbell provided an overview of the process and provided a brief demonstration with instructions on how to access the meetings online.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Adelita Grijalva, and Alex Rodriguez. Mr. Burke recognized by name the staff members involved in the project.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Judy Burns commented that the Board will be receiving a report from the JTED (Joint Technological Education District) Planning Committee.

Alex Rodriguez reported on his visit to Sabino High School and his representation of TUSD at the Palo Verde High Magnet School football team assembly.

Bruce Burke acknowledged Bill Estes and his appointment to the Arizona State Board of Education.

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

Deanna Martinez – Concerned about possible loss of Brichta teacher, Mr. Townsend, at the beginning of 2006.

Rosalva Meza – Emphasized need for employees and community members to be involved in legislative initiatives that impact TUSD; commented on the opportunity to use IBB (Interest-Based Bargaining).

Bob Dohse – Shared the positive impact the Tucson community and TUSD have had on foreign exchange students, particularly those from Middle Eastern countries.

Debe Campos-Fleenor – Expressed appreciation for accessibility to board meeting proceedings online and would like to see board meeting materials accessible online.

Judy Burns requested that a report be provided to the Governing Board on the Brichta teacher issue.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Arizona Department of Education Personnel on *Reading First Progress*

Removed from agenda. No action required or taken.

4. Update on Class Size Reduction Initiative

Information only.
No action required or taken.

Roger Pfeuffer provided brief introductory comments followed by a PowerPoint presentation update by Lisa Long. Mr. Pfeuffer also commented and responded to board members during the presentation.

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

5. Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Five Months Ending November 30, 2005

Information only.
No action required or taken.

Mr. Pfeuffer commented that this is a standard, routine item. There were no questions or comments by board members.

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ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 6. | a) | New positions/replacements/reinstatements of salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 6 (a-i, k-n, p, and r-t); Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously. |
| | b) | New hires/replacements/reinstatements of hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | |
| | c) | Contract changes for salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | |
| | d) | Salary changes for hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | |
| | e) | Separations of salaried personnel for the 2005-2006 school year | |
| | f) | Separations of hourly personnel for the 2005-2006 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) | Authorization of Governing Board Member Joel Ireland to attend the National School Boards Association 2006 Federal Relations Network Conference, Washington, D.C., February 4-8, 2006 | |
| | l) | Resolution to request Advance Payment of State Aid | |
| | m) | Funding Proposals | |
| | 1) | Arizona Department of Commerce/Department of Energy for partial funding of eight new compressed natural gas school buses, with authorization for the Contract Manager to sign grant contract | |
| | 2) | Tucson Police Department – <i>Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program</i> (Van Buskirk Elementary School), with authorization for the Superintendent to sign Mutual Aid Agreement (5-year grant) | |
| | 3) | City of Tucson – <i>Weed and Seed Grant</i> , Naylor Middle School, with authorization for the Superintendent to sign grant | |

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- n) Agreements
 - 1) Agreement between University Physicians, Inc., and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for school physician consultative services for the 2005-2006 school year, with authorization for the Executive Director of School Health Services and Early Childhood Programs to sign agreement
 - 2) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology (“University”) and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) of Pima County (“the District”) for a biology teacher exchange program for the 2005-2006 school year
 - 3) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona College of Medicine and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) to work together to provide coordinated clinical, education, research and public service programs for the education and training of health sciences externs, interns, residents and fellows, with authorization for the Superintendent to sign agreement
 - 4) Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Tucson and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for improvements to the recreational facilities at Miles Exploratory Learning Center
 - 5) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless (ICH) and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for Family Center at Catalina High Magnet School for Student Health and Mentoring Programs
 - 6) Intergovernmental Agreement between the University of Colorado at Boulder and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for student clinical education in the area of Speech Language Pathology

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 7) Letter of Understanding between Arizona School Services through Educational Technology (ASSET) and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for the use of computer lab space for training purposes in exchange for up to 50 TUSD teachers to receive online ASSET professional development at no charge, with authorization for the Assistant Director of Curriculum and Technology Integration to sign agreement
- 8) Memorandum of Understanding between the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) for the use of the Lee Instructional Computer Lab as the base of operations for technical staff to provide software support to school districts in Southern Arizona
- 9) Memorandum of Understanding between VisionMark and Tucson Unified School District for the Social Justice Education Project's Youth Philanthropy Program, with authorization for the Director of Mexican American/Raza Studies to execute the document
- p) Award of Bids
 - 1) Food Service Bid No. 06CN – Purchase and delivery of canned fruit and vegetable products, November 2005 through October 31, 2006, awarded to Shamrock Foods, Malone Meat & Poultry, US Foodservice, LA Foods, dpi Arizona, Fiesta Canning Company, Inc., Merit Marketing, Kellogg Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$438,000
 - 2) Bid No. 06-57-06 – Package P-03D for kitchen renovations and a new kitchen involving deficiency corrections at five schools, Lynn-Urquides, Tully Magnet, Van Buskirk, and Wright elementary schools and TAPP, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to negotiate a final award with the Arizona School Facilities Board and issue a contract to the successful bidder (deficiency corrections) at an estimated cost of \$695,205

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- r) Grant a reclaimed water right-of-way easement to the City of Tucson at Sahuaro High School, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to execute the easement

- s) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, July 12, 2005
 - 2) Regular Board Meeting, July 12, 2005
 - 3) Special Board Meeting, July 21, 2005

- t) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning November 1, 2005, and ending November 30, 2005

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Judy Burns requested that Agenda Item 6(j) be considered separately; Joel Ireland requested that Items 6(o) and (q) be addressed separately.

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

Judy Burns commented; Roger Pfeuffer provided additional information.

Alex Rodriguez moved approval of 6 (j); Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 4-1; Judy Burns voted no.

- 6. o) Purchase of Carpenter’s Union #408 Hall located at 606 South Plumer Avenue, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to negotiate and execute the various documents associated with the purchase of this office and meeting building and associated parcel of commercial property for future School District utilization and space needs at an estimated cost of \$848,500

Adelita Grijalva moved approval pending final Board review of documents prior to closing; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.

During a lengthy discussion, Joel Ireland, Alex Rodriguez, Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns and Bruce Burke commented and/or asked questions.

Roger Pfeuffer, Marcus Jones, Pat Beatty, Harriet Scarborough and Guy Ferro responded to board members’ questions.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

6. q) Award of Contract for Construction of a synthetic turf football field at Tucson High Magnet School, with authorization for the Director of Engineering and Planning Services to award a contract to Diversified Design & Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,163,486 based on Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,057,715 plus a 10% contingency amount
- Judy Burns moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved unanimously.

Marcus Jones responded to questions and comments by Board Members Joel Ireland and Judy Burns.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
a) Interim Principal, Vesey Elementary School
- Joel Ireland moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Roger Pfeuffer recommended the appointment of David Geesey. Judy Burns commented.
8. Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Resolution Agreement for Case No. 08051069
- Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval.
9. Statement of Charges and Resolution to Send Notice of Intent to Dismiss Certificated Teacher, and determine whether to appoint hearing officer to conduct teacher dismissal hearing pursuant to A.R.S. §15-541
- Joel Ireland moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer recommended adoption of the statement of charges.

Joel Ireland made the following motion: *I move to adopt the Statement of Charges and Notice of intent to dismiss teacher Oralia Dowell at the expiration of 30 days. She will be placed on administrative leave pending the expiration of the 30 days. Should Ms. Dowell request a hearing, I move to designate a hearing officer to hold the hearing, hear the evidence, issue subpoenas, prepare a record, and issue a recommendation to the Governing Board for action.*

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

10. Proclamation to Explore Focus Schools New Grade Configurations

Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments followed by a presentation from Patti Lopez outlining the kinds of focus school concepts that would be explored. Mr. Pfeuffer also provided additional comments during the discussion.

Board members commenting and providing input were Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva.

Alex Rodriguez read the proclamation and moved approval; Judy Burns seconded. Approved unanimously.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – www.tusd.k12.az.us

Action

11. Policy Code No. GBEB A – *Dress Code for Employees* (revision related to hats/sunglasses)

Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments and responded to questions.

Adelita Grijalva commented.

12. Policy Code No. JICA – *Student Dress* (revision related to hats/sunglasses)

Roger Pfeuffer commented and responded to questions from board members.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Adelita Grijalva and Bruce Burke.

Judy Burns moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved unanimously.

Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Approved 4-0; Joel Ireland was not present for the vote.

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GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES (continued)

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Study/Action

13. Policy Code No. CFC – *School Councils*

Roger Pfeuffer acknowledged the ongoing work of the School Council Committee and, along with Patti Lopez and Rosalva Meza, responded to board members' comments and questions.

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

Judy Burns moved approval with corrections: Date on Page 2, last bullet under Support to January 7, 2007 and addition of "bi-annually" at end of second bullet under Evaluating & Reporting. Alex Rodriguez seconded; approved unanimously.

14. Policy Code No. JEB – *Entrance Age Requirements*

Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments and responded to board members' questions. Other staff participating in the discussion were Patti Lopez, Teri Melendez and Eleanor Droegemeier.

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

Judy Burns moved approval with change on Page 1: Under **Transfer from another Public School**, first sentence, "transfer to a TUSD school **may** be admitted..." Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1; Joel Ireland voted no.

Study

15. Discussion of possible revisions to Policy Code No. IKF – *Graduation Requirements*

Roger Pfeuffer, Ross Sheard, and Patricia Dienz presented information to the Board and responded to board members' comments and/or questions.


Board members commenting were Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland and Bruce Burke.

Studied only; no action taken.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:28 P.M.

Approved this 19th day of September, 2006.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Governing Board

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