

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

**February 12, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Alex Rodriguez, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Joel T. Ireland, Member
Maggie Sanchez, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Representative

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Beatriz Rendon, Chief Executive Officer
Steve Holmes, Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning
Albert Siqueiros, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communications and Media Relations
James Fish, Principal Supervisor
Maria Patterson, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Maggie Shafer, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Marisa Mandal, Acting Executive Director, Financial Services
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Rudy Flores, Interim Executive Director, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Maria Hooker, Director, Pan Asian Studies
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Bryant Nodine, District Planner, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Stuart Baker, Administrator, Distance Learning and Advanced Placement
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Linda Todd, Senior Staff Assistant I 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
Alexis Huicochea, Arizona Daily Star
Konstantinos Kalaitzidis, Tucson Citizen
TV Channel 4, 9, 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:34 P.M.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Maggie Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Alex Rodriguez opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memoriam for Pistor Middle School Student Juan Carlos Garcia and expressed condolences to the student's family.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.

No action required.

Maggie Sanchez reported on SSAC's February 11th meeting which included reports from TUSD high schools present, an OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts) presentation, and the status of America-Israel student exchange applications.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action required.

In his report, Roger Pfeuffer commented on Love of Reading Week activities and the Kindergarten Open House to be held on March 5, 2008. At Roger's request, Phil Brenfleck reported on the recent Beijing student performance at Palo Verde High School.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Bruce Burke reported on his attendance at the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Federal Relations Network Conference that he recently attended in Washington, D.C.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

Betts Putnam-Hidalgo – Commented on process being used to address budget crisis;

Ann-Eve Pedersen – Reported on purpose and activities of a coalition of TUSD supporters concerned about TUSD schools and programs;

Kim Grimes – Requested that Corbett Librarian/Parent Rebecca Kinsey be allowed to speak for her;

Rebecca Kinsey - Spoke in support of keeping Corbett Elementary School open;

Jay Kirch – Spoke in support of keeping Rogers Elementary School open;

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Kari Garcia – Expressed support for keeping Wrightstown Elementary School open;
Robin Hiller – Commented on positive impact of smaller class sizes;
Caroline Yanez – Spoke in support of keeping Ochoa Elementary School open;
Enrique Serna – Expressed support for keeping Ochoa Elementary School open;
Judi Moreillon – Pointed out rationale for support of teacher-librarians;
Bill Roh – Spoke in support of school closures;
Amy Ijams – Turned time over to Ken Hasta;
Ken Hasta - Expressed support for Rogers Elementary School, particularly the autism program housed there;
Kathy Finfrock – Provided rationale for keeping Corbett Elementary School open;
Steve Courter – Commented on progress of recent meetings between TUSD staff and employee groups;
Lee Ewing – Expressed concerns about RAZA Studies and the curriculum being used;
Maria Jones – Provided rationale for keeping Ochoa Elementary School open.

Individuals whose names were called but were not present: **Bob Dohse, Joe Trudel**

Judy Burns clarified that the next month's regular meeting date is March 11, 2008.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report
Information only.
No action required.
Patrick Whelan commented on SCPC critical issues and reported on recent SCPC activities.
Bruce Burke and Alex Rodriguez commented briefly.
3. Budget Process Presentation for FY 2008-2009
Information only.
No action required.
Roger Pfeuffer, Beatriz Rendon, Rudy Flores and Patti Lopez presented information and responded to comments and questions from Adelita Grijalva, Judy Burns, Joel Ireland, Alex Rodriguez and Bruce Burke. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

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| 4. | Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Seven Months Ending January 31, 2008 | Information only.
No action required. |
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Roger Pfeuffer and Beatriz Rendon commented briefly about the report.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 5. | a) Salaried New Hires for the 2007-2008 SY
b) Hourly New Hires for the 2007-2008 SY
c) New Hires for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 SY
d) Salaried Changes for the 2007-2008 SY
e) Hourly Changes for the 2007-2008 SY
f) Salary Changes for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 SY
g) Salaried Separations for the 2007-2008 SY
h) Hourly Separations for the 2007-2008 SY
i) Separations for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 SY
j) Requests for leave of absence for administrators
k) Requests for leave of absence for certificated personnel
l) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
m) Requests for leave of absence for Food Services Department
n) Requests for released time
o) Requests for released time and travel expenses
p) Award of Bid No. 08-91-08 – Vesey Elementary classroom addition (bond), awarded to BFL Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,708,600 including the base bid, additive alternative bids and a contingency of 10%.
r) Award of Food Services Bid #08DG – Dry Goods for February 9, 2008 – March 1, 2009 to Epicurean Foods, Shamrock Foods, Malone Meat and Poultry, Pacific Spice Company, Kellogg Supply, Inc., Merit Foods of Arizona, Farmer Brothers, Good Source/ Tools for Schools and Tomdra dba Tucson Tom's in the amount of \$525,000.00
t) Plans and specifications with authorization to advertise for sealed bids for Booth-Fickett Magnet School upgrades and renovations (bond) | Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Item Nos. (a-p), (r) and (t-y); Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously. |
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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. u) Plans and specifications with authorization to advertise for sealed bids for Borton Primary Magnet School upgrades and renovations (bond)
- v) Plans and specifications with authorization to advertise for sealed bids for Grijalva, Maldonado and Miller Elementary Schools multi-purpose room HVAC upgrades (bond)
- w) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Special Board Meeting, December 11, 2007
 - 2) Regular Board Meeting, December 11, 2007
 - 3) Special Board Meeting, January 8, 2008
 - 4) Special Board Meeting, January 15, 2008
- x) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending January 31, 2008
- y) Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment between Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona, Department of Teaching and Teacher Education, and Tucson Unified School District of Pima County for 2007-2008 school year (Katrina C. Smits, Sylvia A. Olivas)

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Requests to consider specific Consent Agenda items separately:
Judy Burns, Nos. 5 (q) and (s).

- q) Award of Bid No. 08-87-08 – Palo Verde High School renovation of fine arts facilities (bond) to remaining low bidder in an amount not to exceed \$3,240,000.00

Judy Burns moved approval including the BFOC recommendation; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

In response to comments and questions from Judy Burns, Marcus Jones provided clarification of the Bond Fiscal Oversight Committee (BFOC) recommendation that the base bid, three alternate bids and a contingency of 5% be included and awarded even if the low bidder drops out and the award goes to the second lowest bidder.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. s) Award of a contract for a lighting retrofit project at eight TUSD schools – Whitmore, Corbett, Hudlow, Ft. Lowell Elementary Schools, Booth-Fickett Magnet School, Roskruge Magnet School, and Pueblo High Magnet School (bond), awarded to Thunderbird Mountain Facilities Performance Services through a TCPN (The Cooperative Purchasing Network) cooperative contract in the amount of \$320,000.00 including a 10% contingency (\$271,577.00 if Corbett Elementary School is closed)
- Joel Ireland moved approval*; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

Roger Pfeuffer and Marcus Jones provided additional information and clarification in response to comments and questions from Judy Burns and Joel Ireland. *Mr. Ireland’s motion included the BFOC’s recommended stipulation that improvement at any school considered for closure be deferred until a final decision on closure is made by the Governing Board.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

6. Acknowledgement of the work of the Superintendent’s Override Exploratory/Planning Committee to date, to include a discussion of a timeline for a decision on the override
- Judy Burns moved approval of the Acknowledgement document; Adelita Grijalva seconded.

Roger Pfeuffer presented introductory comments; Judy Burns read the Acknowledgement document in the form of a motion. Bruce Burke commented.

Approved unanimously.

Alex Rodriguez announced that Item Nos. 9 and 10 would be addressed at this time.

9. Proposed school change in allocation formulas for regular education
- Bruce Burke moved approval as recommended by the Superintendent (see board meeting agenda materials); Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 3-2. Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva voted no.
- Roger Pfeuffer and Beatriz Rendon presented information and responded to board members’ comments and questions.
- Adelita Grijalva, Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland, Bruce Burke and Judy Burns commented during the discussion.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

10. Proposed formula change to kindergarten and first grade class size

Roger Pfeuffer, Beatriz Rendon, Patti Lopez and Marisa Mandal presented information and responded to comments and questions from Bruce Burke, Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland and Adelita Grijalva.

As the discussion progressed, Roger Pfeuffer proposed class-size allocations based on Plan B (see board meeting agenda materials) with a trigger that if additional dollars were identified we would move to Plan C.

Bruce Burke moved to adopt ratios of kindergarten at 18:1, 1st grade 24:1; Joel Ireland seconded. (No vote taken on this motion.)

Bruce Burke withdrew his original motion and moved to adopt Plan B with the trigger as proposed by Roger Pfeuffer; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved 3-2. Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

STUDY ITEM

7. Strategic allocation for student excellence

Roger Pfeuffer presented detailed information followed by comments and questions from Judy Burns, Alex Rodriguez, Adelita Grijalva and Joel Ireland. Bryant Nodine provided additional information.

Studied only.
No action taken.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Notice of Public Hearings relating to any potential school closures pursuant to A.R.S. §15-341 (A36)

Roger Pfeuffer provided information and clarified that the purpose of this item would be to direct the Superintendent to provide written notice of public hearings to certain parties as required by statute for any school being considered for closure.

Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland, Adelita Grijalva and Judy Burns commented.

Joel Ireland moved to direct the Superintendent to provide written notice of hearings for possible closure of Corbett, Ochoa, Rogers and Wrightstown Elementary Schools; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 3-2. Judy Burns and Adelita Grijalva voted no.

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- 9. Proposed school change in allocation formulas for regular education
Addressed following Item No. 6 (Page 6 above).
- 10. Proposed formula change to kindergarten and first grade class size
Addressed just prior to Item No. 7 (Page 7 above).
- 11. Adoption of Learning Management System and content for Distance Learning, the online school
Joel Ireland moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.
Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments followed by a presentation by Stuart Baker. Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva and Joel Ireland commented.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Approved policies may be viewed on the District web page – www.tusd1.org

Study/Action

- 12. Policy Code No. IKF – *Graduation Requirements* (revision), with review of Policy Code IKF-R – *Graduation Requirements Regulation* (revision)
Removed from agenda. No action taken.

This item was removed from the agenda by the Superintendent for future review.

- 13. Policy Code No. GBP – *Prohibited Personnel Practices*
Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.
Rob Ross presented information and responded to comments and questions from Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 11:17 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of May, 2008.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Governing Board