

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

**February 13, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Joel T. Ireland, President (participated via telephone beginning at 8:40 p.m.)
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member
Amanda Gallego, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Representative

Also Present:

Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer
Bobby Johnson, Interim Executive Officer, Education Support Services
Rob Ross, Legal Counsel
Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel
Harriet Scarborough, Ph.D., Senior Academic Officer – Curriculum, Instruction & Professional Learning
Bobbe Woods, Interim Senior Academic Officer – Student Services
Maria Patterson, Principal Supervisor
Dea Salter, Principal Supervisor
Maggie Shafer, Principal Supervisor
Ross Sheard, Principal Supervisor
Pat Beatty, Executive Director, Financial Services
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Rudy Flores, Interim Executive Director, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Larry Haynes, Director, African American Studies
Chyrl Lander, Director, Communication and Media Relations
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Albert Siquieros, Interim Director, Employee Relations
Mary Veres, Interim Director, Technology and Telecommunications Services
Leon George, Director, Purchasing
Norma Johnson, Policy Coordinator
Lisa Long, Administrator, Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Integration
Jennifer Sprung, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Sponsor
Fred Stevenson, Professor of Mathematics, University of Arizona
Bill McCullum, Professor of Mathematics, University of Arizona
Sue Adams, University of Arizona
Lt. Colonel Cindy Richards, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Linda Todd, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Rosalva Meza, President, Tucson Education Association
Steve Courter, Vice President, Tucson Education Association
Phil Brenfleck, Board Liaison, School Community Partnership Council
George Sanchez, Arizona Daily Star
Konstantinos Kalaitzidis, Tucson Citizen
TV Channel 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 6:50 P.M.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Amanda Gallego led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action required.

Alex Rodriguez led in a moment of silence in honor of Rosario Solis, a TUSD Bus Monitor who was killed in an accident the previous week. Mr. Rodriguez then announced that Information Item No. 1 - Report on the University of Arizona/Tucson Unified School District Math Grant would be addressed immediately following Board Member Activity Reports and before the Call to the Audience.

No action required.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Roger Pfeuffer gave a brief report that included information on *Love of Reading* and a video clip of the Sahuaro High School dance troupe performing a fellow student's Rwandan refugee story.

No action required.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Adelita Grijalva commented on a letter and subsequent meeting with Safford School parents and a Blue Cross Blue Shield "Walk On" program at Grijalva Elementary School.

No action required.

Alex Rodriguez also commented on the meeting with Safford parents during which time the Superintendent, Board members and City Council members were able to dialogue with them.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Report on the University of Arizona/Tucson Unified School District Math Grant

Information only.
No action required.

Fred Stevenson, Bill McCullum and Sue Adams presented information on the collaboration between the University and TUSD that will enhance students' learning experiences in K-12 math education.

Alex Rodriguez commented briefly.

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following persons spoke:

Kate Yackley – Expressed concerns about suspension protocol related to an incident with her daughter;

Ben Davis – Gave examples of incidents wherein African American students were dealt with inappropriately;

Anton – Spoke of employment scenarios at Catalina High Magnet School;

Phil Brenfleck – Addressed issues related to Proposition 301 Committee and implementation of recommendations;

Mary Schiltz – Commented on issues related to the reopening of Smith School;

Rosalva Meza – Referred to the need for continued collaboration among the district, parents and teachers in addressing academic, budget and negotiations issues;

Steve Courter – Commented on lower class size, parent involvement on the 301 Committee and public support through a budget override;

Julio Camarota – Spoke in support of multicultural education and the Ethnic Studies departments in TUSD;

Lydia Otero – Commented on the success of TUSD's Raza Studies;

Robin Hiller – Pointed out proven track record of positive results from lower class sizes;

Lydia Stanton – Spoke in support of lower class sizes;

Michael Smith – Requested Board to consider later school start times for high school students;

Sarah Griffiths – Urged the Board to remain steadfast in lowering class sizes;

Patricia Maes – Expressed concerns about the way Doolen administrative staff have handled bullying incidents with her daughter.

Alex Rodriguez commented that remaining requests to speak would be moved to the next Regular meeting since the time allotted for Call to the Audience was over.

Judy Burns asked for a report from the Superintendent on subjects raised by speakers at Call to the Audience. Alex Rodriguez asked the Superintendent to look into the issues raised related to intercultural appreciation and report to the Governing Board.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

2. Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC) Report Information only.
No action required.

Amanda Gallego presented the SSAC Report highlighting the recent monthly meeting that included updates and/or information from Roger Pfeuffer and Sheila Baize (Interscholastics Department); she also mentioned that SSAC students participated in *Love of Reading* at Wheeler Elementary School.

Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez commented.

3. Board Member Report on the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network 2007 Conference – Alex Rodriguez Information only.
No action required.

Alex Rodriguez provided highlights of the recent meeting held in Washington, D.C., commenting specifically about NCLB (*No Child Left Behind*) re-authorization and his meetings with Arizona Congressional Representatives from Tucson, Gabrielle Giffords and Raul Grijalva.

Bruce Burke commented.

4. Summary of Selected Financial Activity and Supplemental Information for the Seven Months Ending January 31, 2007 Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer indicated staff was available to answer questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. a) New positions/replacements/reinstatements of salaried personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
b) New hires/replacements/reinstatements of hourly personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
c) Salary changes for hourly personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
d) Separations of salaried personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
e) Separations of hourly personnel for the 2006-2007 school year
f) Requests for leave of absence and issuance of contracts for certificated personnel
g) Requests for leave of absence for classified personnel
h) Requests for released time
i) Requests for released time and travel expenses
- Judy Burns moved approval of Consent Agenda Items 5 (a-b), (e-i), (k-o), (q) and (s-v); Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0. Joel Ireland was not present for the vote.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. m) Resolution for employee pay due to snow/ice on Monday, January 22, 2007
- n) Funding Proposal – Arizona Department of Education: Superintendent Challenge Grant in support of the *Local Wellness Policy State Agency* Grant for Drachman Primary Magnet School to promote nutrition education in the classroom
- o) Agreements
 - 1) Intergovernmental Agreement between Tucson Unified School District and Pima County Health Department for the Provision and Administration of Childhood Immunizations, Amendment Number 2 to Contract No. 01-01-T-135365-1204
 - 2) Renewal Agreement and Addendum between Tucson Unified School District and the United States Air force for the Establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Unit at Catalina High Magnet School, with authorization for the Superintendent to sign the documents
- q) Award of Food Services Bid No. 07DG – Dry Goods, for the period of March 1, 2007 through February 28, 2008, to Shamrock Foods, Malone Meat & Poultry, Epicurean Foods, Kellogg Supply, Inc., Merit Foods of Arizona, Poppy Street Food Products, and Albar Pkg. Supply Co., in the amount of \$927,000
- s) Plans and specifications with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
 - 1) Blenman Elementary School nine classroom addition
 - 2) Hudlow Elementary School three classroom addition
 - 3) Robins Elementary School six classroom addition
 - 4) Sahuaro High School Fine Arts Building renovation
- t) Award of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 07-84-07 – Construction Manager at Risk for the Valencia Middle School Classroom Addition (bond) to T.L. Roof and Associates, with authorization for the Director of Bonds to negotiate a contract and procure construction management services for the project.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 5. u) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Regular Board Meeting, July 11, 2006
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, August 1, 2006
 - 3) Special Board Meeting, August 2, 2006
 - 4) Special Board Meeting, August 8, 2006
 - 5) Regular Board Meeting, August 8, 2006
- v) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending January 31, 2007

Judy Burns requested that Consent Agenda Items 5 (d), (j), (p) and (r) be considered separately. Alex Rodriguez requested that Consent Agenda Item 5(c) be considered separately.

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval.

- 5. c) Teachers hired through teacher pool process for the 2007-2008 school year

Roger Pfeuffer commented on the progress made in the early hiring and issuing of contracts to new teachers.

- d) Contract changes for salaried personnel for the 2006-2007 school year

Sue Wybraniec responded to an inquiry from Judy Burns.

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

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

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. j) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence

Sue Wybraniec and Roger Pfeuffer responded to comments and inquiries from Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva and Alex Rodriguez. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

Bruce Burke moved to deny the request for leave of absence; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Motion failed 2-2. Alex Rodriguez and Judy Burns voted no. Joel Ireland was not present for the vote.

In a second motion, Judy Burns moved to approve the leave of absence; Alex Rodriguez seconded. Motion failed 2-2. Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva voted no. Joel Ireland was not present for the vote.

In a final motion, Bruce Burke moved to postpone action until the February 20, 2007 meeting; Judy Burns seconded. Approved 4-0. Joel Ireland was not present for the vote.

- p) Microsoft Licensing Agreement Renewal, three-year agreement effective March 1, 2007 (For further clarification of this item, contact the TUSD Governing Board Office.)

Mary Veres, Leon George and Pat Beatty provided information in response to comments and inquiries from Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. r) Award of Request for Proposals RFP No. 07-63-11 – Class Scheduler for Student Management System to Tyler Technologies for fiscal year 2006-2007, effective upon Governing Board approval and continuing with the option to renew for up to five consecutive fiscal years in the estimated amount of \$120,000 annually
- Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-0. Joel Ireland was not present for the vote.

Lisa Long provided an overview of how the scheduler would work in response to comments and questions from Judy Burns.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Proclaim *National Career and Technical Education Month* in Tucson Unified School District, February 2007
- Roger Pfeuffer commented briefly and recommended approval.
- Adelita Grijalva read the Proclamation in the form of a motion; Judy Burns seconded. Approved 4-0. Joel Ireland was not present for the vote.

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

Prior to discussion of Item No. 7, Alex Rodriguez called Joel Ireland who began participating in the meeting via telephone.

7. Payroll Deduction for the Opening Minds Through the Arts (OMA) Foundation
- Following introductory comments, Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval and responded to questions from Judy Burns.
- Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

8. Arizona School Improvement Plans for Warning Year (C.E. Rose, Corbett, Cragin, Lynn/Urquides, Maldonado, and Robison Elementary Schools and Hohokam, Naylor, Safford, and Valencia Middle Schools, and Teenage Parent Program); First Year (Cavett Elementary School and Wakefield Middle School); Second Year (Maxwell Middle School); Corrective Action Schools (Roberts Elementary School); Restructure-Implementation (Lawrence Intermediate School) under the *No Child Left Behind Act*
- Judy Burns moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0. Adelita Grijalva was not present for the vote.

Roger Pfeuffer provided initial information followed by a presentation by Patti Lopez. Dr. Lopez responded to a question and comments from Alex Rodriguez.

9. Arizona School Improvement Plans for One Underperforming School (Hohokam Middle School) and One Failing School (Naylor Middle School) under *AZ LEARNS*
- Judy Burns moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer commented briefly followed by Patti Lopez's presentation.

Board members commenting and/or asking questions were Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez.

10. State of Small Class Project and Plan for Reducing Class Size for the 2007-2008 School Year
- Bruce Burke moved approval of the project to include direction to staff to plan for both the implementation of the Plan and the determination of the funding source in the budget; Joel Ireland seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer, Patti Lopez, Lisa Long and Rudy Flores presented information and responded to comments and questions from board members.

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

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STUDY/ACTION ITEMS (continued)

11. Reopening of Lowell Smith Elementary School as Lowell Smith Middle School (Grades 5-8), effective with the 2007-2008 School Year

Roger Pfeuffer, Ross Sheard, Lt. Colonel Richards and Bobbe Woods presented information and responded to comments and questions from board members. Rob Ross provided legal advice.

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

Adelita Grijalva suggested moving the remaining items (Nos. 12, 13, and 14) to a subsequent meeting. Judy Burns, Bruce Burke, Alex Rodriguez and Joel Ireland joined in the discussion. It was determined that the Agenda Committee will schedule the remaining items for another meeting as soon as reasonably possible.

12. Process and Timeline for Superintendent Search

13. Process for Determining Use of Funds Subject to A.R.S. §15-977 (Proposition 301)

Bruce Burke moved approval subject to Court approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-1. Judy Burns voted no.

Removed from the agenda; to be rescheduled.

Removed from the agenda; to be rescheduled.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

Study

14. Policy Code No. IMC – *Guest Speakers*


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

Removed from the agenda; to be rescheduled.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:00 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of June, 2007.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
Governing Board

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