

**Tucson Unified School District No. 1
Governing Board Special Meeting
Joint Meeting with the Blue Ribbon Committee
1125 N. Vine Street, Room 102
Tucson, Arizona**

**February 20, 2007
12:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Joel T. Ireland, President
Alex Rodríguez, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Adelita S. Grijalva, Member

Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) Members Present:

Bob Breault, Chairman, Breault Research Organization, Inc.
Robert Draper, O'Reilly Motor Company; Interim Committee Chair, BRC
Rudy Flores, Interim Executive Director, Engineering, Facilities & Planning, TUSD
Steve Holmes, Director, School Improvement, TUSD
Jacquelyn Jackson, Director, Governmental Relations, Pima Community College
Bob Johnston, Committee Member
Chyrl Hill Lander, Director, Communications & Media Relations, TUSD
Lisa Long, Administrator, Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Integration, TUSD
Patricia Lopez, Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer, TUSD
Lisa McCorkle, President, Educational Leaders, Inc.
Earl Mendenhall III, Mendenhall Insurance & Investments
Rosalva Meza, President, Tucson Education Association
Roger F. Pfeuffer, Superintendent, TUSD and Co-Chair, BRC
Paul Vernon, Retired, Eli Lilly
Patty Weiss, CEO, Gelenberg Consulting & Publishing

TUSD Staff Present (in addition to those who are BRC Members):

Nancy Woll, Legal Counsel
Suzanne McFarlin, Facilitator, TUSD Bright Ideas Committee
Linda Todd, Senior Staff Assistant I to the Governing Board
Michele Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant to Deputy Superintendent

Others Present:

Sylvia Campoy, Chair, Independent Citizens' Committee
Ruth Solomon, Board Member, Joint Technological Education District (JTED)
Mary Schiltz

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SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 12:20 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No actions taken
or required at this
meeting.

Welcome – Roger Pfeuffer and Rob Draper

Rob Draper welcomed everyone present.

Brief Updates

- Superintendent's Update – Roger Pfeuffer

Roger Pfeuffer commented on the importance of the breakout sessions coming later in the meeting and updated those present on the progress in addressing student achievement in Tucson Unified School District (TUSD).

- Success for Children – Patti Lopez

In her report, Patti Lopez provided more detailed information on specific issues related to student achievement and outlined plans for continued class size reduction in TUSD. Roger Pfeuffer made additional comments outlining issues to be addressed, including class size, facilities and professional development.

Others commenting and/or asking questions during a lengthy discussion were Patty Weiss, Earl Mendenhall, Rosalva Meza, Chyrl Lander, Bob Breault, Alex Rodriguez, Judy Burns and Rob Draper.

- JTED – Ruth Solomon

Roger Pfeuffer made introductory comments about Ruth Solomon's background and experience. Ruth Solomon provided an overview of progress made in the JTED since its approval by voters last fall. Individuals commenting and/or asking questions were Joel Ireland, Rosalva Meza, Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez.

- Bright Ideas – Rudy Flores

Rudy Flores and Suzanne McFarlin provided a brief history of the Bright Ideas Committee and shared what is planned for the Committee's spring campaign. Patti Lopez and Patty Weiss commented.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

Advancement of BRC Strategic Plan – Roger Pfeuffer & Rob Draper

- Committee Breakout Sessions

Rob Draper recessed the meeting for committee breakout sessions and commented that brief reports would be heard from the committees when the meeting was reconvened.

SPECIAL MEETING RECESSED – 1:12 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING RECONVENED – 1:42 P.M.

Advancement of BRC Strategic Plan – Roger Pfeuffer & Rob Draper (cont.)

- Committee Reports

Success for Children – Patti Lopez reported that the Committee reviewed goals and discussed how to address the achievement gap, including the aspect of schools having specific goals within their accountability plans.

Communications – Chyrl Lander and Jacquelyn Jackson reported that the Committee discussed its role, strategic goals, marketing ideas and identifying audiences for specific promotions. Judy Burns commented.

Resources – Roger Pfeuffer reported that the Committee discussed goals for increased effectiveness related to schools, including more clarity in the budget development process. Rudy Flores mentioned starting next fiscal year with a zero-based budget plan. Ruth Solomon commented.

Focus on 2007 – Roger Pfeuffer

- Academic Excellence Group

Rob Draper announced that the discussion of Academic Excellence would be addressed at the next meeting.

- Override Election

Roger Pfeuffer reported that a citizens' group is meeting every couple of weeks to consider plans for what might be included if an override election is held. Alex Rodriguez commented.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)

Focus on 2007 – Roger Pfeuffer (cont.)

- Deseg/Unitary Status

Roger Pfeuffer reported that a settlement conference had been held in January; however, it was determined that the parties remain too far apart to settle. Preparations are being made to go to court to settle. Rosalva Meza commented.

- Superintendent Search

Roger Pfeuffer reported that the Governing Board plans to discuss the process and timeline for the Superintendent Search at its March 13, 2007 Regular meeting.

Additional comments about various issues were made by Patty Weiss, Roger Pfeuffer, Bob Breault, Bruce Burke, Rudy Flores, Judy Burns and Ruth Solomon.

Agenda Items for March Meeting – Roger Pfeuffer and Rob Draper


Rob Draper announced that items anticipated for the March BRC meeting include Arizona Scholars Program, Committee Reports, Academic Excellence focus and budget matters.

Closing comments were made by Patti Lopez, Rudy Flores, Rob Draper, Roger Pfeuffer, Joel Ireland, Ruth Solomon, Bruce Burke, Chyrl Lander, Patty Weiss, Judy Burns, and Alex Rodriguez.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED – 2:10 p.m.

Approved this _____ 12th _____ day of _____ June _____, 2007.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
 Alex Rodriguez, Clerk
 Governing Board