

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

**March 11, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present:

Alex Rodriguez, President
Adelita S. Grijalva, Clerk
Bruce Burke, Member
Judy Burns, Member
Joel T. Ireland, Member
Ashton Inskeep, 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
Susan Wybraniec, Executive Director, Human Resources
Rudy Flores, Interim Executive Director, Engineering, Facilities and Planning
Lorraine McPherson, Executive Director, Grants Management and Resource Development
Lorraine St. Germain, Executive Director, Exceptional Education
Bonnie Betz, Director, Financial Services
David Scott, Director, Accountability and Research
Mary Veres, Interim Director, Technology and Telecommunications Services
Lisa Long, Director, Curriculum and Instruction
Larry Haynes, Director, African American Studies
Maria Hooker, Director, Pan Asian Studies
Marcus Jones, Director, Bonds
Anselmo Ramon, Director, Native American Studies
Alyson Nielson, Assistant Director, Employment Services, Human Resources
Marisa Mandal, Assistant Director, Financial Services
Jennifer Sprung, Sponsor, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)
Sam Polito, Lobbyist (via telephone)
Chuck Essigs, ASBO (via telephone)
Gloria Ramirez, Roskruge Elementary/Bilingual Middle Magnet School – Autism Panel
Katie Marris, Roskruge Elementary/Bilingual Middle Magnet School – Autism Panel
Patty Matthews, Autism Panel

Also Present (cont.):

Casey Chandler, Roskrige Elementary/Bilingual Middle Magnet School – Autism Panel
Blanca Payne, Autism Panel
Mary Alice Wallace, Director of Staff Services to the Governing Board
Sylvia Lovegreen, Senior Staff Assistant II to the Governing Board
Steve Courter, President, Tucson Education Association
Patrick Whelan, Moderator, School Community Partnership Council (SCPC)
Ella Bortel, District Advisory Council (DAC)
Sandra Parker, Chair, Governing Board Audit Committee
Clifford Altfeld, Vice-Chair, Governign Board Audit Committee
George Sanchez, Arizona Daily Star
Mary Bustamante, Tucson Citizen
TV Channel 4, 13

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REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

No action required.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action required.

Ashton Inskeep led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alex Rodriguez called for a moment of silence in memoriam for Morgan K. Wise, a Doolen Middle School student who died last week after being hit by a motorcycle.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Information only.
No action required.

Ashton Inskeep presented the SSAC Report which included an overview of SSAC’s most recent meeting held on March 10, 2008.

Alex Rodriguez commented.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer reminded everyone that March is Social Work month and expressed appreciation for the efforts of social workers. Sam Polito and Chuck Essigs were present telephonically and they and Roger provided updates on legislative activities.

Alex Rodriguez commented.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS

No action required.

Joel Ireland commented on his visits to schools recommended for closing as well as visits to the proposed receiving schools. Rob Ross provided clarification of the timelines between hearing dates and action by the Board.

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BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORTS (continued)

No action required.

Bruce Burke reported that he met with the Override Planning Committee that is exploring the possibility of an override election. He also stated that he attended the Opening Minds through the Arts (OMA) event where Roger Pfeuffer and Patti Lopez were honored.

Judy Burns mentioned that she attended the most recent meeting of the TUSD Labor/Management Partnership which is made up of representatives from the employee bargaining groups and members of TUSD administration.

Adelita Grijalva reported that she visited Safford school and plans on visiting all of the schools recommended for closure.

Alex Rodriguez advised that he attended a mock election at University High School, read to students at Maldonado Elementary School, observed the JTED (Joint Technological Education District) program at Palo Verde High Magnet School and visited schools.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No action required.

The following speaker cards were held over from the February 12, 2008 meeting:

Sandy Payton – Commented on the need to build community support and faith in TUSD;

Walter Silvas – Expressed concerns about the impact closing Rogers Elementary School would have on the students in the autism program housed there;

Meg Beer – Shared concerns about schools having to choose between having a guidance counselor or having a teacher-librarian;

Linda Huber – Commented on the savings figures for closing Corbett Elementary School;

Esthermarie Hillman – Expressed concerns about the closure of Ochoa Elementary School;

J.D. Herron – Spoke in support of keeping Rogers Elementary School open;

Speaker cards submitted for March 11, 2008 meeting:

Richard Martinez – Urged the Board to make a decision on the next superintendent based on the most qualified applicant;

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CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (continued)

Clarence Boykins – Commented on school closings and on the superintendent search process;

Bob Dohse – Expressed the need for a TUSD contact person to address 21st century issues;

Ann-Eve Pedersen – Encouraged the Board to explore other options to solve the budget problem;

Bruce Slabaugh – Shared concerns about possible elimination of AV Tech positions and the need for custodians;

Rebecca Kinsey – Commented on the closure of Corbett Elementary School;

Kristin Wright – Expressed concerns about the process for school closures;

Ross Iwamoto – Spoke in support of Pan Asian Studies.

Individuals whose names were called but were not present:

Breeze Cantua, Lisa Falk, Chris Wallenmeyer, Colleen Roh, Jessi Erickson, Pat Casanova, Crisol Reyes, Sylvia Bacinski, Rachelle Casanova, Rachel Hernandez, Yesenia Perez, John McEvers, Lucy Howell, and Nancy Zeldin

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

2. School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) Report

Information only.
No action required.

Patrick Whelan and Ella Bortel presented a report on the activities of the SCPC and the District Advisory Council (DAC).

Alex Rodriguez and Bruce Burke commented.

3. Information on TUSD Students with Autism

Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer, Lorraine St. Germain, Gloria Ramirez, Katie Marris, Patty Matthews, Casey Chandler and Blanca Payne presented information and responded to board member's comments and questions.

Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez commented.

4. Update regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pima County Joint Technological Education District (JTED) and Tucson Unified School District approved on May 8, 2007

Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer and Alex Rodriguez commented.

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INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

5. Presentation on FY 2008 budget status with new format and update on FY 2009 budget development

Information only.
No action required.

Roger Pfeuffer, Beatriz Rendon and David Scott provided information and responded to board members' comments and questions.

Joel Ireland, Alex Rodriguez, Bruce Burke and Adelita Grijalva commented.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. 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) Teachers hired through teacher pool process for the 2007-2008 SY
h) Salaried Separations for the 2007-2008 SY
i) Hourly Separations for the 2007-2008 SY
j) Separations for Food Services Department for the 2007-2008 SY
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) Recommendation to deny request for leave of absence
o) Requests for released time
p) Requests for released time and travel expenses
q) Student Absence Approval for 2007-2008
r) Funding Proposal – Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education for the development of *Teen Court* at Hohokam, Mansfeld, Pistor, Vail and Valencia Middle Schools

Joel Ireland moved approval of the Consent Agenda; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 4-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote.

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CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

- 6. s) Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona, Department of Teaching and Teacher Education and Tucson Unified School District (Visiting Professor Program – Annette Knight for the 2008-2009 SY)
- t) Intergovernmental Agreement between Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Arizona and Tucson Unified School District of Pima County for 2008-2009 (Leslie Kahn)
- u) Award Bid No. 08-88-08 – Field Support Facilities at Rincon High School and Catalina, Pueblo and Palo Verde High Magnet Schools (bond), awarded to Division II Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,311,000.00, which includes the base bid, Alternate Bid Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and a 10% contingency
- v) Award Bid No. 08-95-08 – Borton Primary Magnet School upgrades and renovations (bond), awarded to Giles Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$427,900.00 which includes the base bid and a 10% contingency
- w) Plans and specifications for Doolen Middle School upgrades and renovations with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- x) Plans and specifications for Hudlow Elementary School for upgrades and renovations with authorization to advertise for sealed bids (bond)
- y) Minutes of Tucson Unified School District Governing Board Meetings
 - 1) Regular Board Meeting, January 15, 2008
 - 2) Special Board Meeting, January 22, 2008, 6:15 p.m.
 - 3) Special Board Meeting, January 22, 2008, 6:45 p.m.
- z) Ratification of salary and non-salary vouchers for the period beginning February 1, 2008, and ending February 29, 2008

Roger Pfeuffer recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

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ACTION ITEMS

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| 7. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Acting Principal, Duffy Elementary School | Adelita Grijalva moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved 4-0. Judy Burns was not present for the vote. |
| <p>Roger Pfeuffer recommended Ernesto Galaz.</p> | |
| 8. Administrative appointments, reassignments and transfers
– Director of Technology Services | Removed from agenda; no action taken. |
| 9. Nonrenewal of probationary teacher for the 2008-2009 school year | Removed from agenda prior to meeting. |

STUDY/ACTION ITEMS

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| 10. Governing Board Audit Committee Charter and update on Committee activities since inception in September 2007 | Studied only; no action taken. |
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Roger Pfeuffer, Sandra Parker, and Cliff Altfeld presented information and responded to comments and questions.

Board members commenting were Alex Rodriguez and Adelita Grijalva.

Item Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16 were moved to this point on the agenda for consideration.

STUDY ITEMS

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| 13. Information to discuss rationale for librarian and counselor funding formula changes | Studied only; no action taken. |
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Roger Pfeuffer, Beatriz Rendon, and Steve Holmes provided information and responded to comments and questions from board members.

Alex Rodriguez, Adelita Grijalva, Joel Ireland and Bruce Burke commented and asked questions.

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STUDY ITEMS (continued)

14. Start of the school year after Labor Day as a cost-saving measure

Studied only; no action taken.

Roger Pfeuffer and Beatriz Rendon presented information and responded to board members' inquiries and comments.

Alex Rodriguez, Joel Ireland and Adelita Grijalva commented.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS TO SCHEDULE AN AGENDA ITEM

15. Reconsideration of librarian and counselor staffing for 2008-2009, approved February 12, 2008, requested by Board Member Joel Ireland for action

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved 3-2. Bruce Burke and Alex Rodriguez voted no.

Judy Burns and Alex Rodriguez commented briefly.

16. Start of the school year after Labor Day as a cost-saving measure, requested by Board Member Joel Ireland for action

Request withdrawn by Mr. Ireland.

GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES

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

11. Governing Board Policy Code No. IKF – *Graduation Requirements* (revision) with review of Policy Code No. IKF-R – *Graduation Requirements Regulation* (revision)

Judy Burns moved approval; Adelita Grijalva seconded. Approved unanimously.

Brief comments were made by Roger Pfeuffer, Lisa Long, and Judy Burns.

12. Governing Board Policy Code No. GCBB – *Administrator Contracts*

Judy Burns moved approval; Bruce Burke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Roger Pfeuffer and Judy Burns commented.

STUDY ITEMS (continued)

13. Information to discuss rationale for librarian and counselor funding formula changes

Addressed out of sequence (Page 7 above).

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STUDY ITEMS (continued)

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| 14. Start of the school year after Labor Day as a cost-saving measure | Addressed out of sequence (Page 8 above). |
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BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS TO SCHEDULE AN AGENDA ITEM

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| 15. Reconsideration of librarian and counselor staffing for 2008-2009, approved February 12, 2008, requested by Board Member Joel Ireland for action | Addressed out of sequence (Page 8 above). |
| 16. Start of the school year after Labor Day as a cost-saving measure, requested by Board Member Joel Ireland for action | Addressed out of sequence (Page 8 above). |

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNED – 10:43 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of May, 2008.

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. ONE

By 
Adelita Grijalva, Clerk
Governing Board

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