

DRAFT – Unofficial Until Approved
Meeting Minutes 10/24/2013

The Governing Board of the Tanque Verde Unified School District #13, Pima County, Tucson, Arizona held a Study Session on October 24, 2013 in the Board Room, at the Tanque Verde Unified School District Administrative Office, 2300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Rd. Tucson in Arizona 85749. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Mrs. Claire Place, President

Mr. Jeffrey Neff, Board Member *(absent)*

Dr. Peter Livingston, Clerk

Mr. Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

Mr. Steven Auslander, Board Member

Ms. Amanda Grimshaw, Student Board Member

Administrative Staff:

Dr. Doug Price, Superintendent

Mr. Marty O'Shea, Business Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Auslander made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Ruiz seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Governing Board did not hold a call to the public during this session.

4. CONSENT AGENDA *(see attached)*

MOTION: Mr. Ruiz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Tanque Verde Foundation (TVF) Presentation – Mrs. Elizabeth Spilotro addressed Board Members. She spoke about trying to grow the TVF Board via virtual meetings and through Shutter Fly to make meeting attendance convenient, and productive. She stated their biggest challenge is manpower.

The two largest fundraisers for the Foundation are Tech Trek (January 25, 2014) and the Taste of Tanque Verde (April 26, 2014).

Mrs. Spilotro, an attorney specializing in Estate Planning, talked about 'Direct Giving' through Estate Planning as a way to contribute. Mr. Auslander asked if she had a website link.

She said that she will provide a link to guide people interested in gaining more information.

The Foundation is looking to grow, expand their base, develop leads, and is hopeful ALL the sites can contribute in these efforts. Currently, the Foundation is primarily supported by ACES parents who also have students attending EGJH and TVHS. With encouragement from Board Members, the Foundation Board will be looking to ALL campus PTGs in an effort to grow. Mrs. Place suggested tapping into Homeowner

Associations; sharing ideas in how the community can become involved in supporting local schools.

The Foundation and the district continue to collaborate, developing strategic long term goals heavily focused on technology. Mrs. Spilotro recognized Dr. Price and his efforts in developing this partnership.

Dr. Price added the piloting concept continues with the support of the TVF. We are currently gearing up for the second round of the IT infrastructure.

- B. Tanque Verde A+ Presentation – Mrs. Angie Donelson, Mrs. Barbara Drummond, and Mrs. Elizabeth Spilotro addressed Board Members. Handouts (attached) were provided to the Board regarding the TV A-Plus, a Grass Roots Parent Organization and their goals. Mrs. Donelson presented a PowerPoint – 2010 & 2012 In-District Parent Voting Analysis (see attached).

After the presentation there was discussion regarding how to encourage the community and students to become registered voters. It was suggested that high school Government class students could partner with Student Council students and develop a plan. Mrs. Donelson said the TV A+ Organization would enjoy working with these students, too. Dr. Price said on Tuesday, he was at the high school speaking to students about voting. He's been invited the last few years by TVHS Teacher, Ms. Andrea Heck, to speak to the seniors about voting.

TV A+ announced they have a Fall Legislative Forum scheduled with LD10 Senator Dave Bradley on Monday, November 18, at 7:00 pm at Real Life Church on Houghton near Ft. Lowell. Senator Bradley will be discussing education-related legislative items likely to come up in the 2014 legislative year that starts in January. Representatives Stefanie Mach, Bruce Wheeler, and Ethan Orr have also been invited.

Board Members expressed a desire to attend the Forum which is scheduled the same day as the School Board / Superintendent Collaborative.

Dr. Price thanked the presenters, Mrs. Donelson, Mrs. Drummond and Mrs. Spilotro for all they are doing to raise awareness.

- C. Special Education Update / Presentation – Special Education Director, Marilyn Huestis address the Board. She reported on Special Education population growth –
- 2008-09: 205
 - 2009-10: 224
 - 2010-11: 229 / 243* (Year-end count)
 - 2011-12: 225 / 259* (Year-end count)
 - 2012-13: 255 / 285* (Year-end count)
 - 2013-14: 264

The year-end count includes new students identified as needing services.

The district provides services at the Preschool, following is the Special Education

population growth at the Preschool level:

2008-09: 8 / 12* (Year-end count)

2009-10: 10 / 14* (Year-end count)

2010-11: 14 / 19* (Year-end count)

2011-12: 13 / 14* (Year-end count)

2012-13: 12 / 19* (Year-end count)

2013-14: 20

The year-end count includes new students identified as needing services.

The current District wide Special Education Population as follows:

Kindergarten – 12th grade is : 266 (12% of enrollment)

Services by category we are providing:

Autism

Developmental Delay

Emotional Disability

Hearing Impairment

Multiple Disabilities

Mild Intellectual Disability

Moderate Intellectual Disability

Other Health Impairment

Orthopedic Impairment

Specific Learning Disability

Speech/Language Impairment

Visual Impairment

(Children with other disabilities receiving speech/language therapy as a related service)

There are three group homes, with 16 school age children, within the district boundaries that are currently attending our schools.

Special Education Teachers:

2008-09

ACES 4.0

TVES 3.0

EGJH 2.5

TVHS 3.5

Speech

ACES 1.4

(1.0 SLP also covered EGJH & TVHS)

TVES 1.0

2013-14

ACES 3.0

TVES 4.0

EGJH 3.0

TVHS 3.0

Speech

ACES 1.4

TVES 1.0

EGJH/TVHS .5 (also works with a few children at TVES & ACES)

Adaptive PE
ACES/TVES 1.0
EGJH .14

Adaptive PE
District wide 1.6
(Adaptive PE teachers also work with
the elementary motor lab program for
all primary students)

Paraprofessionals
18.29 FTE

Paraprofessionals
20.59 FTE

Total Special Education Open Enrollment population growth:

2009-10: 8

2010-11: 19

2011-12: 23

2012-13: 24

2013-14: 6

Total Open Enrollment Special Education Population: 94

Services by category we are providing:

Autism

Developmental Delay

Emotional Disability

Hearing Impairment

Mild Intellectual Disability

Multiple Disabilities

Other Health Impairment

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Visual Impairment

Dr. Price shared with Board Members that not only is Ms. Huestis the District Psychologist, she is also the Director of Special Education. He went on to compliment the Special Education staff, Ms. Linda Peery and Mrs. Karen Troyan for their continued efforts in supporting the District SPED students and staff.

When asked about technology, Ms. Huestis explained how efficient the new IEP software program is, and how much easier the record keeping is for Special Education teachers. She added iPad technology helps with student assistive learning opportunities.

Mrs. Place announced she received a letter from a district resident, who is supportive of the high school CBI program and its instructor Trudy Slanina. He thanked the Board for supporting the SPED programs, the staff and especially the students.

D. Board Self-Evaluation – Mrs. Place addressed Board Members asking if any were prepared to submit their Self-Evaluation, none were. She asked if all Board Members would please

complete the Self-Evaluation and return it to her by Thursday, October 31, 2013.

- E. Review Board Goals – Mrs. Place asked that the 2013-14 Board Goals be updated to reflect the new language from Common Core to College and Career Ready Standards. Mrs. Place asked that the revised version be placed on the website as well.
- F. Community Linkage meeting Schedule Update – Dr. Price announced two dates, November 14, 2013 and January 23, 2014.
- G. Tax Credit Donation Campaign – Mr. Auslander provided an outline of the campaign for the Board.
- Video Projection at Fall Festival on November 2
 - Windshield flyers during the Fall Festival on November 2
 - Article in News and Views – Press date is November 8
 - Link to page with video clip posted on November 6
 - Constant Contact from schools on November 8, 15, 22
 - Constant Contact from schools on December 6, 13, 20
 - Road signs up on December 2

Direct mail to student households:

1. Postcard from teacher mailed on December 2
2. Postcard from principal mailed on December 9
3. Postcard from Board & Superintendent mailed on December 16
(and this one goes to non-student households)

Direct mail to adult class takers:

1. Postcard from program director mailed on December 2

Email:

1. Email to all student household email addresses on December 3
2. Email to adult class takers on December 3
3. Email to all known email addresses on December 27

- H. News and View Distribution Schedule – Mr. Auslander provided the following schedule:

Press date November 8

Press date February (middle of the month)

Press date April 9

Tentatively, late May (after TVHS Graduation) or early June

- I. School Board/Superintendent Collaborative - November 18, 2013 – Dr. Price asked the Board who will be attending the Collaborative. All decided they would attend. Some will leave early to attend the TV A+ Forum the same night. Dr. Price asked if student board Member, Amanda Grimshaw, would like to attend providing her schedule permits. Amanda confirmed her attendance.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider Board Resolution – Line of Credit Agreement with Bank of America

MOTION: Dr. Livingston made a motion to approve the Line of Credit Agreement with Bank of America as presented. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to:

A.R.S. 38-431-03. A. (7) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

MOTION: Dr. Livingston made a motion adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-03. A. (7) Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property. Mr. Auslander seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

The board adjourned to executive session at 8:53 p.m.

The board reconvened from executive session at 9:50 p.m.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Auslander made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Livingston seconded; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Judy Bower, Board Secretary

Claire Place, Board President

Peter Livingston, Board Clerk

Steven Auslander, Board Member

ABSENT
Jeffrey Neff, Board Member

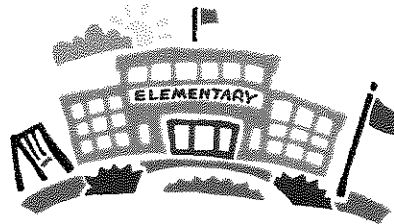
Carlos Ruiz, Board Member

Personnel Items - Board Meeting - October 24, 2013

Administrator Contracts	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Contracts	Position	Reason (Replace / New)	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Administrator Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Certified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Salary	Date
Tiffany Brock	Teacher on Special Assignment	Not provided in resignation letter	TVHS	0.86	\$152.58 / day	10/25/2013
Classified Agreements	Position	Reason (Replace/New)	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Melissa Ruskay	Paraprofessional	New Position	TVES	0.375	\$9.56	10/21/2013
Classified Resignations	Position	Reason	Site	FTE	Wage	Date
Jennifer Snyder	Paraprofessional	Transfer to TOSA HS Teacher Position	TVHS	0.875	\$9.56	10/25/2013
Other Resignations						
Tiffany Brock	Jr Class Sponsor	Not provided in resignation letter	TVHS	n/a	\$500.00	10/25/2013
Rebecca Pferdort	Substitute Bus Driver	No longer has time available.	Trnsptn	n/a	\$10.10	10/10/2013
OTHER						
Jennifer Snyder	HS Teacher / TOSA	Replace Tiffany Brock	TVHS	0.86	\$140.09 / day	10/28/2013
Jennifer Snyder	HS Student Council Advisor	Replace Tiffany Brock	TVHS	varies	\$500 (prorated)	10/28/2013
Ana McGovern	Elementary Teacher	Requests Leave of Absence from 11/18/13 to end of yr.	ACES	1.00	\$38,729.00	11/18/2013
Emily Francone	Substitute Teacher	new	varies	varies	Sub Teacher Pay	SY 13/14
Pamela Park	Tutor Aide	new	3 hrs/week	0.08	\$9.66 / hour	10/14/2013
Tiffany Powers	Tutor	new	3 hrs/week	0.08	\$25.00 / hour	10/14/2013
Carolyn Katami	Tutor	new	3 hrs/week	0.08	\$25.00 / hour	10/14/2013
Jeannie Fransen	Substitute Teacher	new	varies	varies	Sub Teacher Pay	SY 13/14

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TV A-PLUS!

Tanque Verde Association of Parents and
Leaders United for Schools

As the State of Arizona has cut funding from the state budget – **putting Arizona 1st in the nation in public education cuts over the past 5 years** – we have formed as a nonpartisan network of parents, community leaders and citizens in the Tanque Verde Unified School District to support full funding for our schools.

Our goals are:

- 1) To develop improved communication and engagement within the Tanque Verde community on education issues so all parents are informed about local and state ballot issues
- 2) To meet with and advocate for our legislative representatives to restore cuts and fully support public education at the state level

It's simple to sign up for our news – we will not swamp you with email – we just send out monthly updates. Just...

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TV A-PLUS! is a nonpartisan network of concerned parents, community leaders, and citizens in the Tanque Verde Unified School District who believe public education is the key to future prosperity for our community, and must be the first priority for public policy in the state of Arizona.

Did You Know?

TVUSD is one of the top school districts in the state. Our district is a role model for fiscal responsibility and academic achievement.

- ★ We're saving ~94,000 a year in energy costs - thanks to all those solar panels!
- ★ Thanks to donations from TVF and school PTGs, we're one year into a two-year technology plan. Support our community Fall Festival on November 2nd to help raise the remaining funds needed to finish the plan. When completed, all classrooms will have reliable wireless access.
- ★ Our schools are filled to current staffing capacity with a waiting list for open-enrollment students.
- ★ TVUSD was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).
- ★ TVHS's graduating class earned over \$2 million in scholarships.

Arizona 44th in Education

- The state is ranked 44th overall in education, 47th in school funding and **1st in public education cuts over the past 5 years in the nation (-21.8%)**.
- AZ legislature was ordered to reinstate the 82 million in base level increased funding it hasn't paid to school districts in 3 years. They can no longer pick and choose which parts of a voter-approved school-funding initiative it wants to pay for (prop 301). This reinstates ~170K for TVUSD.
- Legislature would not hear a proposed bill to increase tax credits for public education. You still are only able to donate \$200 p/p and schools can only spend it on extracurricular activities.
- Legislature has increased private school tax credits. For 2013, you can donate up to \$1031 p/p (\$517 based on the original tax credit and an additional \$514 in overflow/plus tax credit). AZ mandates that 90% be spent on scholarships, while STOs (school tuition organization) may keep 10% for administrative costs.
- Sen. Yarbrough, Chairman of both the Finance and Ethics Committees, is a sponsor of these private school tax credit bills and directly profits from them. In 2011, the top official at Yarbrough's STO earned \$96,000 (that's funded by our redirected tax dollars).

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2010 & 2012 in-district parent voting analysis

October 24, 2013

Purpose of our analysis

Summary of election information for the school board

- ✓ Many in-district parents did not vote
- ✓ Many in-district parents are not registered to vote

TVA+ thinks there is an opportunity to educate our district voters about education policy

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Through public record we:

1. Obtained publicly available voter data from 2010 and 2012 elections
2. Merged with in-district 2012 parent list from TV School District
3. Cleaned up duplicate data (nicknames/first names/etc.) and eliminated parents not in-district in 2010
4. Analyzed public voter information for individuals in Tanque Verde School District
5. Mapped data

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Statistics : 2012 election

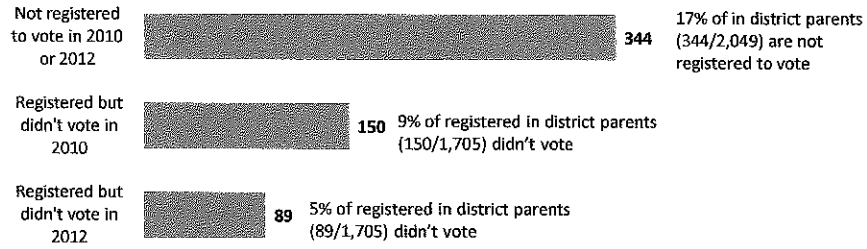
- **8,729 registered voters in TVUSD**
- **2,049 in district parents sent their children to TVUSD schools in 2012**
- **1,705 in district parents were registered to vote in 2012 (83% of 2,049 parents are registered voters)**
- **Parents registered to vote (1,705) represent 20% all TVUS district registered voters**

TVUSD M&O Override Election lost by 263 votes

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In-District TV Parents Who Are Not Registered to Vote or Did Not Vote in 2010 and 2012

TV In District parents = 2,049; TV in District parents registered to vote = 1,705



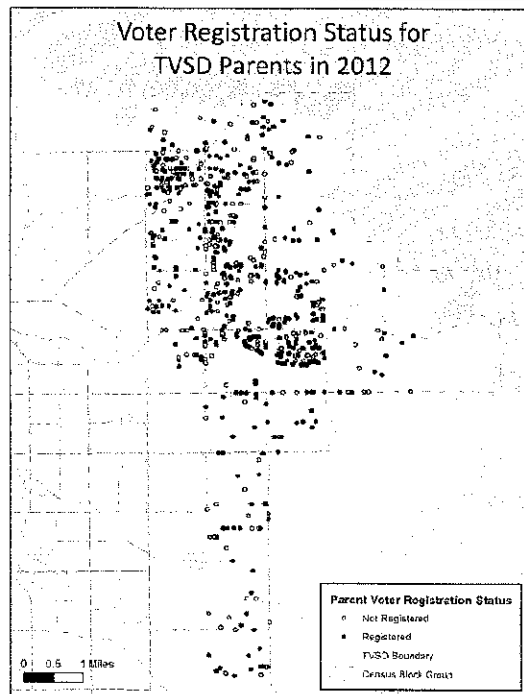
We estimate at least 5% of parents who voted in 2012 did not complete all of the ballot. That's because 73% of TVUSD voters that year voted on the override while 78% of county registered voters voted for president. We assume an additional 5 percent (85 of 1,705 parent votes) could be captured in a future election.

Potential capture for 2014 election: 579 in-district parent votes

344 not registered + 150 registered but not voting in 2010 + 85 who could complete the full ballot

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Voter Registration Status for TVSD Parents in 2012



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