



## **TOLLESON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 214**

### **GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES REGULAR MEETING with EXECUTIVE SESSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Tolleson Union High School District No. 214 Governing Board regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Governing Board Vice President, Dr. Kino Flores, with the following members in attendance: Mr. Steven Chapman, Mr. Devin Del Palacio, and Mr. Freddie Villalon, Members. President Dr. Elda Luna-Najera was absent

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice President Flores asked Mr. Del Palacio to lead the pledge of allegiance.

#### **3. Approval of the Regular Agenda**

Mr. Del Palacio moved to approve the Regular Agenda; seconded by Mr. Chapman. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

#### **4. Celebrations**

##### **A. National History Day Participation in the “Sacrifice for Freedom: World War II in the Pacific Student and Teacher Institute”**

Mrs. Nora Gutierrez, Superintendent, recognized Samantha Ness, Social Studies Teacher, and Aiden Kerbs, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, both from Copper Canyon High School. The teacher and student team have been selected to represent Arizona at a National History Day event in Hawaii titled “Sacrifice for Freedom: World War II in the Pacific Student and Teacher Institute”.

##### **B. Copper Canyon High School**

Superintendent Gutierrez celebrated Copper Canyon High School. Mr. Alfred (Bo) Oxford, Principal, introduced a presentation highlighting academic achievement at Copper Canyon High School and recognized staff and students of the year.

Female Student of the Year:	<b>Yadhira Valdez</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Male Student of the Year:	<b>Michael Ajoku</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Classified Employee of the Year:	<b>Allen “Doc” Monegan</b> Lead Security
Certified Employee of the Year:	<b>Vincent Herrera</b> Theatre Teacher and PVA Department Chair

## **5. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

### **Superintendent Gutierrez Comments**

- The week of February 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> was National School Counseling Week in support of our counselors who do such an amazing job in working and supporting our students each and every day. Each school sent in a group photo of their counselors and the information was posted to social media. We certainly appreciate them, and we congratulate and celebrate our counselors for the important work they do. Thank you.
- On Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Linda High School choir traveled to Flagstaff to participate in the NAU Jazz Madrigal Choir Festival. The students scored an Excellent mark on their performance! Sierra Linda staff is so incredibly proud of these students and the hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm they put into what they do.

Ms. Teresa Acosta said that the students are so much fun to work with and truly make her job worthwhile. Ms. Acosta also wanted to give a special thanks to Ms. Morales for chaperoning on short notice and helping out. Also, a great big shout-out to the Laborins for making the drive up to support the choir. It is always appreciated.

- The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) recently announced that Dr. Ray Perkins, Assistant Principal for Athletics at Tolleson Union High School, has been recognized as a Certified Athletic Administrator. To earn this distinction, Dr. Perkins demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience, and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

Dr. Perkins is one of an elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism. The NIAAA is an accredited organization and is the professional organization for interscholastic athletic administrators, based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Congratulations Dr. Perkins for always Doing iT with PRIDE!

- Thanks to Dr. Ray Perkins' connections, on the Monday prior to the Superbowl at Tolleson Union High School, the school hosted the Superbowl Financial Literacy event for students in the PAC. The partnership was with Sports Philanthropy Network and included several former NFL players and other athletes to talk to students about the importance of financial literacy. Guest speakers included Mikel Thomas, continually ranked in the top 30 best athletes in the world as an Olympic Competitor; Amobi Okugo, an American soccer player who currently plays as a midfielder and defender for Austin Bold FC in the USL Championship; Trent Clark, 3x MLB World Series Coach; Lonnie Young, 12-year NFL veteran with the Baltimore Ravens. Speakers provided their best financial literacy advice and their biggest lesson learned about money in their sports careers. Thank you again Dr. Perkins for providing this opportunity for our students!

- On that same Monday, over at West Point High School, there was an amazing event called Beyond the Finish Line: A STEM meets Sports Experience. Students had an opportunity to meet two NASCAR drivers, Lavar Scott and Rajah Caruth. Students had an opportunity to hear the two drivers, both African American, talk about their experiences in becoming NASCAR drivers on the circuit. In addition, Larry Fitzgerald, formerly of the Arizona Cardinals, joined the Q & A session to talk about his experience in overcoming obstacles growing up as a kid. Students also had an opportunity to drive race cars via an XBOX simulator in the community room next to the PAC. Sponsors for this event included not only the Larry Fitzgerald Foundation, but also Microsoft, Phoenix Raceway and NASCAR.

Thank you, Mr. Del Palacio, for working with the Larry Fitzgerald Foundation, Microsoft, Phoenix Raceway and NASCAR to make this collaboration possible for our students. This is a very unique and special opportunity for our students. Thank you again Mr. Del Palacio!

- The Arizona School Boards Association and The Black Alliance collaborated for a Black History Month book celebration in which West Point teacher, Mr. Kevin Ivory, recently wrote a children's book. ASBA did a video interview with Mr. Ivory on his new book, and several of his books are being donated.
- Those are just some of the highlights of our district since we last met. Thank you.

#### **Governing Board Comments**

- Mr. Chapman recently participated in the Arizona School Boards Association's Advocacy Day with school board members from across Arizona at the Arizona State Legislature. Both he and Mr. Del Palacio were recognized at the event.

Mr. Chapman attended a Community Partners Lunch and Learn event at Pendergast Elementary School District on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Dr. Cruz shared how valuable their community partners are to the District and students. Without the continued support of their community partners, many of their programs would not be possible. One example was the donations and time given to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Superintendent's Student Council. The Council departed on February 15<sup>th</sup> for a trip to New York and Washington D.C. Students visited many sites, including the Statue of Liberty, a Broadway show, Georgetown Law School, the Holocaust Museum. A highlight of their trip was the great honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Mr. Chapman thanked all staff for their hard work. He is looking forward to graduation in a few short months.

Mr. Chapman attended an event over Superbowl weekend with a focus on academic and mental health connections. He plans to share information with TUHSD once he learns/knows more details.

- Mr. Villalon thanked everyone for all they do every day to support our children.
- Mr. Del Palacio thanked Superintendent Gutierrez and WPHS Principal Brandi Haskins for making the NASCAR event so successful. Everything ran smoothly and was just "perfect." It was nice to see the kids so excited to use the racing simulators. He appreciates this great new partnership.

- Dr. Flores thanked staff and parents for supporting our students.

## 6. Public Participation

There were no requests for public participation.

## 7. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Del Palacio moved to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Chapman. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA \* ITEMS

#### \*1. Human Resources

##### A. Personnel Items

The Governing Board approved the following personnel items.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

##### Retirement

Jameson, Judith	DO	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Governing Board
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#### CERTIFIED STAFF

##### Employment of Personnel

Cribb, Katelyn	DO	Guest Teacher
Nichols, Dego	DO	Guest Teacher
Ehrhart, Jennifer	DO	Guest Teacher
Lechnir, Christopher	DO	Guest Teacher
Morales, Albert	DO	Guest Teacher

##### Retirement

Holliday, Lynn	WHS	Performing Visual Arts Teacher
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##### Winter Coaches

Denis, Joshua	LJCHS	Freshman Boys Basketball
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McAley, Elizabeth	WPHS	JV Spiritline
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##### Spring Coaches

Fisk, Brian	CCHS	Head Boys Tennis
Gilleland, Dallas	CCHS	Freshman Baseball
Hemsley, John	CCHS	Head Baseball Coach
Huynh, Thai	CCHS	Head Girls Tennis
Languell, Cory	CCHS	Varsity Assistant Baseball
Lehman, Derick	CCHS	Head E-sports

Arviso, Christopher	SLHS	Head Boys Tennis
De Jesus, Diana	SLHS	Head Softball
Ingram, Crystal	SLHS	Varsity Assistant Girls Track
Laborin, Ricardo	SLHS	Head E-Sports
Owen, Alaina	SLHS	Freshman Softball
Ramirez, Daniel	SLHS	Varsity Assistant Softball
Pierce, Roland	SLHS	Head Girls Track
Preyer, Tyrone	SLHS	Head Boys Track
Beene, Adam	LJCHS	Varsity Assistant Boys Track
Beverly, Jordan	LJCHS	Head Girls Track
Brocka, Nicholas	LJCHS	JV Assistant Baseball
Lefebvre, Roger	LJCHS	Head Boys Tennis
Meadows, Leslie	LJCHS	Varsity Assistant Girls Track
Melendo, Nina	LJCHS	Head Softball
Rivera, Michael	LJCHS	Head Baseball
Burns, Michelle	TUHS	Head E-Sports
Fleming, Jason	TUHS	Head Boys Track
Grooms, Andrew	TUHS	Weight Room Coordinator
Quezada, Ramiro AI	TUHS	Varsity Assistant Girls Track
Richardson, Brock	TUHS	Freshman Baseball
Southern, Richard	TUHS	Head Girls Tennis
Wilson, Billy	TUHS	JV Assistant Baseball
Wise, Kyle	TUHS	Varsity Assistant Baseball
Brown, Kelcey	WHS	Head E-Sports
Chaffee, William	WHS	Head Boys Track
Ciesielczyk, Jacob	WHS	Head Baseball
Cornforth, Troy	WHS	Head Boys Tennis
Fergus, Ashley	WHS	Head Girls Tennis
Honne, Horacio	WHS	Varsity Assistant Boys Track
Kallmes, Christopher	WHS	Varsity Assistant Boys Track
McKenna, Janice	WHS	JV Softball
Petruncola, Cristine	WHS	Head Softball
Piteleski, Justin	WHS	JV Baseball
Yapura, Anjelica	WHS	Varsity Assistant Softball

Ball, Jerry	WPHS	Head Boys Track
Daniels, Rebecca	WPHS	Freshman Softball
Garcia, Bernice	WPHS	Head Girls Track
Hofmeister, Timothy	WPHS	Varsity Assistant Boys Track
Lieberman, Ronald	WPHS	JV Baseball
Obregon, Manuel Angel	WPHS	Varsity Assistant Girls Track
Reimondo, Thomas	WPHS	Varsity Assistant Girls Track
Rycenga, Ethan	WPHS	Head Boys Tennis
Scobee, Jeffrey	WPHS	Head E-Sports
St. Onge, Jeff	WPHS	Varsity Assistant Softball
Vizzera, Manuel	WPHS	Head Softball

### **CLASSIFIED STAFF**

#### **Employment of Personnel**

Noell, Troy	CCHS	Instructional Assistant I – SAS – Title I
Vega, Delia	DO	Bus Monitor
Chavez, Mireya	TUHS	Custodian I
Retana Bautista, Dalia	TUHS	Custodian I
Favela, Reyna	WHS	Clerical Support II – Records Clerk
Felix Silva, Adela	WHS	Custodian I
Aguilar, Shelly	WPHS	Security Guard

#### **Position Changes**

Castaneda, Maria	DO	From Bus Monitor to McKinney Vento Driver
Dinkins, Jeneen	DO	From Bus Monitor to McKinney Vento Driver
Hansher Workman, Mikayla	DO	From Substitute Bus Monitor to Bus Monitor
Johnson, Irene	DO	From Bus Monitor to McKinney Vento Driver
Molina, Alma	DO	From Bus Monitor to McKinney Vento Driver
Vega, Delia	DO	From Substitute Bus Monitor to Bus Monitor
Hurtado, Jorge	LJCHS	From Technology Support Specialist I – Help Desk to Technology Support Specialist II
Herrera, Sonia	SLHS	From Instructional Assistant I – SPED to Instructional Assistant II - SPED
Morris-Scott, Dai-Janae	WPHS	From Instructional Assistant II – SPED to Behavior Specialist

**Resignations**

Gutierrez Salcido, Guadalupe	CCHS	Custodian I
McLaughlin, Elizabeth	DO	Cafeteria Manager Floater
Nichols, Dego	LJCHS	In School Support Specialist
Rosales Garcia, Maria	SLHS	Cafeteria Cashier
Brodel, Wendy	WHS	Instructional Assistant I – Math – Title I
Rodriguez, Martha	WHS	Cafeteria Cashier
Amparan, Paul	WPHS	Security Guard
Gaxiola, Manuel	WPHS	Security Guard

**VOLUNTEERS****Spring Coaches**

Sepulveda, Steven	CCHS	JV Baseball
Peoples, Maurice	CCHS	Varsity Assistant Boys Track
Camarena, Jason	SLHS	Varsity Assistant Baseball
Huerta, Jose	SLHS	JV Assistant Softball
Wilson, Mathew	SLHS	Head Girls Tennis
Daigle, Michael	LJCHS	Head Girls Tennis
Hurtado, Jorge	LJCHS	Head E-Sports
Valdez, Anthony	LJCHS	Varsity Assistant Baseball
Wermers, Michael	LJCHS	JV Baseball
Wilson, Kenyanna	LJCHS	Head Varsity Girls Track
Saenz, Karen	TUHS	Freshman Assistant Softball
Fry, Casey	WHS	JV Assistant Softball
Hysong, Anna	WHS	Head Girls Track
Orozco, Arturo	WHS	Varsity Assistant Baseball
Wimmer, Mary	WHS	Varsity Assistant Girls Track
Barr, David	WPHS	E-Sports
Chow, Stefanie	WPHS	Girls Tennis
Gray, Richard	WPHS	Varsity Assistant Boys Track
Haas, Jason	WPHS	JV Softball
O'Meara, Timothy	WPHS	Softball

## STUDENT WORKERS

### Employment of Personnel

Gonzalez Medina, Jesus	DO	Audio/Visual Technician
Hitt, Jacob	DO	Audio/Visual Technician
Rivero, Fatima	DO	Audio/Visual Technician

### **\*2. Business Services**

#### **A. Vouchers**

Prior to ratification at the Governing Board meeting, Governing Board President, or his designee, reviews and signs vouchers. Vouchers represent orders for payment of material, equipment, salaries, and services. The Governing Board approved:

Payroll Vouchers:	\$ 13,175,960.98	(1017-1020)
Expense Vouchers:	\$ 4,025,110.59	(7093-7118)

#### **B. Gifts and Donations**

The Governing Board approved acceptance of donations from Chicago Title Agency, Luke Atkins State Farm, Lennar Title, Target, First American Title Insurance Company, BSN Sports, and Universal Athletic, totaling \$5,445.00.

### **\*3. Superintendent's Office**

#### **A. Second/Final Reading – Board Policy GCCA**

##### **(Professional/Support Staff Undifferentiated Leave)**

The Governing Board approved the second/final reading of policy revisions to GCCA (Professional /Support Staff Undifferentiated Leave)

#### **B. Travel Requests**

The Governing Board approved travel requests from LJCHS, SLHS, TUHS, WPHS, and District Office.

LOCATION	WHO	WHAT/WHEN/WHERE
WPHS	Michael Dodge, Engineering Teacher	ACTEAZ Midwinter Leadership Conference February 2-3, 2023 Prescott Conference Center Prescott, Arizona
TUHS	<b>AMENDED TO ADD Nicole Lozano, Volunteer Coach. <i>Previously approved on Jan. 31, 2023:</i></b> Raeann Southern, Head Cheer Coach; Katherine Laubscher, Head Pom Coach; Julia Harris, JV Spiritline Coach; and approximately 39 student athletes	United Spirit Association Nationals Competition February 23-27, 2023 Anaheim Convention Center/ Disneyland Park Anaheim, California
LJCHS, SLHS	<b><u>LJCHS</u>:</b> Callie Pastor, Educators Rising Sponsor; and approximately 22 students  <b><u>SLHS</u>:</b> Karen Furkert, EdRising Sponsor; and approximately 22 students	Educators Rising Spring Leadership Conference and Competition – Taking Steps Toward College Success March 20-22, 2023 El Conquistador Tucson Tucson, Arizona



TUHS	Joseph Aguayo, Teacher; and approximately 20 students	FCCLA State Leadership Conference March 26-29, 2023 Westin La Paloma Tucson, Arizona
LJCHS, SLHS	<u><b>LJCHS:</b></u> Vanessa Recio, Allied Health Teacher; and approximately 20 students  <u><b>SLHS:</b></u> Alysa Wertz, Allied Health Teacher; and approximately 20 students	HOSA State Leadership Conference March 29-31, 2023 Westin La Paloma Tucson, Arizona
LJCHS, WPHS	<u><b>LJCHS:</b></u> Deborah Kuehn, Finance Teacher and FBLA Advisor; and approximately 13 students  <u><b>WPHS:</b></u> Wanda Moran, FBLA Business Advisor; and approximately 18 students; Daniel Roman, FBLA Media 1 Advisor; and approximately 5 students; Keven Ivory, FBLA Media 2 Advisor; and approximately 5 students; Conroy Bowman, FBLA Advisor; and approximately 18 students	AZ FBLA State Leadership Conference April 3-5, 2023 Westin La Paloma Resort Tucson, Arizona
District Office	Jeremy Calles, Chief Financial Officer	AASBO Spring Conference: Exploring the Wonderland of School Business April 5-7, 2023 Aquarius Casino Resort Laughlin, Nevada
District Office	Juan Ceja, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources	ALAS (Association of Latino Administrators & Superintendents) Legislative Day April 5-7, 2023 Washington D.C.

**C. Minutes – January 31, 2023 Governing Board Regular Meeting with Executive Session**  
The Governing Board approved the January 31, 2023 Governing Board Regular Meeting with Executive Session minutes.

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **9. Student Wellness Annual Report**

Mrs. Kimberly Luvisi, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, presented the annual report on Student Wellness.

#### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **10. Approval of Audits and Compliance Questionnaires for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Administration seeks Governing Board approval of Audits and Compliance Questionnaires as required per policy DIE - Audits/Financial Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mr. Villalon moved that pursuant to approve Audits and Compliance Questionnaires as required per policy DIE - Audits/Financial Monitoring for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; seconded by Mr. Del Palacio. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**11. Reclassification and Renaming of Positions in Nutrition Services Department**

Administration seeks Governing Board approval to reclassify and rename positions within the Nutrition Services Department.

Mr. Villalon moved that the Governing Board approve the reclassification and renaming of positions in Nutrition Services Department as presented; seconded by Mr. Chapman. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**12. It is recommended that the Governing Board establish an Executive Session regarding the following topics:**

**a. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 (Student Expulsion SD2023-003)**

Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

**b. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 (Student Expulsion SD2023-004)**

Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

Mr. Del Palacio moved that the Governing Board approve a motion to move into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Villalon. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**13. RECESSING OF REGULAR MEETING FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regular Meeting recessed to move into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Call to Order and Roll Call of Governing Board Members**

The Executive Session was called to order by Vice President Dr. Kino Flores at 7:24 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Steven Chapman, Mr. Devin Del Palacio, and Mr. Freddie Villalon, Members. Dr. Elda Luna-Najera, President, was absent.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Nora Gutierrez, Superintendent; Mr. Derek Fahleson, Chief Operations Officer; and Mrs. Judith Jameson, Governing Board Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary.

**B. Reading of Confidentiality Statements**

Board Member Del Palacio read the Confidentiality Statement.

**C. Topics for Discussion or Consideration:**

**a. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 (Student Expulsion SD2023-003)**

Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

Mr. Fahleson provided information regarding the incident, actions and process leading up to this recommendation for expulsion.

The Parent and Student regarding Student Expulsion SD2023-003 joined the executive session to provide their statements regarding the incident in question. After sharing their information, they exited the executive session.

Governing Board discussion.

**b. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.2 (Student Expulsion SD2023-004)**

Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

Mr. Fahleson provided information regarding the incident, actions and process leading up to this recommendation for expulsion.

Governing Board discussion.

**D. Adjournment of Executive Session**

Mr. Chapman moved to adjourn the Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Villalon. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

The Executive Session adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**15. RECONVENING OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**16. Recommendation to Act on Discussion in Executive Session –  
Student Expulsion of SD2023-003**

Administration seeks Governing Board approval for the expulsion of a student for misconduct in violation of Board policies JIC – Student Conduct and JICI – Weapons in School.

Mr. Chapman moved to table this action item for further review and investigation; seconded by Mr. Villalon. In a roll call vote, the motion to table this Action Item for further review and investigation carried 4-0.

**17. Recommendation to Act on Discussion in Executive Session –  
Student Expulsion of SD2023-004**

Administration seeks Governing Board approval for the expulsion of a student for misconduct in violation of Board policies JIC – Student Conduct and JICI – Weapons in School.

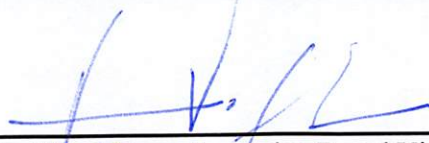
Mr. Del Palacio moved that the Governing Board approve the recommendation for expulsion of a student for misconduct in violation of Board policies JIC – Student Conduct and JICI – Weapons in School; seconded by Mr. Villalon. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING(S)**

- March 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- March 28, 2023 – Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- April 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- April 25, 2023 – Work Study Session at 6:00 p.m.
- May 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- May 30, 2023 – Regular Meeting **at 3:00 p.m.**
- June 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting with Work Study Session (if needed) **at 3:00 p.m.**
- June 27, 2023 – Regular Meeting **at 3:00 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Del Palacio moved that the Governing Board approve adjourning the Regular Meeting; seconded by Mr. Chapman. In a roll call vote, the motion carried 4-0. Vice President Flores called the Regular Meeting of the Tolleson Union High School District Governing Board adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

  
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Dr. Kino Flores, Governing Board Vice President