Tucson Preparatory School

Meeting of the Governing Board

Tuesday, July 11, 2011, 12 noon
Tucson Preparatory School, 104 E. Prince Rd., Tucson, AZ

Members Present: Efrain Romero, Mark vonDestinon, Margo Cowan, Guadalupe Castillo, Steven Nelson
Darlene Dankowski participated telephonically

Staff Present: Jody Sullivan

General Functions
The meeting was called to order by Governing Board Clerk vonDestinon at 12:25 p.m. Nelson moved to accept the minutes of the previous board meeting, June 1, 2011, which was commencement. The motion, seconded by Member Castillo, passed without dissent. There were no communications for the Board nor were any citizens present to address the Governing Board.

Policy and Program
Staff reported that, once again, Tucson Prep was rated "Performing" under Arizona LEARNS, and, wonder of wonders, Tucson Prep made preliminary NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress! When the preliminary rankings were released, the school made AYP, but the charter holder did not. There was no difference in the data and staff prepared an appeal. We are waiting for a determination in July.

It was been 13 years since the charter was awarded in June 1998. There is a complicated process that begins 18 months before the renewal date. Staff has attended preliminary training sponsored by the charter association. Member Cowan made a motion, seconded by Member Castillo, that Tucson Prep has been successful, providing education for difficult students, and should be renewed. Staff is directed to proceed to effect the renewal. The motion passed without dissent.

Member Romero moved and Member Cowan seconded a motion to approve the school calendar as presented. The motion was successful.

Business Affairs
Treasurer Nelson moved and Member Castillo seconded a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2011-12 as prepared by staff. The motion was unanimously approved.

A memo (in Board packets) was received in May from School Finance indicating that the actual budget shortfall may be less than what was predicted and that the financial hardship may be far smaller than was predicted. The cuts were indeed smaller than