Establishment of a TUSD Technology Oversight Committee

The TUSD Governing Board, in collaboration with the District’s technology leadership, hereby forms a committee to provide oversight of the District’s decisions as it upgrades its information technology. This oversight shall encompass TUSD’s technology plans, implementation, procurement, and spending.

The Committee’s specific responsibilities, concerning information technology, shall include:

- Review of District plans, to help ensure that they are adequate to support the district’s educational objectives, cost-effective, and compatible with realistic projections of future needs and investments.
- Participation in the approval process for RFIs, RFPs, and RFQs.
- Review of the spending of any revenues raised through voter-approved tax increases.
- Helping the District to set priorities for new initiatives and spending.
- Review of District compliance with its established policies, plans, and procedures, and state and federal law.

The Committee shall have nine voting members, appointed by the Governing Board. Seven shall be community members, appointed for terms not exceeding four years; two shall be student members, appointed by the Governing Board for terms not exceeding one year. Student members must be present or former students in TUSD. All members may be reappointed. The Committee shall also have non-voting members appointed by the Superintendent or by staff designated by the Superintendent; the number and terms of these members shall be determined by staff. All committee members shall be uncompensated.

Each Committee member should have expertise in one or more of these areas: design and management of data and telecommunications infrastructure; deployment and management of servers and desktops; enterprise application software; education technology, including software; procurement of such products and services.

The voting members of the Committee should have no material financial or immediate family relationship with current TUSD staff or vendors.

The Committee shall meet in public and be subject to the Open Meeting Law. A quorum shall be three or more of the voting members.

The District’s Technology Officer shall act as the Chair of the Committee through July, 2009. After that, the Committee Chair shall be one of its voting members, as selected by vote of the Committee.

The Committee shall meet monthly or more often as needed. The Committee shall report to the Governing Board annually or more often as needed.
Resolution in Support of Oversight of TUSD’s Investments in Information Technology

Whereas the need to upgrade TUSD’s information technology infrastructure is acute;

Whereas the district plans to spend substantial funds on upgrading that infrastructure, in the near future;

Whereas it is critical to build and maintain public confidence in the decision-making processes governing large expenditures in information technology;

The TUSD Board:

Supports a thorough review of the district’s current information technology plan by the Technology Oversight Committee, in cooperation with staff, before implementation of that plan.

Resolves that the Technology Oversight Committee shall review all plans for the spending of any override revenues, and provide close oversight of the actual spending of any such revenues, which are approved by voters in November, 2009.

Resolves that all information technology plans and procurement should be made with close attention to the balanced and equitable treatment of vendors, and minimization of overall cost, consistent with establishing an infrastructure adequate to support the district’s educational mission.

Adopted this 11th day of August 2009.

Tucson Unified School District Governing Board

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