President Calvin C. Goode presided over the PESD #1 Governing Board Meeting in the District Administration Board Room. Other Board members present at the meeting were:

Ms. Susan Bliss        Hon. John M. Carpenter        Dr. Ruth Ann Marston        Ms. Torrez-Rosell

Also present were:

Dr. René X. Diaz, Superintendent        Mr. Kirk Brown, Chief Information Officer for Management Information Systems

Dr. Deborah Jones, Executive Director for Student Services        Mr. Carl Hurlburt, Human Resources

Ms. Summer Devlin, Administrative Assistant

There were approximately 10 persons in the audience.

A. Regular Session – 5:15 p.m.

1. Call to order – Mr. Goode, President
2. Adjourn to the executive session

Dr. Marston moved adjournment and Ms. Bliss seconded. The vote passed 5/0.

B. Executive Session

3. (a) Discussion &/or consultation with attorney(s) of the public body for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(3) and/or for consultation in order to consider its position and instruct its attorney(s) in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(4) pertaining to claims asserted by Sharon Blaney, a district employee.

3. (b) Discussion &/or consultation with attorney(s) of the public body for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(3) and/or for consultation in order to consider its position and instruct its attorney(s) in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(4) pertaining to claims asserted by Yolanda Olibarria, a former district employee.

4. Discussion &/or consultations regarding negotiation of salaries, salary schedules, or fringe benefits for employee groups, meet and confer. §38-431.03.A.5. Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body.
C. Resume Regular Session 6 p.m.

5. Call to order – Mr. Goode, President
6. Direct the attorney regarding matters discussed in executive session
   
   pass Ms Bliss moved to authorize the district’s attorney to perform an investigation as to the facts in the claim asserted by S. Blaney a district employee and take action as directed, and Ms. Torrez-Rosell seconded. The vote passed 5/0.

7. Action item: Approval of settlement with Yolanda Olibarria, former District employee. A copy of the draft settlement agreement is available at the Superintendent's office.
   
   pass Ms. Bliss moved to approve the agreement and release as presented and negotiated with the boards attorney and the employee, Dr. Marston seconded. The vote passed 3/1 with Mr. Carpenter in opposition and Ms. Torrez-Rosell abstaining.

8. Pledge of Allegiance – John Carpenter
9. Approval of the minutes – March 11, 16, & 23 2004
   
   pass Dr. Marston moved approval and Ms. Bliss seconded. The vote passed 5/0.

10. Approval of the consent agenda (items; 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)
   
   pass Ms. Bliss moved approval and Dr. Marston seconded. The vote passed 5/0.

12. Request for ratification of payroll and expense vouchers in the total amount of $3,569,587.55
14. Request approval of out of state travel
15. Request approval for an out of district field trip
16. Request approval of separation of employment, resignations, and retirements
17. Request approval of employment of administrative, certified and classified staff and employee contract adjustments for the 2003-2004 school year
18. Request approval for uncompensated leave of absence for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year

11. Approval of the sequence of both the consent items and items on the regular agenda
   
   pass Ms. Bliss moved approval and Ms. Torrez-Rosell seconded. The vote passed 5/0.

D. Community Communications

No public comment cards were submitted.

E. Business Services – Jeff Gadd, Interim Assistant Superintendent

INFORMATION

13. Discussion on proposed 04/05 M&O budget
   
   Dr. Diaz reviewed each page of the proposed budget and explained how each figure was obtained.
   
   Dr. Marston asked what the rationale was for dropping the bottom two steps in the certified scale. She also asked if it was feasible to drop one step instead. Mr. Gadd explained that they are suggesting the removal of the steps to remain competitive in teaching salaries.

G. Human Resources – Carl Hurlburt

POLICIES - Action Item’s

19. Request approval of policy GBI – Staff Participation in Political Activities, as a second reading
   
   pass Mr. Carpenter moved approval and Ms. Bliss seconded. The vote passed 5/0.
   
   Dr. Marston requested a grammatical change to the policy which will be incorporated prior
to submittal to ASBA.

20. Request approval of policy GCO – Evaluation of Professional Staff Members, as a second reading

Mr. Carpenter moved approval and Ms. Bliss seconded. The vote passed 5/0.

H. Board Reports and Requests

21. Request the Governing Board Direct Administration to Begin the Application Process for Designating Whittier school, Dunbar school, Booker T. school, and Emerson Court as Historical Sites as Recognized by the City of Phoenix

Dr. Marston moved to direct district administration to begin the application process to place Whittier, Dunbar, Booker T. Washington, and Emerson Court on the City’s register of historical sites, Ms. Bliss seconded. The vote passed 3/0 with Mr. Carpenter and Ms. Torrez-Rosell abstaining.

Dr. Marston showed a slide of a list of our schools (current and previously owned) and their resurrection dates. She also showed a picture of the former district administration building. Ms. Torrez-Rosell explained that she is apprehensive when it comes to historical preservation because of her personal experiences. Dr. Marston said the register only lasts for one year and makes monies available to those schools for preservation.

22. Request to direct administration to start the process of archiving and preserving board records and district artifacts

Dr. Marston expressed that she would be creating a resolution for board approval which will start the process of archiving the board’s historical minutes and agendas, and some district artifacts. She explained that she has spoken with the archivists and would like to scan in the documents at the print shop. She said that she would like to form a committee from the Franklin committee to exploit the history of the district working with Sara Bresnahan our marketing consultant. Dr. Marston said that John F. Long has donated 1k towards the effort and she would like the board to accept that at the next meeting.

Ms. Torrez-Rosell thanked Dr. Marston for her time, and let her know she was appreciated for all the research and efforts she makes in the area of preservation.

Mr. Goode felt there is some urgency to getting the documents in a safe place.

23. Board direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

Mr. Goode commended the schools who underwent health inspections for getting good reports.

Mr. Goode went to a luncheon that the board’s lawyer hosted with the Governor and he requested the PTO’s and the PTA’s call their legislators and let them know the importance of the bills that affect us.

I. Adjournment

Ms. Bliss moved adjournment and Mr. Carpenter seconded. The vote passed 5/0.