



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Regular Session Board Meeting –January 8, 2009

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD #1 Governing Board Meeting in the Phoenix Elementary School District Governing Board Room.

Other Board members present at the meeting were:

Mr. Doug Allsworth Ms. Susan Bliss Ms. Liz Meza Dr. Louisa Stark

Also present were:

Ms. Myriam Roa Chief Executive Officer	Mr. Tom Lind Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction	Mr. Kenneth Baca Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
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Mr. Randy Dickason Executive Director for Human Resources	Ms. Eleanor Moyza Board Secretary
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A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Formal Swearing in of Newly Elected Governing Board Members – Judge Earl Carroll
Ms. Susan Bliss, Ms. Liz Meza and Dr. Louisa Stark were sworn in as Newly-Elected Governing Board Members
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Liz Meza
4. Nomination and Election of the Governing Board President
Ms. Bliss moved that Ruth Ann Marston be President of the next year and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion and it was passed. Dr. Ruth Ann Marston was elected as the Governing Board President of the next year.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Ratification of Payroll \$2,323,255.54 and Expense Vouchers \$1,730,758.03 in the Total Amount of \$4,054,013.57
2. Request for Approval of Out of State Travel
3. Request for Approval of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff and Employee Contract Adjustments for the 2008-2009 School Year
4. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
Ms. Bliss moved for approval of the Consent Agenda and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The Board approved (5-0) and it was passed.

C. Community Communications

1. None

D. Chief Executive Officer's Report

1. Announcements:

Ms. Roa announced that we are moving ahead with our Bond sales and for the immense amount of work that goes into getting the financial documents prepared for that activity, she commended Mr. Kenneth Baca and recognized him for his hard work on that effort and she also asked him to talk about the wonderful news that we have about our ratings. Mr. Baca acknowledged his staff that supports him of which Ms. Magda Nunez and Ms. Michelle Burkhart were at the board meeting.

Mr. Baca stated that we really need to be congratulated for continuing and affirming our A2 rating and AA minus rating. He stated that in these economic times we find it unusual that with declining enrollments and with the economic situation, that anyone having a rating of this type would sustain the ratings we've had previously, that they acknowledge that it's attributed to the strategic plan that we have in place indicating that we are looking in the future the manner by which we are managing our enrollment figures and addressing that through the strategic plan as well as improvement in finances for the district. And finally, we should feel fortunate because of the community that we live in that we have the diversification of our tax base, so they acknowledge that as the reasons why we are sustaining the ratings we've had previously.

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. None

F. Curriculum and Instruction – Tom Lind, Interim Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of Changes to Board Policy KB: Parent Involvement in Education as a Second Reading

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. None

H. Policy Project 2008 – Dr. Prudence Lee

1. Request for Approval of Various Governing Board Policies for a Second Reading

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Items F and H and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. Mr. Baca interjected and stated to the Board that there is a typo and a correction that needs to be made before action is taken under Item H1; Policy CM and Policy DIC, which reads “regarding the annual financial Report on or before October 1st” and it should read “on or before October 15th”.
Ms. Bliss amended her motion to include the corrections to the typo, Mr. Allsworth accepted the amended motion and the Board approved the motion (5-0) and it was passed.

Mr. Lind stated to the Board that the Department of Curriculum & Instruction is reviewing the Arizona Academic Standards for Health and they are beginning a review of materials that they would be bringing to the Board for adoption in the near future and they would anticipate that it would be uniformly-implemented across schools as best as possible.

Dr. Stark asked about immunizations and if homeless students could be admitted without the current immunizations, if necessary. Mr. Lind stated that the immunization policy was brought forward at the last board meeting for approval and it did specifically speak to the guidelines for the admission of homeless students. Dr. Lee stated that it is cross-referenced on Page 3, JLCB, on Immunization of Students. Ms. Bliss asked if PESD is still providing immunizations and Mr. Lind stated that we do not and that parents are responsible to obtain the immunizations for their children. He stated that in several cases we have facilitated that process with different health organizations to assist our parents in obtaining the immunizations that are necessary. Ms. Bliss asked if PESD could provide this service and Mr. Lind stated that he would look into that possibility and make it part of the enrollment process.

I. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Chief Executive Officer (if necessary)

Dr. Marston stated that the Board has requested some time with all Board Members to go over the Strategic Plan in order to come up to date on it. Ms. Roa stated that she had hoped to have a Board Study Session and after some discussion the Board decided *to have the meeting in the PDC Room on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.*

Dr. Marston requested a Letter of Appreciation to Judge Earl Carroll for swearing in the newly-elected board members

Dr. Stark asked for Board consideration to have a committee of Board Members to discuss the subject of English Language Learners, which would be a part of the Board Study Session and is in response to what other school districts are doing, and specifically what other school districts are not following. Dr. Marston stated that we don't need to do this as an Action Item unless someone on the Board objects and wants to have it done as an Action Item. She also stated that a Board Level Committee can have two Board Members, not a majority. Ms. Liz Meza, new Board Member volunteered to be on the committee with Dr. Stark.

Ms. Bliss requested that a plate with fruit be sent to each of our schools in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day and she would like our teachers to receive recognition. She stated that the fruit plate should indicate that it is from the Governing Board and that the cost of this would be charged to the Governing Board budget. She further stated that this was done last year between January and February.

2. Board Report

J. Adjournment

Ms. Meza called for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

RAM: evm