



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Regular Session Board Meeting –February 26, 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
Mr. Randy Dickason Executive Director for Human Resources	Ms. Eleanor Moyza Board Secretary	

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Tom Lind

(The following items were discussed out of the order of discussion)

D. Chief Executive Officer’s Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Lynette Cook, the School Nurse at Lowell School was given recognition by Ms. Roa for receiving an award for being an advocate for school nurses. She attended a legislative meeting last spring to provide a school nurse’s perspective for the need to have a nurse at every school. Representative David Lujan shadowed Ms. Cook at school for one day. Ms. Cook received the “School Nurse of the Year” award from the Arizona School Nurse Consortium for the 2007-2008 School Year. Congratulations, Ms. Cook! Ms. Rosanna Hidalgo, Lowell School Principal, spoke on behalf of Ms. Cook and stated that Ms. Cook does so many wonderful things for the school and for the District; Lowell School has a school clinic and is organizing a Health Fair. Lynette gets clothing for the students, she provides dental services, and also gets donations from the Lions Club to get eyeglasses for the students and does a tremendous amount of things to support the whole child at the school and she is very appreciated. Ms. Roa stated that Ms. Lynette Cook also serves on the Wellness Committee and provides a good resource for them. Ms. Cook stated that when she was at a summer conference, Representative David Lujan was a speaker and he challenged all of those in attendance to write to their Representatives which she did she stated and she does so regularly. She stated that she invited them all to visit the school and Mr. Lujan accepted the invitation and he visited Lowell School. She stated that she showed him how everything ties into education and he went away with the knowledge that we really do need school nurses in the schools and he was going to do what he could to help with that.

Coach Curtis Johnson and the Magnet School Girls' Basketball Team

Ms. Roa gave recognition to Coach Curtis Johnson and the Magnet School Girls' Basketball Team where two of the girls made the All Star Team:

- Alyssa Avila, a Guard, 18.5 points per game, 8 rebounds per game, 7 assists per game.
- Ashlei Martinez, a Guard, 14.2 points per game, 3 rebounds per game and 2 assists per game.

Coach Curtis Johnson and the Magnet School Girls' Basketball Team could not accept their Recognition in person because they had a game this evening, but they were congratulated for a job well done.

2. Announcements

Ms. Roa stated that she has passed the Superintendent's Test.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Ratification of Payroll \$2,187,876.79 and Expense Vouchers \$1,943,547.89 in the Total Amount of \$4,131,424.68
2. Request for Approval of Out of District Field Trip
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
5. Request for Approval of Designated Administrators as Qualified Evaluators of Certificated Staff for the 2008-2009 School Year

Dr. Stark moved approval of the Consent Agenda and Ms. Bliss seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and it was passed.

C. Community Communications

None

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. None

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

1. Request for Approval of Renewal of Agreement with Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind, Desert Valleys Regional Cooperative, for Services for Children with Hearing and/or Visual Impairments

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F1 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and it passed.

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

None

H. Policy Project 2008 – Dr. Prudence Lee

1. Receive and Discuss Governing Board Policy BBA, Board Powers and Responsibilities, as a Second Reading
2. Receive and Discuss Governing Board Policy BBBA, Board Member Qualifications, as a Second Reading

Ms. Bliss moved for approval and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. Dr. Stark asked to change the wording on Item H2, Policy BBBA, from "If a Governing Board Member is unable or refuses to obtain a fingerprint clearance card for any reason, the Governing Board Member shall not be present at any District school facility unless accompanied by the school's Administrator".

Dr. Marston suggested that it be amended to read, "If a Governing Board Member is unable or refuses to obtain a fingerprint clearance card for any reason, the Governing Board Member shall be accompanied by an administrator when present at any District School Facility".

Dr. Stark moved acceptance of Items H1 and H2 as amended and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and it was passed.

I. Board Reports and Requests

1. Possible Election of Representative to the National Affiliate Advocacy Network (NAAN)

Dr. Marston stated that since this position (Mr. Krump's) requires traveling out of state and the Board has decided not to travel out of state at this time, she is not sure that the Board wants to have a representative to this at this point. Dr. Stark stated that this position also seems to go beyond traveling and it seems to require writing or calling Members of Congress which seems to be a larger part of the job than travel. She asked Dr. Marston if it's possible for a School Board Member to be nominated to this and as time goes on, the Board can decide on what goes on as far as travel is concerned.

Dr. Marston agreed with Dr. Stark's statement. Dr. Marston asked that this item be brought back to the Board at 5:00 p.m. at the next Board Meeting.

Dr. Marston asked Ms. Roa to brief the Board on what's going to be happening at the next Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m. and stated that the reason the Board Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. is to allow as many people as possible to attend the meeting. Ms. Roa stated that the Agenda Items for next Thursday have to do with salary and benefits for employees. There will be updates from both budget and from Meet and Confer and there will be some Action Items for the Board to consider regarding budget in terms of trying to fund for the 2009-2010 School Year, for the next fiscal year. She stated that this is being brought to the Board very early so that we can get information out to the employees as soon as possible. There will be two policies for first-read that have to do with changes in benefits for the Board's consideration as well, including health insurance benefits for future retirees.

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

None

J. Adjournment

Dr. Stark moved to adjourn the Board Meeting and the Board unanimously approved the motion. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

