



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Regular Session Board Meeting
April 27, 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
(absent)

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

Dr. Marston thanked Mr. Allsworth for doing such a great job presiding over the Board Meeting in her absence last week when she was ill.

Dr. Marston stated that Ms. Roa has applied for her Superintendent Certificate and Ms. Roa stated that she has submitted all of her required transcripts for her Superintendent's Certificate and she will receive it within 30 days, hopefully sooner.

B. Chief Executive Officer's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions
 2. Announcements
- None

C. Community Communications

Mrs. Georgie Goode, former Phoenix Elementary School District Board Member submitted a Speaker Card and expressed her concerns about the possible closure of the Phoenix Preparatory Academy.

Ms. Royna Rosell, former Phoenix Elementary School District Board Member submitted a Speaker Card and expressed her concerns about the possible closure of the Phoenix Preparatory Academy.

Mr. Jarrett Maupin submitted a Speaker Card but was not at the Board Meeting to speak.

Ms. Tomasita Taylor, retired school teacher from Isaac School District submitted a Speaker Card and stated that Mr. Maupin had told her that he had made arrangements to speak telephonically and she asked the Board about it and Dr. Marston stated that she was not aware of any such arrangements. Ms. Taylor expressed her concerns about the possible closure of the Phoenix Preparatory Academy and also stated that she has not received any communication regarding the academy's closure.

Ms. Roa stated that we have a timeline on when we sent out communiqués and a Community Newsletter as early as November 10, 2008. She stated that we also had informational public forums where people could come and tour the facility, and this was mailed to 27,000 District residents and businesses and that was the earliest communication. Since then, subsequent newsletters have been sent to parents and to employees. She stated that we also had a January 30, 2009 distribution of a District Newsletter.

Dr. Marston informed Ms. Taylor that she's welcome to a copy of the timeline and that the Board established this year as the planning year for what to do with the Prep at about this time last year and this issue was discussed publicly over the last two or three years. She also stated that the Board has made no decisions nor are we able to make decisions prior to whatever action we take this evening and that the Board is following the advice of their attorney.

Ms. Pat Kuhn submitted a Speaker Card and expressed her concerns about the possibility of the closure Phoenix Preparatory Academy.

Ms. Judi Wilcox, a Phoenix Prep Academy teacher submitted a Speaker Card and expressed her concerns about the Special Education students and their parents who will be affected by the closing of the Phoenix Prep Academy.

Dr. Marston stated that this is not something that the Board has neglected to consider and also stated that we do have Signature Schools and we have many 7th and 8th grade options at this point. Ms. Roa stated that there are choices and we need to talk individually with parents and they will be given a choice. Mr. Tom Lind stated that this has recently been discussed with UPSI .

Mr. Owen Sullivan, Heard School Teacher submitted a Speaker Card encouraged everyone to be bold and also thanked the Board for the many great things that are going on in our District educationally, in the classrooms and in the schools that we see out there.

D. Dr. Prudence Lee

1. Request for Approval to Close the Phoenix Preparatory Academy

Dr. Lee stated that Agenda Item D1 is being discussed in compliance with the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes 15-341 and that the Governing Board held a Public Hearing on March 26, 2009 at the Prep facility and heard from people presenting reasons for and against closing the Prep. Dr. Lee stated that the closure of the Prep Academy is a part of the District Strategic Plan as we move to Signature K-8 Schools honoring the desires of our parents and community at the schools that we discovered through our Town Hall Meetings during the years.

Ms. Bliss moved approval for Item D1 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by 4-1 and Item D1 was passed.

E. Board Reports and Requests

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

To move forward on planning for a possible Pandemic and check policies for Board Action to have this in place in case it's needed.

Special Board Meeting planned for Wednesday morning, April 29, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. for Collaboration with UPSI as well as to prepare for a possible Pandemic.

2. Board Report
None

F. Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

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