



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Regular Board Meeting – June 11, 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 – Myriam Roa
3. Adjourn to Executive Session

B. Executive Session

§38-431.03.5. 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.

1. Receive and Discuss the Meet and Confer Salaries, Proposals and Budget Impact
2. Adjourn to Regular Session

Dr. Marston stated that the Board Agenda will be taken out of the order of discussion and that the Board will not go into Executive Session this evening. Dr. Marston stated that she has received a number of speaker cards and everyone who submitted a card will be heard publicly tonight.

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

F. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval of the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget and Advertisement for Truth in Taxation Notice

Mr. Baca stated that the State Legislature continues to grapple with what the budget might be next year and just today he was informed not to expect any of the budget forms that we utilize to prepare the proposed and adopted budgets to be ready in time for him to bring this to the Board

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with all of the updates that will need to be done. In anticipation of that, the Board needs to know that regarding the proposed and the adopted budgets, we can expect a definite revision of whatever budget he brings to the Board in the future and knowing that, he stated that the following will be done: We have taken into consideration a meeting with the Budget Advisory Committee the fact that we know we are going to be cut, but we just don't know to what degree. The Arizona State Statute dictates that whatever is proposed during the time of the adoption of the budget can only go down from the journal budget and cannot be increased but has to be decreased. Mr. Baca stated that what we're doing today is with the exception of the desegregation 2% increase for inflationary factor we're including, only in case the State Legislature does not put a hard cap. He stated that we want the ability to be able to increase it by 2% and that if we did not propose it tonight, we would have to leave it at that level. Everything else is at the current level from 2008-2009 and that is because we are anticipating a cut therefore, we want to leave the levels the same so that we can revise downward when they bring the adopted budget and any revisions that come after that.

Mr. Baca stated that the Truth in Taxation Notice must be advertised publicly along with the the proposed budget ten days prior to the adopted budget and he anticipates bringing the proposed one to the Board for adoption on July 14, 2009.

Mr. Baca stated that we will be notifying and publishing our Truth in Taxation Hearing Notice and what we must advertise is that the taxes on property would increase to levy for our Desegregation and our Adjacent Ways and the latter pays for the common areas that take place within schools; the sidewalks, any of our new buildings that are being constructed, the utilities from that building to the public utility connection, our parking lots, fencing, bus-bays, emergency, roadways. However, because the property tax rate continues to shift back and forth between personal property and commercial property, as well as the fact that the assessed valuation of property within our District has gone up, there is an actual decrease in property taxes on a home of \$100,000 go down from \$184.03 to \$169.26, therefore, property owners will be seeing a decrease in primary property taxes.

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item F1 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion and Item F1 was passed.

2. Request for Approval to Donate Used Cell Phones to the Victim Assistance Program of the Glendale Police Department

Mr. Baca stated that the District has old cell phones that are no longer being used, they have no value and cannot be returned for a refund, and rather than discarding them, the Procurement Manager researched how they could be donated. It was decided that they will be donated to a very worthy cause, the Victims' Assistance Program with the Glendale Police Department and basically, any victims of domestic violence that have Orders of Protection are given free phones to use in case of an emergency because the cell phones can operate for 911 calls so they can call for assistance.

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item F2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the board and Item F2 was passed.

I. Special Projects – Dr. Prudence Lee

1. Request Approval of Name of New School

Dr. Marston stated that this item will be deferred to the June 17 Board Agenda. Mr. Allsworth requested that for the record, the Board had not actually approved a name but approved a tentative name which was not allowed by the University of Phoenix.

C. Approval of Consent Agenda (Ms. Bliss arrived at the Board Meeting at this time)

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - March 5, 2009
 - March 12, 2009
 - March 19, 2009
2. Ratification of Payroll \$4,497,810.89 and Expense Vouchers \$1,217,806.47 in the Total Amount of \$5,715,617.36
3. Request for Renewal of the Facility Use Fees for 2009-2010
4. Request for Approval of Gifts and Donations
5. Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds through April 2009
6. Request to Ratify Out of District Field Trip
7. Request for Approval of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff and Employee Contract Adjustments
8. 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 the motion unanimously and the Consent Agenda was passed.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Request to Receive and Discuss Reorganization of Business Services and Curriculum & Instruction for a Savings in the Maintenance and Operation Budget of \$201,055

The following people submitted Speaker Cards and expressed their concerns about the Reorganization:

- Ms. Susan Collins- A new retiree,
- Ms. Christine Santistevan – Coordinator of Social Services
- Ms. Linda Peru - President of ESPA

2. Awards and Recognitions

3. Announcements

Ms. Roa stated that she received a letter from the Auditor General which depicted the status of our audit from a financial perspective and she commended Mr. Baca and his team for their improvement.

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

1. Request for Approval of Reservation Commitment with Blueprint Education for Kids at Hope Alternative Education Program for the 2009-2010 School Year

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item G1 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion and Item G1 was passed.

H. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Request for Approval of 2009-2010 E.S.P.A. Meet and Confer Agreed Upon Recommendations
Mr. Dickason stated that Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Recommendation to Propose a Policy and/or Regulation to Formulize the Perfect Attendance Incentive Award Program.

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item H1 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously and Item H1 was passed.

2. Request for Approval of 2009-2010 P.E.C.T.A. Meet and Confer Agreed Upon Recommendations

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item H2 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion.

Mr. Jack Day, PECTA President submitted a Speaker Card and stated that he has more general remarks not specific to that particular proposal. Mr. Day stated that he just learned this evening that the Board was possibly going to look at some counter-proposals, he had expressed a desire to do such. Mr. Day stated that the Association feels that this process isn't a process that's really going to achieve what they feel they want to get from a negotiation process with the Board and with Administration to improve the learning and working conditions in the District, that has to happen through a dialogue and this process does not allow for a dialogue unless they are actually dialoging with the Governing Board directly. Dr. Marston stated once again to Mr. Day that he can submit the counter-proposal and the Board will consider it.

The Board approved the motion and Item H2 was passed.

3. Request for Approval of Child Nutrition Technician Job Description
4. Request for Approval of Transportation Coordinator Job Description
5. Request for Approval of Transportation Routing Technician Job Description
6. Request for Approval of Director of Assessment and Accountability Job Description
7. Request for Approval of Director of Professional Development Job Description
8. Request for Approval of the Reading Coordinator Job Description
9. Request for Approval of New Teacher Mentor Job Description
10. Request for Approval of the Special Education Instructional Support Resource Specialist Job Description
11. Request for Approval of PEER Supervisor Job Description

Mr. Allsworth stated that he'd like to move for approval of Items H3 through Item H 11 and Mr. Dickason asked that it be approved with the recommendation that Item H8 have the job description that he handed out prior to the meeting with the changes in the summary. Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Items H3 through Item H11 with the modification of Item H8 with the modified job description. Ms. Bliss seconded the motion. Dr. Marston notified the Board that she has not an actual but a possible perceived conflict of interest on one of the items so she is recusing herself clearly on that particular one, which is Item H6. She stated once again that she has no actual conflict but it's just for the sake of perception and so she is recusing herself. Ms. Bliss stated that Item H6 should be pulled out of the motion. Mr. Allsworth amended his motion to move for approval for Item H3 through Item H5 and Item H7 through Item H11. The Board unanimously approved the motion for Items H3 through H5 and Items H7 through H11 and they were passed.

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item H6 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. Dr. Marston formally recused herself from voting on Item H6. The Board approved the motion (4-0) and Item H6 was passed.

D. Community Communications

J. Board Reports and Requests

1. Summer Meeting Calendar Changes (cancel July 9th and move to July 14th at 6:00 p.m.)

Dr. Stark stated that she will not be able to attend the Board Meeting on July 14th because of prior commitments. Dr. Marston asked her if she is willing to allow the Board to represent her without her presence and Dr. Stark agreed to this.

2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

The Board needs information for the Superintendent's potential new contract and are expecting to receive a draft of the proposed contract from the attorney.

Regarding Item H3, the Approval of the Child Nutrition Technician Job Description, Dr. Stark requested an update on Child Nutrition.

3. Board Report

Dr. Marston informed the Board that she and Ms. Meza are representing the Board at the ASBA Legislative Convention on June 27, 2009 and stated that they all have copies of the items for the agenda

K. Adjournment

Dr. Stark moved for approval to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

RAM: evm