



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

*Regular Public Meeting
August 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
(absent)

Ms. Susan Bliss

Ms. Liz Meza

Dr. Louisa Stark

Also present were:

Ms. Myriam Roa
Superintendent

Mr. Tom Lind
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 – Randy Dickason

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes: July 14, 2009
July 23, 2009
2. Ratification of Payroll \$1,649,514.99 and Expense Vouchers \$4,605,349.76 in the Total Amount of \$6,254,864.75
3. Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds through July 2009
4. Request for Approval to Renew Facilities Use Agreement for Wesley Community Center from August 28, 2009 through June 30, 2010
5. Request for Approval of Sopris West as a Sole Source Vendor for Instructional Materials and Professional Development to Support Reading Instruction
6. Request for Approval of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff and Employee Contract Adjustments
7. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
8. Request for Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence for 24 Weeks
9. Approval of Designated Administrators as Qualified Evaluators of Certificated Staff for the 2009-2010 School Year

Dr. Stark moved for approval of the Consent Agenda and Ms. Bliss seconded the motion. The board approved the motion (4-0) and the Consent Agenda was passed.

C. Community Communications

None

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Roa gave recognition to Ms. Jo Foutz and Ms. Duraye Lewis of Duke Photography for their generous donation of \$800 worth of photography to the District Website for professional photos of the Superintendent, Governing Board and the Cabinet Members.

Ms. Bresnahan gave recognition to Mr. Steve Ferguson, who's gone out to our schools and gave us free photography for the website because he knows of the economic issues that the District faces.

2. Announcements

Enrollment Report Update

Ms. Roa stated that this information will be put together for a Board Update as soon as we have a degree of certainty in our numbers. Ms. Roa stated that District-wide we are down by 470 or so students which is somewhat attributed to the economic situation. We can account for some of those 470 students that are our students who decided to enroll in University Public School Phoenix. The last numbers she has for the UPSP enrollment from them is about 662, about one half from our schools and the other half are brand new students to the District. The enrollment numbers we're getting from other school districts; Mesa is down almost 3000 (2800) and several other school districts are down and this is attributed to people moving.

We will be getting some revenue back from students even if they went to UPSP and we will certainly be getting new revenue from the new students to UPSP. Ms. Roa further stated that in all, as we delve deep into where our students are going, there are many students from Shaw, Emerson and Whittier that did not go to UPSP but went to our 7th and 8th grades in our K-8 schools; so there are lots of choices for our parents and that is the message that we want to send today.

Ms. Roa stated that the net revenue, basically the new students to the District is somewhere around \$160,000 and if you add the students that went to UPSP (some of them are ours), it's closer to \$320,000, which is the actual cash flow that will be coming back into the District. Ms. Roa stated that this information will be included in the Board Update as well.

Reminder – ASBA Law Conference September 10-12, 2009

Ms. Roa reminded board members and cabinet members of the ASBA Law Conference which will take place on September 10-12, 2009.

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

None

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of the District's Mathematics Instructional Pacing Guides Aligned to the Arizona Mathematics Standards

- Mr. Tom Lind and Ms. Kimberly Hertzog gave a presentation on the item. Ms. Garthanne de Ocampo, the Principal of Emerson School, submitted a Speaker Card and stated that Emerson School has been very fortunate to have a marvelous Math Coach and have lots of support from Ms. Hertzog.

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F1 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion (4-0) and Item F1 was passed.

2. Request for Approval of the Declaration of Curriculum and Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the Motion (4-0) and Item F2 was passed.

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

None

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Request Approval for Governing Board to give Authority to the Superintendent or Her Designee Regarding Decisions in Response to Manage Emergencies

Ms. Roa stated that she'd like to add that we be able to renew our memorandum of understanding with *Radio Fiesta* and *La Prensa Hispana* for communication and possible curriculum distribution during emergencies.

Ms. Roa stated that we have been working with Maricopa County Health Services to prepare for what is being called the 2nd phase of the *H1N1* and we expect to have, hopefully, a district program for vaccinations for our students, staff and our community members.

Dr. Marston stated that her understanding of this is that we could, at any time, call an Emergency Board Meeting if we felt a need to give additional direction and if the level of emergency was great enough. She informed Ms. Roa that if she needs to close a school between the closing of school on one day and the opening of school on the next, she does not want an Emergency Board Meeting. Dr. Marston instructed the board members to look very carefully at the language of this before a motion is made and be sure that (A) they've included all emergency powers that they want to give to the Superintendent or to her designee, and (B) that they haven't included anything that they don't want to give to the Superintendent.

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item H1, giving Superintendent Roa or her designee authority to make decisions in response to emergencies. Ms. Meza seconded the motion and the board approved the motion (4-0) and Item H1 was passed.

2. **Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)**

Ms. Bliss requested that a report on the dollar amounts that are coming from UPSP be included in the Board Update.

Ms. Roa stated that a report on the Enrollment Cash Flow along with the Enrollment Report will be included in the Board Update as well.

3. **Board Report**

Dr. Marston stated that the Tapestry Apartments located on Central Avenue that are right across from the Heard Museum have a lot of ground-floor unoccupied space and the real estate company that is pushing those units has an office right there. Because it's a very visible location not only to all the people who ride the light rail because Central Avenue has become very busy again, but a lot of people also ride the light rail to the Heard Museum and more will go as the weather cools off a little. Dr. Marston suggested we can speak to them and maybe put in artwork.

Dr. Marston stated that she has another Board Report and mentioned that she is reading a book called "The Upside of The Downturn" and it's by the Chief Editor of Fortune Magazine and is primarily concerned with personnel practices that will put companies ahead of the curve when the downturn is over. Dr. Marston stated that she thinks it's important that we look at those kinds of things and keep them in mind as we know that the economy turns and we're ready for it.

Dr. Stark stated that there have been a couple articles in the Arizona Republic about how there have been less car accidents because people are not driving as much right now.

I. Adjournment

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

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