



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

*Regular Public Meeting  
September 10, 2009*

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD #1 Governing Board Meeting in the Phoenix Elementary School District #1 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                      Mr. Tom Lind                      Mr. Kenneth Baca  
Superintendent                      Assistant Superintendent                      Assistant Superintendent for  
for Curriculum and Instruction                      Business Services

Mr. Randy Dickason                      Ms. Eleanor Moyza  
Executive Director for                      Board Secretary  
Human Resources

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**A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Ratification of Payroll \$1,895,077.96 and Expense Vouchers \$2,099,395.47 in the Total Amount of \$3,994,473.43
2. Request for Approval of Gifts and Donations
3. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trip
4. Request to Approve Out of State Travel
5. Request for Approval of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff and Employee Contract Adjustments
6. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

*Dr. Marston stated that we have a requested change to the Consent Agenda for approval. Dr. Stark moved for approval of the Consent Agenda to include the requested change and Ms. Bliss seconded the motion.*

(For the record, the requested change was an additional name added to the Human Resources agenda indicating the separation/resignation of):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Site/Position</u>	<u># Years in District</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Maria Jesus Mendivil	Edison / 5/6 ELD	1 Year, 1 Month	9/11/09

(Not eligible for Sick Leave, Vacation or Retirement payout)

*The board approved the motion unanimously and the Consent Agenda was passed.*

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**C. Community Communications**

None

**D. Superintendent's Report**

1. Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Roa recognized Capitol School's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team for receiving an award from MACRo (the Math Achievement Club by RODEL) for being recognized at the MACRo Kick-off event for sustained performance, growth and for **exceeding** the state average as measured by AIMS for several years.

Mr. Russell Sanders, Capitol School Principal proudly introduced the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team: Math Coach, Ms. Melissa Allen, Ms. Kayla Law, Ms. Theresa Dietz and Ms. Marie Peggy Parker. Mr. Sanders thanked the Team for doing an awesome job, for their accomplishment, their teamwork and collaboration and stated that everyone at Capitol School is very proud of them.

2. Announcements

Ms. Roa announced that over 200 Phoenix Elementary School District employees will be attending the Diamondbacks game on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent**

1. Request for Approval to Submit 2010 Capital Plan to the Arizona School Facilities Board

*Ms. Bliss moved for approval and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously and Item E1 was passed.*

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

1. Request for Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the ASU College of Nursing and the District to Provide Student Nurses the Opportunity to Complete a Clinical Experience Requirement in School Health Centers

*Ms. Bliss moved for approval and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously and Item F1 was passed.*

2. Request for Award of Request for Proposal #002-0910 for Web-based Tutoring and Test Preparation Software

*Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion unanimously and Item F2 was passed.*

3. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with The City of Phoenix Human Services Department Head Start Program, Booker T. Washington Child Development Center, and Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start

Mr. Lind introduced Ms. Natalie Alvarez with the Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start, Ms. Kim Pollins with the Booker T. Washington Child Development Center and Mr. Jack Day the District's newly-appointed Early Childhood Coordinator and stated that they would like to share some information with the board.

**Ms. Natalie Alvarez/ Director of the Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start:**

Ms. Alvarez stated that the Greater Phoenix Urban League currently is on four campuses; Capitol, Bethune, Heard and Lowell. She stated that they serve 197 families in the Phoenix Elementary District and 61 of those are three-year olds and 136 are four-year olds.

Ms. Alvarez stated that they are located in Suite 219 upstairs at Emerson Court and that they have been collaborating with the Pre-School Program downstairs and have a reached a tremendous goal. She stated that they also have programs in the other school districts, yet this is the first district that they have

met the goal of having the same curriculum and the same assessment with all Pre School Programs and Head Start Programs and that's almost a first in districts that do not run their own Head Start Programs.

Ms. Alvarez stated that three highlights for this year are that (1) they are collaborating with Glendale Community College to develop a Dual-Language Learner Program. (2) They also received some of the ARRA Stimulus Money and with that they are having 15 additional Staff Development Days for our teachers, plus \$40,000 to renovate the Heard Playground and they are really excited about that. (3) It's a Federal Review Year which means that the office of Head Start will be visiting the City of Phoenix Grantee and 3 years ago they visited our programs (she and Ms. Kim Pollins share the same District) and there were no findings and so they are striving for that again this year.

Ms. Alvarez thanked the Board for having them here and stated that they enjoy being in this District and serving the families and children.

**Ms. Kim Pollins/ Director of Booker T. Washington Child Development Center:**

Ms. Kim Pollins addressed the Board and stated that she's going into her second year with Booker T. Washington Child Development Center and they have three classrooms in the Phoenix Elementary School District: Edison, Herrera and Garfield. She stated that this is their 5<sup>th</sup> year on the Edison School Campus and Booker T. Washington has been in the community for over 40 years and that in the past they have been at Ann Ott and at Herrera. Ms. Pollins stated that one of the teachers mentioned that the Pre School kids are very smart and are a step ahead of children that never received a Pre School experience. Ms. Pollins stated that they look forward to working with the principal at Herrera School. She thanked Mr. Baca for the in-kind that they get and stated that because they are a federally-funded program, 25% of their program needs to have matching funds provided by the square footage of the classrooms in Phoenix Elementary School District.

Mr. Baca thanked Ms. Pollins and informed the board that this organization has been very cooperative and called this a win-win situation for our community and their hard work that makes it successful.

**Mr. Jack Day/Early Childhood Coordinator:**

Mr. Day stated that he is honored to be in his new position representing the District and thanked the board for this opportunity. He stated that he has seen very excellent instruction going on in Pre School as well as our K-3 Classrooms. He stated that he has met numerous times with Natalie and Kim to coordinate Pre-School Services in the District and stated that they are wonderful to work with and he is very excited to have a Pre-School at Herrera. Through this collaboration and working with our teachers, his goal is to improve our Pre-School Program and as a former Kindergarten teacher he knows how important it is to have a quality preschool program to make sure that the kids are ready for Kindergarten. He stated that we have about 220 preschoolers in our regular Pre-School Program and stated that some amazing things are going on in these classrooms and he invited the board to come by and see them.

*Ms. Bliss moved for approval and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion.*

Mr. Calvin Goode, former Board President for Phoenix Elementary School District #1, addressed the board. Mr. Goode stated that he has been a volunteer with Booker T. Washington Child Development Center since 1967 and is a strong advocate for Early Childhood Education and he thanked Mr. Baca for the in-kind because sometimes it gets difficult to raise the matching funds. He also thanked Mr. Lind and all the board members for putting monies into Head Start because he stated that it's extremely necessary and they are very appreciative of it.

*The board unanimously approved the motion and Item F3 was passed.*

**G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director**

1. None

## H. Board Reports and Requests

### 1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

Dr. Marston asked the Superintendent to update the board members on the agenda for the Study Session next week and Ms. Roa informed the board that a Study Session will be held next Thursday at 8:30 am in the Governing Board Room. Ms. Roa stated that the items they will be updating the board on are the Student Services Reorganization and Ms. Joanne Phillips will be there also. She stated that they will have an Enrollment Update and District-wide pupil/teacher ratios in different grade-spans.

She stated that she would also like to provide a University Public Schools Phoenix Update and stated that she did tour the school yesterday and she will be reporting on all the wonderful things she saw there.

She stated that we will be revisiting the Strategic Plan and that we are in Year Five of the Strategic Plan and we will be asking the board to dialogue with them on that. She stated that she looks forward to seeing them next Thursday for the First Quarterly Study Session.

Ms. Bliss asked how we are doing in comparison with nearby school districts and stated that we used to get comparison analysis reports on how we were doing. She stated that she would like to know how our school district is doing in comparison with Baltz, Creighton, Alhambra, Isaac and Murphy because for the most part, we're sharing the same population.

### 2. Board Report

Dr. Marston asked Mr. Allsworth how he would like to report to the rest of the board after he has served on the UPSP School Council. Mr. Allsworth stated that putting it on the agenda under Board Reports would be good and he will get back with the board about this.

Ms. Roa stated that a Walk-a-Thon, encouraging students to stay in school and be college-bound and effective will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Burton Barr Library.

## F. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston  
Board President

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