



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1  
Regular Public Meeting  
September 24, 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 (absent)	Ms. Liz Meza (absent)	Dr. Louisa Stark
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*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	

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**A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

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

(Section E was discussed out of the order of discussion)

**E. Superintendent's Report**

1. Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Marge Scanlon, Math Coach at Emerson School received recognition for her contributions to AIMS. Ms. Roa announced that the Arizona Department of Education Assessment Section has also recognized Ms. Scanlon as a valuable contributor to their committees, who also maintained the integrity of these assessments. Ms. Garthanne de O Campo, Emerson School Principal stated that Ms. Scanlon is a great teacher who works many hours and is always checking to make sure that teachers have materials and that they're trained. She also makes sure that they have their lesson plans ready for the week and she puts in an infinite amount of time talking to students and double-checking that they can explain their answers.

Ms. Adrienne Martinez, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Kenilworth School received recognition for being selected as a semi-finalist for the 2010 Rodel Exemplary Teacher Award. Mr. Ed Flores, Kenilworth School Principal stated they are extremely fortunate to have her on their staff and is one of their best. Ms. Martinez stated that she is honored to be considered a Rodel Exemplary Teacher and stated that she did her student-teaching as an Exemplary Student Teacher with Rodel and she is very grateful and honored and she loves working for this district. As a gift of appreciation from the Kenilworth School staff, students and community, Mr. Flores gave her a beautiful plant.

Ms. Claren Sells, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Whittier School received recognition for also being selected as a semi-finalist for the 2010 Rodel Exemplary Teacher Award. Ms. Melody Herne, Whittier School Principal stated that Ms. Sells is now in her 10<sup>th</sup> year of working at Phoenix Elementary and is a wonderful teacher. Ms. Sells thanked everyone and stated that she was shocked about award but stated that she put in a lot of hard work over the years and they've had MACRO for about eight years and she really loves the program. She stated that she is honored to be selected as a semi-finalist.

Ms. Irene Trujillo, a teacher at Whittier School received recognition for being awarded the 2009 Esperanza Latino Teacher of the Year Award and Ms. Melody Herne, Whittier School Principal stated that Ms. Trujillo is a proud product of Phoenix Elementary School District and also attended Phoenix Union and graduated. She stated that Ms. Trujillo attended Adeline Gray School for K-6 and Herrera School for 7-8 Grades. Ms. Trujillo earned her Bachelor's Degree from Arizona State University and her Master's Degree from Northern Arizona University and began working in the Phoenix Elementary School District in 1990 where she picked up quite a bit of experience working at Shaw School, Ann Ott School, Kenilworth School, Lowell School, Emerson School, Garfield School and also at Bethune School where she worked summer school. Ms. Herne stated that ever since Ms. Trujillo joined Whittier School in 1997, she has been involved in every intersession, summer school, Student Council and any other type of extra intervention for our kids. She has also served as an unofficial translator for many meetings that have been held.

Ms. Alissia Lopez and Ms. Amanda Roberson of Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) also attended the Board meeting and congratulated Ms. Trujillo for winning this extraordinary award and stated that Ms. Trujillo was one of almost forty nominations that they received this year for this particular award. Ms. Roberson stated that every year Chicanos Por La Causa recognizes outstanding educators in the community and accepts nominations from all over Maricopa County and those are reviewed by a committee of leaders in the education community and also in the community at large and this year Irene Trujillo was selected as one of the five finalists so she will be recognized on October 22nd at the CPLC Awards Dinner at the Wyndham Hotel downtown and it's a great honor for her as well as the other winners. Ms. Trujillo thanked everyone for being there and stated that she is very happy and proud of this award.

#### Events

Ms. Sara Bresnahan, the Community and Public Relations Spokesperson announced that on Saturday morning the new sculpture of the Phoenix Rising will be dedicated at Roosevelt and 13<sup>th</sup> Street and the event begins at 8:30 a.m. and is a work between the City of Phoenix and the neighborhood. Dr. Stark stated that the sculpture is of an 11-foot high bird, sitting on a beautiful pedestal and was done by a local artist with the assistance of the Phoenix Arts Commission. Dr. Stark also stated that the neighborhood is very excited about it and Garfield School has provided some of the easement for the placement of the sculpture and Mr. Baca and our school district provided the lighting for the sculpture.

Ms. Roa announced that an Open House will be held at the Citadel Building next Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Parents as well as community members are welcome and parents can meet some ASU Tutors and look at the programs that the Salvation Army has to offer. Dr. Marston stated that the Salvation Army Men's Auxiliary is having a barbecue for the parents and children and it will be held in the gymnasium.

## **B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Governing Board Minutes: August 13, 2009  
August 27, 2009
2. Ratification of Payroll \$1,918,391.44 and Expense Vouchers \$7,606,684.44 in the Total Amount of \$9,525,075.88
3. Request for Approval of Gifts and Donations
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  
*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of the Consent Agenda and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 3-0 and the Consent Agenda was passed.*

**C. Community Communications**

None

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

1. None

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

1. Request for Approval of Agreement Between Alternatives Unlimited and the District for Special Education Services at Greater Phoenix Learning Center  
*Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item F1 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by 3-0 and it was passed.*
2. Request for Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maricopa County Superior Court and District for the Law-Related Education Program at Capitol and Edison Schools  
*Mr. Allsworth moved approval of Item F2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion.*

Mr. Fred Graef, Edison School Principal and Ms. Kate Hansen, Probation Officer at Edison School spoke about the program at their school and Mr. Graef stated that Ms. Hansen has done an excellent job at Edison School and in 2008 she was named “Probation Officer of The Year” in Arizona. Mr. Graef stated that Ms. Hansen does excellent law-related education classes and organizes these wonderful enriching events called Boy Power and Girl Power for the students and has many interesting, amazing people come to their school to talk to the students.

Ms. Hansen stated that she’s conducted Girl Power for four years and Boy Power for three years. Ms. Hansen introduced Trish, a Phoenix Police SWAT Officer in the audience and stated that Trish dresses the kids up in SWAT outfits and the kids love it. She stated that a K-9 Unit Dog comes in every year and they show the kids how the dogs are trained and how they work. Ms. Hansen stated that she talks about the law and that she’s teaching 15 classes a week this year and she goes from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Marston stated that she took someone to observe Ms. Hansen’s class last year and she was very impressed.

Dr. Stark asked Ms. Hansen who the School Resource Officers report to and Ms. Hansen stated that her immediate supervisor is Mike Baine, who is also a Probation Officer, however, she sends in her monthly report to Fred Graef. She stated that she keeps statistics on how many kids she’s seen, how many classes she’s taught and what the topics were. She stated that Fred Graef and Mike Baine get those forms and meet twice during the school year. Ms. Hansen stated that her performance evaluations are done through Mike Baine, but Fred Graef is the one who knows if she’s on or off campus.

Mr. Allsworth asked if parental consent is required for any portions of the program and Ms. Hansen stated that parental consent is required for Girl Power and Boy Power and the only other program that requires parental consent is the Good Touch/Bad Touch Class and that is because of the nature of the class. Ms. Hansen stated that it’s actually owned by Child Help, the organization that trained her and she invited everyone to attend the class. She stated that almost none of the parents opt out of the class. Ms. Hansen stated that she has been working in this program for 4 years and since that time she has had only one kid who was actually presented as a possible molestation victim and she teaches the kids how to report it and how to talk to an adult because that is one of the rules of the program.

*The Board approved the motion and Item F2 was passed.*

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3. Request for Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix and the District for the School Safety Program, Including School Resource Officers Assigned at Seven Schools

Mr. Lind stated that the program is a law-related education program facilitated by the School Resource Officers and stated that Ms. Hansen was correct when she stated that supervision is administered similarly and Sergeant Dalin Webb is our contact person at the city and Sergeant Juan Hernandez is our immediate contact person for the School Resource Officers.

Dr. Carolyn Taylor, Herrera School Principal stated that the School Resource Officer that they have is a tremendous support to their students, to their community and to their campus. She stated that last year 300 students came to their school under Open Enrollment and she feels that having the School Resource Officer there helps those parents who don't live in the community to feel safe and their Resource Officer is very much involved with the students and with the programs in addition to the Law-Related Education. She stated that they have seen a decrease in disciplinary referrals and incidents at their school and they have certainly had a decrease in situations where things that happen outside of school come to their campus, but even if there is something that happens to children when they're traveling to and from school, the Resource Officer is there to help and she thinks the teachers see him as a positive influence on their campus and they have developed a very positive working-relationship with him and they invite him into the classrooms and he helps them deal with situations such as bullying and name-calling and other things that aren't necessarily violent but they certainly are threats and intimidation but he's there to help whenever they call on him to assist them with student management on their campus and he also helps with community situations that occur. Dr. Taylor stated that the School Resource Officers turn in reports on the classes to her and she believes that they have to complete 160 hours during the school year and actually schedule their time with the classroom teacher and it becomes part of the regular Social Studies Curriculum the way they set it up and they go in and actually teach the classes and turn in reports.

*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item F3 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 3-0 and Item F3 was passed.*

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

1. Request for Approval of Proposition 301 Appeal Recommendations for 2008-2009

Dr. Marston asked what the funding looks like for 301 for this year and asked how the funding compares to last year. Mr. Baca stated that the funding is down as a result of the sales revenue not coming in as expected from the state. Dr. Marston asked if some of our teachers, like the Reading Interventionists are barred from taking part in that and Mr. Baca stated that they are not. Dr. Marston asked if the same people as last year, plus the people that we hired under the Stimulus Fund will be eligible, and Mr. Baca stated that is correct. Dr. Marston asked how much less each one will get and Mr. Baca stated that he does not have that information but they will get less. Ms. Roa stated that when we have the opportunity to hire the Reading Intervention Specialist through the Stimulus Money, their funding source is the Stimulus Money and the Prop 301 portion comes from the Stimulus Money so we don't have to split that Prop 301 Money that we get through the sales tax with the Title One-funded positions.

*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item G1 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 3-0 and Item G1 was passed.*

2. Request for Approval of Teacher on Assignment Job Description

Dr. Marston stated that she feels it may be important for Mr. Dickason to explain why we're replacing a Teacher on Assignment rather than an Assistant Principal at Lowell School. Mr. Dickason stated that an Assistant Principal is normally determined based upon a student population of 750, but by having a Teacher on Assignment they can take a current staff person, and not have to change the standard right now.

Dr. Marston stated that she noticed that Lowell School was not staffed at as small a Pupil/Teacher Ratio as the other schools and asked if that is part of the reason for this. Ms. Roa stated that in general, our staffing model for Assistant Principals is 750 students and Lowell is, at least when they were looking at our staff leveling, the 40<sup>th</sup> day approaching that number but not at 750 and yet some of our schools who have Assistant Principals were below that number and they expect that number to fluctuate especially with the refugee population at Heard School that they see the ups and downs. She stated that rather than wait until Lowell School reached that 750 student level, Administration felt that assistance should be provided sooner rather than later in terms of enrollment, and yet we want more time to review the staffing model in general for Assistant Principals. Dr. Marston stated that she absolutely agrees with the recommendation but she simply wants it on the record because it's different from what they have been doing.

*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item G2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 3-0 and Item G2 was passed.*

## **H. Board Reports and Requests**

### **1. Update on University Public School Phoenix (UPSP)**

Ms. Roa stated that we are getting more and more requests to tour the school and she has given permission for those people to contact Debra Gomez directly (in case she herself is not available and she doesn't want to hold up a tour), but she stated that on Tuesday the first School Council Meeting will be held and Mr. Doug Allsworth will be on that school council.

Ms. Roa announced that there will be an Open House at University Public School Phoenix and is called New Vision for Learning Event and will be held on October 29 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the courtyard. (The date has since been changed to November 19<sup>th</sup> at the time of the printing of these minutes). The event is being hosted by the Phoenix Community Alliance and it's to invite the downtown businesses and community affiliations to come in and get to know the University Public School Phoenix. The focus will be on the students and the students will be there serving as ambassadors taking people on tours. Ms. Roa stated that the Governing Board will receive invitations in a couple of weeks.

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

Dr. Stark stated that last year the board was receiving reports on disciplinary problems and the various schools on a weekly basis and stated that they haven't received them for a while and is wondering if they will receive anymore. Mr. Tom Lind stated that he has been requesting that report as well and with the transition from SASI to Genesis, a report should be coming soon and it will be cumulative from the school year.

### **3. Board Report**

Dr. Marston stated that she wants to say publicly that she is looking at her property tax statement for her home and she knows that staff worked really hard and the board really pushed them and she wants to say that results of that was that her primary tax rate is down from \$1,034.13 to \$575.02 and the Bonds and Overrides are much smaller; they're down 14.5%, 10.9% respectively, but just on school district taxes, she saved for her home \$537.00 this year over last year. She stated that she thinks that everyone needs to be congratulated because a lot of that is due to the savings on utilities that Mr. Baca has implemented and changing all the fixtures and people changing their behavior by turning off the lights when they are not needed.

## **I. Adjournment**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston  
Board President

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