



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Regular Public Meeting
January 14, 2010

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 Mr. Tom Lind Mr. Kenneth Baca
Superintendent Assistant Superintendent Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum and Instruction for Business Services

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

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Tom Lind
3. Nomination and Election of the Governing Board President
Dr. Stark nominated Dr. Ruth Ann Marston for Governing Board President and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by 3-0 and was passed. Dr. Ruth Ann Marston was re-elected as the Governing Board President. Congratulations Dr. Marston!
4. Request for Approval of the Governing Board Calendar for 2010
Dr. Marston stated that she'd like to point out before the Board moves on this item, that on January 28, 2010 (the date of a board meeting), is Arizona School Board Association Advocacy Workshop in Glendale and she has plans for advocacy this year because she wants to work with the legislature to find ways to reduce costs that don't involve budget increases. Therefore, she stated that she would like **not** to have a Board Meeting on January 28, 2010
Dr. Stark moved for approval to adopt the Governing Board Calendar as shown with the exception of January 28, 2010 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item A4 was passed with the exception of the January 28, 2010 Board Meeting.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Ratification of Payroll \$4,014,781.38 and Expense Vouchers \$2,113,263.59 in the Total Amount of \$6,128,044.97
2. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trip
3. Request to Approve out of State Travel
4. Request for Approval of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff and Employee Contract Adjustments
5. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
Ms. Meza moved for approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item B3 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. Ms. Meza asked that more information be brought to the Board and stated that

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she'd like to know how the District will benefit from this. Dr. Marston stated that the issue is that the Board is not traveling out of state and the Board thinks that staff should only travel for essential items and there is no indication that this is in any way essential and the Board will need more information. *The Board approved the motion (4-0) and the Consent Agenda was passed, with the exception of Item B3 which was deferred until the January 21, 2010 Study Session.*

C. Community Communications

None

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

- ◇ Ms. Roa recognized Ms. Liz Meza and Mr. Doug Allsworth, our Board Members to congratulate them for completing the ASBA Governing Board Orientation. They each received a Certificate of Orientation from the Arizona School Board Association.
- ◇ Ms. Roa gave recognition our ALPS Students and stated that on December 14, 2009 a group of ALPS Students participated in a project at the Children's Museum of Phoenix. Our students have been learning about Arizona and as part of their oral history project, they interviewed former students at Monroe School, which is now the home for the Children's Museum of Phoenix. The end product is that our students are helping to prepare an exhibit at the museum. Mr. Tom Lind showed some photos of this event. Ms. Pamela Harris, the Curriculum Resource Specialist for the ALPS Program spoke to the Board on behalf of the ALPS Staff and thanked Mr. Lind for recommending the ALPS Program to participate in this event and stated that it was also an opportunity for the students to learn about the history of Monroe School as well as Downtown Phoenix. She stated that it was also an awesome opportunity for the students to hear the stories of former students who attended the school and what it was like for the students to live at that time in Phoenix. Ms. Harris thanked Mr. Tom Lind again for the opportunity, the Transportation Department for doing an awesome job of making sure that their students were delivered safely to Monterey Park because they had to pick them up from all the schools that day. Dr. Marston stated that the ALPS Students did a superlative job and that she was one of the monitors for the group that day but they did so well that they really didn't need her help.
- ◇ Ms. Roa gave recognition to the Music Teachers in all of our schools for the wonderful holiday programs which were enjoyed by so many. Mr. Tom Lind showed a variety of photos of various schools' holiday programs. Mr. Lind stated that our Music Teachers were most appreciative of their recognition this evening and sent numerous emails to him, thanking them for this recognition, but also indicating what a wonderful opportunity it was to participate with our community during the holiday season. Ms. Roa stated that we will endeavor to make sure that next year, we do not have a holiday program at the same time we have a Board Meeting so that everyone can attend.
- ◇ Ms. Roa gave recognition to Ms. Heather Dzikczek, Music Teacher at Bethune School for gaining her credential as a National Board Certified Teacher in our District. Ms. Dzikczek thanked everyone for the recognition and also thanked Cynthia, who was her mentor through this and stated that she wouldn't be standing here without her help.
- ◇ Ms. Roa gave recognition to our employees for their United Way donations and pledges. She stated that their participation is helping to improve lives by supporting programs that address the challenges facing us here in Maricopa County. Ms. Roa stated that the employees of Phoenix Elementary School District raised \$3,378.00, even in these tough economic times and stated that we'd like to appreciate all of our employees and a special thank you goes to Ms. Rosanna Hidalgo, Principal of Lowell School for having the most dollars raised and to Mr. Russell Sanders, Principal of Capitol School for having the most donors.
- ◇ Ms. Roa recognized Dr. Teresa Covarrubias and Ms. Rosanna Hidalgo who have been named finalists in the 2010 Rodel Exemplary Principal Initiative which is the last step before the statewide winners. Due to their outstanding leadership and proven record of high academic achievement in high poverty schools, they have been selected as two of Arizona's Best Educational Leaders. Ms. Hidalgo stated that she and Dr. Covarrubias were interviewed by the Arizona Republic once again and they did a photo-shoot, which will be in the newspaper on January 31, 2010 and the following week on February 7 they will

announce the nine winners. She stated that this is not a one-person job and that it's due to the staff they have and they are very lucky and fortunate to work in this District and have the support they have and the staff they have because this is a collaborative effort and they can't do it by themselves. She gave thanks for the opportunity and also thanked Ms. Roa for nominating them.

Dr. Covarrubias thanked the Board and Administration and stated that it's been wonderful working with Phoenix Elementary and that it's a great opportunity and has been and continues to be. She stated that she's very grateful to be nominated and further stated that she's very happy that Garfield Staff can get recognition and that it's an effort that reflects on the staff and the District. She stated that both she and Ms. Hidalgo feel that either way this turns out, it will be good.

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

None

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval of Pilot Program with Arizona Business & Education Coalition (ABEC) for the Arizona Middle School Scholars Project at Lowell School for the 2009-2010 School Year
Mr. Patrick Contreras of ABEC spoke to the item. *Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item F1 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion (4-0) and Item F1 was passed.*
2. Request for Approval of the Agreement with Banner Health, Doing Business as Banner Desert Medical Center, Through November 30, 2012
Mr. Tom Lind stated that although the Blue Sheet indicates that Banner Health did intend to bring this project to two schools, however, due to their economic situation it was learned this week that they are able to bring this only to Whittier School and unfortunately, not Edison School. Mr. Lind stated that Banner Health did indicate that they will be submitting a revised agreement indicating that only Whittier School will be participating and they regretted the ability not to include Edison School. *Mr. Allsworth moved for approval and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F2 was passed.*

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Request to Receive and Discuss Reorganization of Human Resources for More Effective Management of the Highly Qualified Programs
2. Request for Approval of Job Descriptions for Human Resources Reorganization
Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item G2 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The Board discussed "Director of Highly Qualified Staffing and Employee Relations", the job title of one of the job descriptions in the agenda. Because Dr. Stark had questions about the job title, Mr. Jason Hammond, Human Resources Coordinator, gave some clarification to the Board. After some discussion, Ms. Roa suggested that the language in the job summary's first sentence could be, "this position is responsible for all areas of the Human Resources highly qualified and appropriately certified staffing function". She stated that maybe it belongs there rather than in the job title to make it clearer. Mr. Allsworth moved to accept the amendment to add that information to the job description. Ms. Meza seconded the motion, accepting the amendment which was approved by the Board 4-0 and Item G2 was passed.

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix (UPSP)
Ms. Roa reported that she recently attended the University Public Schools Board Meeting on Tuesday evening, which had a summary of the reports from the University Public Schools Phoenix School Council Minutes and the two things that she observed is that as we move through the year, we certainly are learning how to work together. As the University Public Schools, Inc. Board has requested information about the University Public Schools Phoenix, she believes we will probably do the same from our side. She stated that after six months there is still a strong, positive

relationship and they continue to work on that. Ms. Roa stated that the comments about what are we going to do about next year for adding 9th grade she had a question for Ms. Debra Gomez, the Interim Executive Director. There's a feeling that we may want to wait a year and also apply for a grant to do planning for a year to have a real strong curriculum for 9th grade and she stated that she has requested that they have that update at some future point for the Board; more specific information on the decision, the grant, the process and who would be involved with that.

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

Dr. Stark stated that she has a comment that she hopes is passed on to Mr. Lind. Dr. Stark stated that she is concerned about the suspension totals from Genesis and they still don't have any idea why these kids are being suspended in either In-School Suspension or Out-of-School Suspension. She stated that they were informed last time that there were glitches in the new system, but she would really appreciate having a report. Mr. Lind assured her that a report would be forthcoming.

3. Board Report

I. **Adjournment**

Ms. Allsworth moved for approval to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Stark seconded the motion.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

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