



## Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1 Regular Public Meeting/Regular Session

**August 26, 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  
(Absent)

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  
(Absent)

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 – Sylvia Bernal

(Item D was discussed out of the order of discussion)

### **D. Superintendent's Report**

#### **1. Awards and Recognitions**

Ms. Roa gave recognition to Mr. Scott Holcomb and Camelback Kiwanis for working with Kenilworth Elementary students on a K-Kids Program. He presented a slide show of the kids at camp Wamatochik, a campfire camp where they take the kids. They get the kids into the Electric Light Parade and donate \$1,000 every year over Christmas and the counselors give food coupons to families over the holidays. They've also taken the kids to JC Penney's for back-to-school clothing and have donated violins to Kenilworth, and sleeping bags and fishing poles for the kids.

He stated that Camelback Kiwanis

requested that the district provide the buses to get the kids to the camp. He stated they have a new opportunity to partner with a group called Legacy Foundation and a number of the district's schools already deal with the group. The Foundation provides backpacks, school supplies, clothing and shoes every year to 6000 Elementary and Title I kids in the valley and they also take the kids to stores to shop for clothes. At \$75 dollars per child, they can sponsor 60 kids for \$4,500 and when Camelback Kiwanis donates the \$4,500, the Legacy Foundation will match that.

Mr. Holcomb stated that the commitment on the part of the district is two-fold; mainly, Principal Ed Flores will have to complete the application and have all the paperwork in

place by February and the district will have to provide the transportation for the kids.

*Dr. Marston stated that with the permission of the board, she doesn't think the transportation issue needs to come as a board agenda item, but feels that Board Direction to the Superintendent will take care of it, unless someone objects. Dr. Stark stated that she agrees with Dr. Marston.*

*Dr. Marston presented Mr. Holcomb with a Certificate of Appreciation from the district. Mr. Holcomb thanked the board and invited them to attend the camp and ride the Electric Light Parade and stated they are always welcome there.*

## 2. Announcements

Ms. Roa spoke to Phoenix One Foundation and reported on the Annual Financial Report.

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

1. Ratification of Payroll \$1,664,679.86 and Expense Vouchers \$1,289,685.47 in the Total Amount of \$2,954,365.33
2. Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds through June 2010
3. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff
4. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
5. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

Mr. Dickason requested that a teacher be added to the certified list for Approval of Separation of Employment. The teacher submitted a doctor's certification stating that she is unable to complete the year and would like to have her separation approved.

*Mr. Allsworth moved approval of the Consent Agenda with the proposed change from Mr. Dickason and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and the Consent Agenda was passed.*

## **C. Community Communications**

None

*(Ms. Roa presented Item E, Business Services in Mr. Baca's absence)*

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

1. Request for Approval to Authorize Sale of Used Equipment to University Public Schools, Inc. in the Amount of \$15,010.38 for Use at UPSP

*Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item E1 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item E1 was passed.*

2. Request to Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Education Jobs Fund for the Purpose of Giving Direction to Administration

*(Item F2 was discussed out of the order of discussion)*

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

2. Request for Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Education Service Agency and Phoenix Elementary School District for the Reading for the Stars by Reading with the Stars Program at Magnet Traditional School

Mr. Lind introduced several representatives of the program who would like to share some attributes: Ms. Kristine Morris, Chief Deputy Superintendent for the Maricopa County Education Service Agency introduced Ms. Angie Coke, the Literacy Director and Coordinator for Reading for The Stars Program, and Ms. Sylvia Bernal, a Classroom Teacher at Magnet Traditional School, and Ms. Tammy Blanchard, Executive Assistant to Ms. Morris who has been crucial in bringing the program together.

*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item F2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F2 was passed.*

1. Request for Approval to Close ACE Elementary School

*Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item F1 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion.*

*The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F1 was passed.*

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

1. None

**H. Board Reports and Requests**

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix

Mr. Tom Lind reported that he attended the reorganization meeting in preparation of planning for the high school, 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He stated that he was really pleased to be a part of the organization under the leadership of Mr. Art Lebowitz and joining him as a new employee, Dr. Debra Gonzales from the high school district, their Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, will officially join the UPSI Organization next week bringing a very high level of academic excellence to the table. In addition, there was a very intelligent 3<sup>rd</sup> year student from the College of Sustainability who is also an intern at the Bio-Science High School, Michelle Alcantar is a member of the ASU Partnership Staff, Jennie McClure was present, who is also a parent of students at UPSP as well as an employee at the school. Flavio Molinar, Math Educator from the Tempe Campus of the Arizona State University is on the team as well. Quentin Boyle, Bio-Science Teacher of Science, Debra Gonzales and himself. Mr. Lind stated that they are all truly interested in providing a high-level academic opportunity to ensure that students move into a high school environment that will prepare them for their success, also keeping in mind the need to develop the whole student. Mr. Lind stated that they have agreed to meet weekly for the next six weeks and through our Superintendent, he will bring an update to the governing board as soon as possible as we recognize that the board's involvement in the process is extremely important. In closing, Mr. Lind stated that Ms. Rendon initiated a collaborative meeting between the elementary school district and UPSP so they could begin their discussion of a joint collaborative professional development plan for the teachers and that will be kicked off next week.

2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

3. Board Report

Dr. Marston asked the board members if they received the ASBA Report on 2011 Political Agenda Priorities, where they are supposed to mark the ten priorities and send them to the board secretary, to be tabulated. If they did not receive one, she instructed them to inform the board secretary. She requested that they have this done by Thursday, of next week. Dr. Marston asked the board members to mark the top ten priorities and send them to the board secretary or call her with them. That way they can

move on with this, because the ASBA Report only mentions the ten top priorities and there are a lot of them that were adopted at the legislative conference.

Dr. Marston had an announcement from the Flinn Foundation that Nancy Wells, who has been the Associate Director of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy is moving over to Flinn Foundation to work on developing leadership for Arizona.

Mr. Allsworth reported on cyber-bullying and stated that there's an organization out of California called Common Sense Media that has a Cyber Literacy Curriculum that they're putting out for school districts and it's really a broad issue for today's kids, one that most of us adults under-appreciate how much is going on in the cyber-world their kids are being exposed to. He stated that he received some materials and brought them here and wondered if we could have a report to the board at some point of what the district is doing in terms of cyber-literacy and explore whether this is a resource that we might use or if we have alternative resources that can be looked at for what we're doing for our kids and making them cyber-literate by 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**I. Adjournment**

Dr. Stark moved for approval to adjourn and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston  
Governing Board President

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