



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1
Regular Public Meeting/Regular Session
September 23, 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
(arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

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 – Tom Lind

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2010
August 26, 2010
September 9, 2010
2. Ratification of Payroll \$1,904,904.44 and Expense Vouchers \$2,461,922.08 in the Total Amount of \$4,366,826.52
3. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trips
4. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff
5. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
6. Request for Approval of Designated Administrators as Qualified Evaluators of Certificated Staff

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of the Consent Agenda Items and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and the Consent Agenda was passed.

(Item F1 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval of Partnership with Experience Matters and Hands on Greater Phoenix to Provide Adult Volunteers at Three District Schools for the 2010-2011 School Year

Ms. Sharifa Rowe presented information to the board. *This item will be brought forth*

for ratification at the next board meeting to ensure that the correct order of motions, seconds and approval are met.

(Item E3 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

3. Request Approval to Accept Arizona Public Service Rebate for Energy Management Program in the Amount of \$354,973.61 and Direction to Administration Concerning its Disposition

(Item D1 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

- Ms. Roa gave recognition to Mr. Nate Anderson of Ear Candy Productions for helping to donate musical instruments to PESD's schools.
- Ms. Roa gave recognition to Whittier School's 3rd and 5th graders for winning two Rodel MacRo Awards, outscoring the State of Arizona in Mathematics. Ms. Melody Herne, Whittier School Principal, spoke to the board and stated (she requested that these words be placed in the minutes): "As the very proud Principal of Whittier Elementary School, I am excited and honored to share with the PESD Governing Board, Superintendent, and Cabinet this academic award. Through the Rodel Foundation's MacRo Program, Whittier Elementary was awarded the 2010 MacRo Achievement Award "Brains that Gained" Award and the "Heart to Improve" Award for outscoring the State AIMS average in third (3rd) and fifth (5th) grade. When Madam MacRo predicted Whittier students would do well; they did well. Teachers who worked with the award-winning grade levels include former Whittier Math Coach, current Heard teacher, Melanie DelGrosso, former Whittier teacher, current Capitol teacher Ms. Jolynn Wade, former Whittier teacher Ms. Amy Tucci (Ms. Tucci was also named a Rodel Exemplary Teacher Semifinalist, (she and husband moved to New York to be with family) and current Whittier instructors Ms. Cathrine Pettitt and Ms. Claron Sells. We endeavor to make similar gains this year through our participation in MacRo and the Innovative Investigations Curriculum. Whittier teachers are committed to excellence and we are striving to become an excelling school."

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request to Receive and Discuss the Progress of the District's Capital Override and Bond Projects

- Mr. Baca acknowledged everyone who assisted us with these projects: Our Architects, the ADM Group, Ry-Tan Construction, the Governing Board who approved all these projects, our District Staff that supports this, especially through Plant Services, in keeping on top of this.
- *Dr. Marston requested that Mr. Baca provide board members with Bond back-up materials by Board Update.*
- Mr. Baca stated that Kenilworth School's 90th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at 10:00 a.m.

(Continuation of Item E3)

3. Request Approval to Accept Arizona Public Service Rebate for Energy Management Program in the Amount of \$354,973.61 and Direction to Administration concerning its Disposition

Dr. Marston recommended, but made no motion, that we say what we are going to do with the money but we maintain it as a safety net temporarily and vote now to release it to debt service, contingent on the Bond passing.

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item E3, with direction to administration that a Decision on disposition be deferred until after the Bond Election and that administration come back to us with more tangible options to consider. Ms. Bliss seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion and Item E3 was passed. (Mr. Allsworth apologized and stated that he has to leave the board meeting due to an appointment).

2. Request for Approval to Enter into a Five Year Lease Agreement for Xerox Copiers
Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item E2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item E2 was passed.

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

2. Request for Approval of the Listed Individuals as Hearing Officers for Student Long-Term Suspension Hearings

Dr. Stark moved for approval of the Request for Approval of the Listed Individuals as Hearing Officers for Student Long-Term Suspension Hearings and Ms. Meza 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 for Approval of Proposition 301 Appeal Recommendations for 2009-010

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of the Proposition 301 Appeal Recommendations presented in Item G1 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item G1 was passed.

2. Request to Approve the Teacher Instructional Summative Evaluation Report

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item G2 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion.

Mr. Jack Day spoke on behalf of Rosalinda Ramirez, PECTA President and expressed his concerns regarding the Teacher Instructional Summative Evaluation Report.

Dr. Marston requested a board update on New Teacher Mentoring from Mr. Dickason.

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

Ms. Bliss thanked the committee that worked on the evaluation report for doing a good job and the effort that has gone into it.

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. ASBA 2011 Political Agenda Priorities

Dr. Marston asked the board secretary to tabulate the board's responses and send them in to ASBA.

2. Update on University Public School Phoenix

Ms. Roa stated that she attended the University Public Schools, Inc. Governing Board Meeting and was able to meet the new Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Deborah Gonzalez, who came from Phoenix Union High School District as their Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and it was on the agenda for approval that day. She stated that they also approved an Assistant Principal, Dr. Jerry Peterson and as a board member, she was also able to vote on those hires. She stated that she was also informed that one of the board members' vacancy needs to be replaced and that, via the bylaws of UPSI, is appointed by Dr. Michael Crow's designee and she'll be sending to board members, the information about the new board member in a board update tomorrow, she stated that it's Dr. Josephine Marsh.

Ms. Roa stated that from a collaboration perspective, we have a request to hire some of our teachers for UPSI's intersession and she believes they want to be involved in our tutoring program at Kenilworth and they have also requested if they may hire our substitutes when they need substitutes and the answer was yes.

Ms. Roa reminded the board that our board meeting for October 7 meeting has been changed to October 14 because we have Intersession that week and we also need time for our Annual Financial Report. She stated that she expects to have a Board Study Session on October 21st and hopefully, an Action Item on the agenda for October 28th for review for the board; on the collaboration agreement and revised collaboration agreement, certainly revised to have the narrative inserted into the actual contract.

Mr. Lind spoke on Professional Development and stated that he met with their administration but the dialogue was centered on the data analysis process and also we would like to learn from UPSP, their process for working with individual learning plans for students which is somewhat of an end result of our data analysis to ensure that students are receiving an individual learning plan and we will continue with that.

Regarding the high school, the planning process has been really exciting and it's a Great steering committee that is moving along with an aggressive timeline so that we can prepare for the opening of a 9th grade next school year with the approvals of both governing boards. We have established a Mission and Four Pillars that support that Mission which include Academic Excellence, Leadership, Community Service and Innovation and Student Entrepreneurship, so we'll be bringing more information to our Study Session on October 21st. Mr. Lind stated that in addition, we are outlining a 4-year course of study and beginning to take a look at curriculum that will support that course of study. He stated that he is very honored to be part of the group and looks forward to having that dialogue with the board in October.

Ms. Bliss stated that if we are going to be reviewing the Collaboration Agreement, she would like staff who has been involved in it, to review that agreement and see if there are any changes they would like to see in the agreement that would make the process work better. Ms. Roa stated that the attorney has been given the direction to incorporate the narrative, which captures the spirit of collaboration into the legal document which is considered the collaboration agreement, but staff has not made any other changes at this time, but she believes they will have a review and make those recommendations and pass that on to Jennifer, the attorney.

(Item H4 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

4. Board Report

Dr. Marston gave information and copies of the map about the Superfund Site Cleanup, that's taking place for Motorola downstream as far as possible.

3. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

Ref: Making sure our kids are prepared for high school: Ms. Bliss said she'd like to know how many 8th grade kids passed Algebra in our district last year, anywhere in the district and would like this information in a report.

C. Community Communications

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the board may not discuss items that are not specifically on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(g), actions taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

Note:

- Agenda items may be taken out of order.
- Anyone wishing to address an agenda item must complete a Speaker Card
- Time for comments may be limited to ensure that different viewpoints are heard.

I. Adjournment

Ms. Bliss moved for approval to adjourn the board meeting and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

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