



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1
Regular Public Meeting/Regular Session
January 13, 2011

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
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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	

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Rosanna Hidalgo
Mr. Baca requested a Moment of Silence in honor of Christina-Taylor Green, the nine-year-old girl who lost her life in the terrible tragedy that took place this past weekend in Tucson. Mr. Baca stated that as we take this Moment of Silence, let us remember those who lost their lives, those who were wounded and those who were touched by this tragic event, imagining for ourselves a better tomorrow, through the eyes of a child.
3. Nomination and Election of the Governing Board President
Dr. Stark moved to nominate Dr. Ruth Ann Marston for Governing Board President; Mr. Allsworth seconded. The motion carried by 3-1.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Marston called the board members' attention to Item B6 in the Consent Agenda, which authorizes board members to go ahead with one board signature and stated that any board member can sign vouchers to release funds prior to ratification by the entire board. Dr. Marston stated that this is an annual act that is taken so that staff can go ahead and pay bills on time, should the board be delayed.

1. Ratification of Payroll \$3,988,418.25 and Expense Vouchers \$1,082,300.69 in the Total Amount of \$5,070,718.94
2. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff
3. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
4. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
5. Request for Approval of the Listed Individuals as Hearing Officers/Investigators

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6. Request to Authorize Governing Board Signature on Voucher Statements for Ratification and Approval of Expenditures

Dr. Stark moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented; Ms. Meza seconded and the motion carried by 4-0. The Consent Agenda was passed.

C. Community Communications

None.

(Item E1 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

E. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval of Out of District Field Trip

Mr. Lind stated that this out of District field trip is for the Lowell School Student Council Officers to attend the 13th Annual Student Retreat, sponsored by the Arizona Association of junior high school students. Dr. Marston stated that this item had been sent back at a previous meeting for more information. Ms. Rosanna Hidalgo, Lowell School Principal introduced the Student Council President, Vice-President and Member at Large who would like a few minutes to speak of the field trip.

- ❖ Danyl Ferguson, current Vice-President at Lowell School stated that they belong to the AAJHSC (Arizona Association of Junior High Student Council) and by attending the conferences, the student council members learn how to improve their council, they share their knowledge and ideas such as fundraising and academic achievement by interacting with other student council members of the association. She also stated that the association helps them to become better leaders and brings them closer as a council. She stated that these conferences have been a great experience and other student council members think so too, not only because it's a way to socialize, but because of all the new-found knowledge that student council members bring back to Lowell School.
- ❖ Mariah Parham, President of the Student Council at Lowell School stated that it's an honor and a privilege to be here today and thanked the board for the opportunity. She stated that she is here today to inform the board of the importance of the AAJHSC Convention in Prescott and stated that this convention is important to the future of their school. She stated that this is her 5th year on the student council and her 2nd year as President and she has learned first-hand how much they have grown from this program. The AAJHSC has pushed them to do greater work at their school and has taught them the importance of student councils in schools and the convention will help them to learn so much more and grow even more as a student council. She stated that the convention will also help future generations of student councils.
- ❖ Mia Parham, Member-at-Large stated that she joined student council because she likes the responsibility that comes with it and she's willing to do whatever it takes to prove that going to the conference in February would help them. She stated that the reason it is so important for them to go to the conference is that they will learn many things from the other student councils and it would give the Lowell School Student Council a chance to grow.

Ms. Rosanna Hidalgo, Lowell School Principal thanked the board for this opportunity and thanked the parents and the advisors that are also present at this board meeting.

Dr. Stark moved to approve the request for the Out of District Field Trip for the members of the Lowell School Student Council; Mr. Allsworth seconded. The motion carried by 4-0 and Item E1 was passed.

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

- ❖ Ms. Roa gave recognition to Ms. Sara Meyer, Social Worker at Bethune School for being instrumental in having The Real Gift Foundation donate turkey dinners, not just for our district, but for all school districts during the Thanksgiving Holiday. She stated that this past Thanksgiving was the 11th year that the Real Gift Foundation has provided Thanksgiving dinners to those in need. Ms. Roa thanked Sara Meyer for a job well done.

- ❖ Ms. Roa gave recognition to Ms. Christine Miller, Emerson School's Music Teacher and the Emerson School Choir for performing at Superintendent Huppenthal's Inauguration Celebration and represented Phoenix Elementary School District #1 very well. Ms. Roa also thanked the District Transportation Services for getting the kids there. Pictures of the choir were shown. Ms. Roa thanked Christine Miller and Garthanne de Ocampo, the Emerson School Principal, for their participation.
- ❖ Ms. Roa stated that Phoenix One Foundation was awarded \$60,000 by Chase Bank. The grant is for one year and is to be used for parent education classes at Bethune, Herrera, Lowell and Dunbar Schools because that is where Chase Bank has their geographic focus, and classes will be held soon at those schools. Ms. Roa stated that they have the good luck to have the following people on their Board: Sara Bresnahan and Jo Marie McDonald, from Phoenix Community Alliance, Bob Donofrio and Jackie Berry, and Ms. Nancy Felipe, who is a Quarles & Brady retiree.
- ❖ Ms. Roa gave recognition to Mr. Jose Mendivil from Bethune School who is participating in the College Access Challenge Grant, which is on our agenda for approval tonight on Item E4. Ms. Roa added that Mr. Mendivil is coordinating this project for all Bethune 8th Graders and the purpose of the project is to help prepare students for high school registration and course selection as well as explore career opportunities. Mr. Mendivil stated that anything that can help these students to think forward and look forward is valuable and what he likes about the test they will be taking is that it is the type of test that some people may remember taking when they were in junior high school and it's very stringent and they test Math, Reading, Science and Language Arts. What he really likes about it is that they include an interest inventory and try to match possible careers for the students for the future. After the students' testing it goes even beyond that, because once the results come back and the kids get an idea of, first of all, how high school-ready they are, they check whether they are on-track to go to college, what career possibilities are out there and what courses they need to take at the high school level to be able to get to that career.

2. Announcements

- Ms. Roa announced that the District Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, January 28th in the Governing Board Room and will begin at 10:00 a.m. She wished all the spellers good luck and stated that the winners will be recognized at another Governing Board Meeting.
- Ms. Roa also announced that the "Living the Dream, Passing the Torch" Youth Art Exhibit will be held on Tuesday, January 25th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Arizona State Capitol where our students' artwork will be displayed.
- Ms. Roa announced that our Mid-Year Convocation will be held on January 26th at the Herrera School Performing Arts Building at 2:30 until approximately 4:30 p.m.
(Item E continued)

E. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

2. Request to Approve Out of State Travel

Mr. Allsworth moved approval of Item E2 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion.

Dr. Gary Zehrbach, Herrera School Principal presented rationale for the Out of State Travel by one of his teachers and stated that the teacher would not miss any instructional days with the students for this particular conference because she would go during Spring Break.

Dr. Marston stated that her concern with this is that for a little over a year, the board has not allowed their staff to go on out-of-state trips due to the budget crisis.

Dr. Stark stated that this conference sounds like it's going to be an excellent conference and she is very impressed by the fact that there is an English Language Learner/science component(s). She stated we really want the teacher who is attending to come back and do a workshop to share what she has learned. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item E2 was passed.

3. Request Approval to Accept the *Keep Gym in Schools* Grant Sponsored by the National Football League

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval; Dr. Stark seconded. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item E3 was passed.

4. Request for Approval to Accept the College Access Challenge Grant – EXPLORE Initiative, Sponsored by Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the 2010-2011 Arizona Explore Initiative Partner Agreement with NAU

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval and Dr. Stark seconded. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item E4 was passed.

5. Request to Approve the Revised Collaboration Agreement with University Public School, Inc. (UPSI)

Ms. Roa stated that administration requests that this item be postponed. *The board informally agreed to postpone the item.*

F. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request to Receive and Discuss, and Take Possible Action On, the Membership Agreement Between the District and Valley Management Group on behalf of Valley Schools Employee Benefits Trust

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval that we proceed with notification to withdraw from the membership agreement between the District and Valley Management Group as one of the options contemplated under Agenda Item F1. Dr. Stark seconded the motion and the board approved the motion by 4-0. Motion passed.

2. Request to Receive and Discuss the District's Energy Education Program

Mr. Dale Grantham and Mr. Mark Starkey of Energy Education presented information along with Mr. Baca.

3. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Rytan LLC (PESD RFQ #009-0607, Board Renewal 05/27/10) for Construction of a New Media Center at Whittier School from the Second Sale of School Improvement Bonds, Project of 2006, Series B (2009)

Mr. Ben Barcone presented information to the board.

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item F3 and Ms. Meza seconded. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F3 was passed.

4. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Pueblo Mechanical & Controls, Inc. (TCPN Contract No. R5044) for HVAC Replacement and Controls Installation at Bethune Elementary School

5. Request for Approval or Issuance of Purchase Order to Progressive Roofing (TCPN Contract No. MO928) for Re-roofing at Bethune Elementary School

6. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Pueblo Mechanical & Control, Inc. (TCPN Contract No. R5044) for HVAC Replacement and Controls Installation and Central Chiller Upgrades at Capitol Elementary School

7. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Progressive Roofing (TCPN Contract No. MO928) for Re-roofing and Insulation Upgrade at Capitol Elementary School

8. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Pueblo Mechanical & Controls, Inc. (TCPN Contract No. R5044) for HVAC Replacement and Controls Installation at Heard Elementary School

9. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Progressive Roofing (TCPN Contract No. R5044) for Re-roofing at Heard Elementary School

10. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Pueblo Mechanical & Controls, Inc. (TCPN Contract # R5044) for HVAC Replacement and Controls Installation and Central Chiller Upgrades at Magnet Traditional Elementary School

11. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Progressive Roofing (TCPN Contract No. MO928) for Re-roofing at Magnet Traditional Elementary School

Dr. Marston stated that Mr. Baca will deal with Items F4 through F11 as a group and the board can deal with them in a single motion if the board so chooses. Mr. Baca explained that what the board will be approving in Items F4 through F11 are Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioner replacements at all schools with Chiller Upgrades at Capitol and Magnet Schools

and further stated that the board will also be approving re-roofing projects at all schools with insulation upgrades at Capitol School and explained that what he means by “all schools”, he means four of the schools on the agenda, which are Bethune, Capitol, Heard and Magnet. *Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Items F4 through F11 and Ms. Meza seconded. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Items F4 through F11 were passed.*

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. None

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix
None
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
 - *Mr. Allsworth stated that he’s wondering what the status is on the school calendar because he doesn’t think it’s been put out yet and suggested that it be expedited.*
 - *Mr. Allsworth also stated that if there’s any more committee work, according to commentary that he gets from parents, the calendar could use a little tweaking and he would be happy to help with providing that feedback at the appropriate forum.*
 - *Mr. Allsworth also stated that since the UPSI Collaboration Agreement needs tweaking now and then, he would like administration to know that if a fresh viewpoint on that is desired, he would be happy to attend any meetings as strategy is discussed and provide his viewpoints on the changes in negotiation with the ASU people.*
3. Board Report
None

I. Adjournment

The board meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Governing Board President

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