Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1  
Regular Public Meeting/Regular Session  
January 27, 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  Ms. Liz Meza  Dr. Louisa Stark

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

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A.  Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.
   1.  Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
   2.  Pledge of Allegiance – Diane Wray

   (Item F4 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

F.  Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent
   4. Request for Approval of Attendance at the Professional Learning Communities
      Ms. Bliss stated that amounts should be added to the Blue Sheet so that it can be on the
      record. Dr. Stark moved to approve attendance at the Professional Learning Community in
      Phoenix, Arizona on February 23-25, 2011 of the individuals who have been listed to go
      there; Ms. Meza seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

B.  Approval of Consent Agenda
   1.  Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2010
   2.  Ratification of Payroll $1,941,746.46 and Expense Vouchers $863,638.55 in the Total
       Amount of $2,805,385.01
   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
       Dr. Marston stated that two updates from Human Resources are included for approval in the
       Consent Agenda. Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of the Consent Agenda; Ms. Meza
       seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

C.  Community Communications
   None
D. **Superintendent's Report**

1. **Awards and Recognitions**
   - Ms. Roa gave recognition to Sara McWhorter, Edison School Nurse and commended her for her dedication and expertise in recognizing that a student needed hospitalization and advised the mother to take him to the hospital as soon as possible and in doing so, prevented his illness from becoming much worse or even fatal, according to the child’s doctor. Ms. McWhorter thanked everyone and stated that she knows that all school nurses in our district are very good in making decisions based on their assessment skills, their knowledge and expertise every day and as representative of them, she feels very proud to be here and is very honored to receive recognition.

2. **Announcements**
   - Ms. Roa reminded everyone that the District Spelling Bee will be held tomorrow, Friday, January 28, 2011 in the Governing Board Room and begins at 10:00 a.m.
   - Ms. Roa also announced what was talked about at yesterday’s Mid-Year Convocation that was held at the new Herrera Performing Arts Center and was well-attended; she stated that our enrollment for all grades as compared to this time last year at the 100th Day is 120 students! She attributed this gain to our District efforts, all of our schools, the people who are helpful in answering phone calls referring students and of course, our District Strategic Plan that really puts focus on doing what we can to keep and maintain our budget and our Team effort.

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

1. Request to Approve a Resolution to withdraw from the Membership Agreement between the District and Valley Management Group on behalf of Valley Schools Employee Benefits Trust
   - Ms. Bliss moved to approve the resolution to withdraw from the membership agreement between the District and Valley Management Group, who manages on behalf of Valley Schools Employee Benefits Trust, attached to Item E1 of today’s agenda. Dr. Stark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

1. Request Approval of School Improvement Plans for Shaw School
   - Mr. Calvin C. Goode, former Governing Board President at Phoenix Elementary School District #1 spoke to the item. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Receive and Discuss Annual Accountability and Assessment Report
   - After the discussion of Item F2, Dr. Marston stated that she and Mr. Flores attended the Advisory Board Meeting for the Salvation Army Citadel. She stated that they had an unsolicited testimonial from Calvin Brice, who is the Retired City Manager of the City of Peoria:
     
     “Across the United States, people are unwilling to send their children to inner city schools... "they have a bad reputation". But I have never heard anyone say that you don’t get a good education in downtown Phoenix.”

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 Four Schools
   - Mr. Ed Flores, Kenilworth School Principal stated that the School Resource Officer Program is absolutely essential and goes far beyond the LRE (law related education that the SROs provide). In speaking with his staff, parents and the entire community, is an integral part as far as making sure that not only are the campuses safe, but building relationships with the police department and the surrounding community, in building that trust and going over and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item F3 and Ms. Meza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trips
   - Request for Approval is for two field trips for Kenilworth School; one is to Chapel Rock for 8th...
graders and the other is to Camp Wamatochick, which has the support of Kiwanis and Mr. Lind thanked Mr. Scott Holcomb for his contributions.

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of the field trips for Kenilworth School, included in Agenda Item F5 and Dr. Stark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Request to Approve Out of State Travel
This Request for Approval is for our newly-hired Energy Education Coordinator to attend the National Training Conference held in Fort Worth, Texas.

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F6 and Mr. Allsworth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

None

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
   - Dr. Stark suggested that it might be very healthy if someone spoke as positively as we feel about the SRO Program to the people at UPSP, because they don’t have one.
   - Ms. Bliss asked if a meeting will be held regarding the Superintendent’s evaluation.
   - Ms. Bliss requested a Board Update regarding fingerprinting of volunteers, especially parent volunteers. She reported that parents had communicated to her that they felt they would now be required to get fingerprints; Ms. Roa stated she would make sure the correct information is communicated to all staff and parents.

3. Board Report

I. Adjournment
The board meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Governing Board President

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