



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 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 – 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 Conference in Phoenix, Arizona on February 23-25, 2011
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
Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F1 and Dr. Stark seconded. 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.
5. 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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