



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1
Regular Public Meeting/Regular Session/Executive Session
April 14, 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 (Absent) 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 – Loraine Payton
- The Kenilworth School Junior High Choir Members performed under the direction of Ms. Karen Merkley, the Music Teacher.

(The following agenda items were discussed out of the order of discussion)

G. Curriculum and Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

- 2. Request Approval for Kenilworth School to Begin Fund Raising for Traveling Senators Out of District Field Trip Scheduled for March 2012
- Ms. Nichole Pope, Ms. Jessica Morris and Mr. Brian Williams, co-sponsors of the Traveling Senators Club thanked the board for approving the field trip to Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain this spring and stated that everyone enjoyed the trip tremendously. He stated that the students gained more confidence in themselves and were completely different kids from the ones the teachers had been working with for over a year. The students and their parents thanked the board for the opportunity to travel to Paris and Spain and stated that they loved the experience of traveling out of the country, they learned about the different cultures, they met new people, they had a wonderful time and were so excited to see the different sites in both countries that they had only been able to read about in the past. In order to clear up some perceptions about this program, Mr. Williams stated that the program is open to all students at Kenilworth School, each student was selected based on their academic goals, social goals in essay form and parent commitment to their child's trip. He stated that our students are from a variety of social groups on campus who before the formation of the Senators, had very little social interaction with each other and each dollar raised for the trip was 100% fund-raised by administrative fee of \$95. He stated that all 7th grade students have the opportunity to apply for participation as a Traveling Senator and he added that Angie, Juliette, Gencie, Bryan, Jacob,

Ernie and Isaiah went through a major transformation from day one to their last day in Barcelona. He stated that evidence regarding their transformation exists with how they socially present themselves today, their involvement with personal responsibilities and their openness to dream larger than ever before. Mr. Williams stated that it's been a joy working with these seven extraordinary students and their parents and spoke in support of the Traveling Senators and stated that all of them had the experience of a lifetime. First, they committed to a goal for one year, which is a huge accomplishment, considering their age. Then, flying over the Atlantic, fighting extreme jet-lag, exploring Paris and Barcelona, diving into World History, scavenging the Louvre, interacting with Parisians and Catalonians, riding an overnight train to the Pyrenees Mountains, breaking cultural stereotypes and respectfully communicating with one another while sharing a European dinner with new friends and fellow travelers. He stated that few people get the experience these students had and he guarantees the experience has changed their overall life-perspective forever. They are now linked to global society, network together and have acquired the skills to navigate through a foreign country. In conclusion, the value of the experience is to be judged by the effective experiences on the individual's present, their future and the extent to which the individual is able to contribute to society. These students had an experience that is presently impacting their future decisions and evidence from their parents, teachers and how students take pride in their lives is proof that the trip is effective academically. As an advocate for student success, he stated that he, Jessica and Nichole will always do what is best for students to achieve and dream big. By taking students out of their comfort zone of Phoenix, out of their neighborhoods or the United States, students are forced to adapt to the international cultures we are experiencing. We are fortunate in the U.S. to have so many different regional cultures that are valuable; however, each region still holds common values within the U.S. such as immediate access to whatever one desires with very little struggle to acquire goods. By traveling internationally, it helps us appreciate what we have in our nation and what we need to change. Our students deserve more and if we have commitment from community members, teachers and family, why not give them more?

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item G2 permitting Kenilworth School to begin Fund-Raising for Traveling Senators Out of District Field Trip Scheduled for March 2012, and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and it was passed.

(Item C5 of the Consent Agenda was approved first out of the order of discussion)

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

5. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trips

Five Lowell School students, Brooklyn, Rodrigo, Hayley, Davida and Maria asked the board members to approve the Lowell School Field Trip to the Kartchner Caverns State Park in Benson, Arizona. The students gave their rationale for the trip and stated that they will learn a lot about many different things at the caverns and will learn about animals in their natural habitat. *Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item C5 – the Out of District Field Trip for Lowell School as presented in our board agenda and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item C5 was passed.*

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2011
 February 24, 2011
 March 3, 2011
2. Ratification of Payroll \$4,012,516.03 and Expense Vouchers \$1,451,305.51 in the Total Amount of \$5,463,821.54
3. Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds Through February 2011
4. Request for Approval of Gifts and Donations
6. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff
7. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for

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Changes in Position

8. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

9. Request for Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of the rest of the Consent Agenda, with the exception of the item they just handled, Item C5. Ms. Meza seconded the motion and the board approved the motion by 4-0 and it was passed.

Ms. Bliss moved approval for the board to adjourn into Executive Session and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The motion carried and the board went into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.

B. Executive Session

§38-431.03.A.1. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

1. Discussion of Employment of the Director of Special Education

2. Adjourn to Regular Session

The board adjourned to Regular Session at 7:05 p.m.

D. Community Communications

Ms. Cynthia Benally thanked the board members for their continued support of National Board Certification and stated that they have three candidates from Phoenix Elementary which she identified as:

Cynthia Zapien Pineda, P.E. Teacher at Heard School,

Myra LaFountain, Pre-School Teacher at Emerson School and

Tiffany Gambino Poitier, 4th grade teacher at Edison School

Ms. Benally stated that it's a long, year-long process that teachers elect to go through. She also thanked the board for adding the two points that teachers can gain through the RIF process and stated that she now has more teachers wanting to sign up for the process. Ms. Benally added that these teachers still have the portfolio portion to do, which is to demonstrate their knowledge of the teaching strategies and the next part is a three-hour test to demonstrate their subject knowledge and they have to finish that by June.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

2. Announcement

Ms. Roa asked the board to inform her which 8th grade Promotions they would like to attend.

F. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Orders to Cox Communications, AZ State Contract #ADSPO10-00400; Qwest Communications Corp., AZ State Contract #ADSPO11-000402; Verizon Wireless, AZ State Contract #EPSO70070-1-A2; World Wide Technology, AZ State Contract #EPSO60043-15-A4 for Telecommunications and Internet Services

Dr. Stark moved for approval of item F1 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The motion passed by 4-0.

2. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to World Wide Technologies, AZ State Contract #EPSO060043-15A4 for Wireless Connectivity Enhancements and to Dell Marketing, LLC, AZ State Contract #ADSPO10-00000010 for Technology Devices

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F2 as contained in the board agenda book and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and was passed.

3. Request to Receive and Discuss the Use of Staff Vending Machines

Dr. Marston requested a report on the Wellness Program and also a report from our Energy Coordinating Group on what the real problem is or may be in terms of energy.

Ms. Roa stated that she will ask staff to also make recommendations to improve wellness and to improve energy efficiency at the same time.

4. Request to Receive and Discuss the Emerson Court Renovation Project

Mr. Baca introduced Mr. Ben Barcon from the ADM Group and he also introduced the people from McCarthy Construction, who were awarded the construction and renovation of Emerson Court. Mr. Ben Barcon, from the ADM Group introduced some of the team members: Terri Boll, the Project Manager from McCarthy Construction; Steven Schwann, the President of AB Schwann and Associates, our Structural Engineers and Nina Sharif, with the ADM Group, who's been leading the design effort for many months on the Emerson Court Project.

5. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Ry-Tan Construction, Inc. (PESD RFQ #006A-1011, Board Approved 2/24/11) for Renovations at Capitol School

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F5 as listed on the revised board agenda and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and it was passed.

6. Request for Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Chase Building Team (PESD RFQ #004A-1011, Board Approved 2/24/11) for Renovations at Magnet Traditional School

Ms. Meza moved for approval of Item F6 and Ms. Bliss seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and it was passed.

G. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request to Approve Renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona State University Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for the EXCEL Project for the 2011-2012 School Year
Mr. Anthony Pietrangeli, of Edison School spoke to the board and has participated in the aspiring principal's program and will complete degree and certification requirements in May 2011. Ms. Lucia Raz of Emerson School has been selected to participate in the program for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item G1 (in the revised agenda) and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item G1 was passed.

H. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Request for Approval of Non-renewal of Administrators Due to Reorganization of District Services
2. Request for Approval of Non-renewal and/or Acceptance of Resignations of Psychologists
3. Request for Approval of Non-renewal of Support Staff Employees Due to Reorganization of District Services

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item H1, H2 and H3 which are listed on the revised board agenda. Ms. Meza seconded the motion and the board approved the motion by 4-0 and Items H1, H2 and H3 were passed.

4. Request for Approval of Director of Special Education 2011-2012 Contract

Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item H4 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item H4 was passed.

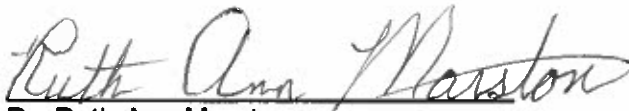
I. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
3. Board Report

J. Adjournment

The board adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Ann Marston". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Governing Board President

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