



Regular Public Meeting/Regular Session/Public Hearing
May 12, 2011

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD No. 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
(absent)

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

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Stella Garcia
3. Adjourn to Public Hearing

B. Public Hearing

1. Call for Public Hearing – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
2. Per A.R.S. §15-948(C) and (D), and 15-905(D), the District must hold a Public Hearing Pertaining to a Revision to the 2010-2011 Adopted Budget
Mr. Kenneth Baca presented Item F1, the Revised Expenditure Budget and stated that there are usually two revisions but because of the state of the budget and uncertainty, we chose to wait until doing one revision this year and as a result of that revision, we are revising the Maintenance & Operations Budget downward, which is about a .9% change, our Unrestricted Capital which is revised downward by about 2.9% and Soft Capital being reduced by about 5.9% and our Classroom Site Fund, increasing by .7%.
Dr. Marston stated that this is an opportunity for the public to comment and if there is a public comment, she asked that they advance to the microphone and fill out a card afterward to memorialize that. There were no public comments and no Speaker Cards were submitted and hearing no comment, Dr. Marston adjourned the Public Hearing to the Regular Session.
3. Adjourn to Regular Session

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Governing Board Minutes: April 28, 2011
2. Ratification of Payroll \$1,947,760.13 and Expense Vouchers \$1,052,771.78 in the Total Amount of \$3,000,531.91
3. Request for Approval of Resolution to Allow Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools Office as the Chief Disbursing Office for All Wage Garnishments
4. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
5. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
6. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
7. Request for Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence
8. Request for Approval of Professional/Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans for 2011-2012
9. Request for Approval of Revised job Description for Social Worker

Dr. Marston informed the board members that there is one change to the Consent Agenda on the Request for Approval of Separation of Employment for a nurse who has rescinded her request to leave the District. There is also a Certified Teacher who has requested Normal Retirement with a Waiver of Notification (employees' names were not mentioned).

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

(Item F2 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

F. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

2. Request Approval to Finalize the Conceptual Drawings for Renovations at Emerson Court

Mr. Ben Barcon and Nina of the ADM Group presented proposals and updates on renovations. Canopies: Mr. Barcon stated that with the board's approval, they would like to recommend that ADM install canopies on the windows with the caveat that canopies are not installed over any of the curved windows, so these will be left blank, however, for energy conservation they can put a film on it that no one would see and it will block the sun's rays. He stated that they presented this option to the Historic Preservation people and they looked favorably upon it and they received tentative approval.

Landscaping:

The board discussed issues regarding the landscaping that ADM recommended and Dr. Marston stated that she knows that the students planted along 7th Street repeatedly as the road was widened and it started out with planting along 7th Street, which she does not see on the Conceptual Drawings and she wants more greenery there. She stated that it's obvious to her and it should be obvious to ADM that the board wants more input on this issue and will expect to hear from ADM at another time and the board will not deal in anymore detail with landscaping this evening.

Floor Plan:

Looking at the Conceptual Drawings, Ms. Bliss stated that there should be a door between Human Resources and Payroll/Business Services to make it possible for the two departments to interact because in the long term, it is not known who will be located there. Dr. Marston stated that the board is not going to finalize drawings for this building until the board looks at a budget and until they know what real materials are being used but what the board is trying to do is talk about how the space is going to be utilized and allow the architects to move forward with more detailed planning. Dr. Marston stated that the board is not authorizing construction on this building because they don't know how much it's going to cost. But the idea is, how is the space going to be used and is it viable for the future?

Dr. Marston asked for a motion to allow the architects/the ADM Group to continue and Mr. Allsworth moved approval of the Conceptual Drawings for the Renovations at Emerson Court and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. Ms. Bliss stated that she wants to make sure that we get to discuss the door, what kind of fitness facilities we'll have and also the landscaping, which is not being included in this motion. Mr. Allsworth voted Aye, Dr. Marston voted Aye, Dr. Stark voted Aye. Ms. Bliss abstained from voting because she stated that she has no assurance that those three things she's concerned about will be taken care of later. The motion passed by 3-1.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

- Ms. Roa gave recognition to Mr. Rudy Begay from Capitol School and Jaxson Cervantes, an 8th grade student for painting murals at Capitol School. Mr. Begay stated that a year ago, they wrote a grant to "Hands Across Phoenix" and "Character Counts" and they received \$10,000 to beautify the campus at Capitol School and the paints were donated. He stated that Shaya Kraot, an artist, started mural #1. He stated he and volunteer students like Jaxson Cervantes, Rosa Espinoza and Joseph Rios and a lot of other volunteers worked on the murals. Jaxson Cervantes spoke to the board about the experience of working on the murals.
- Ms. Roa gave recognition to Ms. Stella Garcia for being chosen as the All-Arizona State Representative for Classified Employees with the Arizona Education Association, basically the Teachers' Association (AEA) supports the Classified Association for Phoenix (ESPA). Ms. Roa stated that are so proud of Stella and called on her to speak about this. Ms. Garcia stated that she is very honored and proud and she is most proud that she can tell people that Phoenix Elementary is the best District to work for and about the reputation and relationships that she has been able to form with the board members, cabinet members and Ms. Roa. She stated that it is just unbelievable to her how they can communicate, work together and all the good at Phoenix Elementary School District. Mr. Baca interjected to say that Ms. Garcia is not giving herself justice because the feedback he received is that she gave a speech about her family and herself having been migrant farm workers who came to the United States and worked their way to success and Ms. Garcia stated that she attributes her success to the values that were instilled in her. Mr. Baca stated that hopefully Ms. Garcia will be able to share her speech with us one of these days. Ms. Bliss stated that sometimes we forget that those stories are being told to our students now and we do not respect those stories enough and give those students everything that they need to make those dreams a reality and that has something to do with why she's on the Board.
- Kids at Hope: Ms. Roa stated that she would also like to talk a little bit about an initiative that we have started with our school district called "Kids at Hope" and at Bethune School it's "Kids with Hope". She stated that Kids at Hope had their training this week for their annual institute and last year Magnet Traditional was chosen to be a school on their tour. She stated that it's basically adults learning how to be treasure hunters and learning how to find the treasures in all of our students.
- Mr. Tom Lind spoke about the display of history posters on the table in the Governing Board Room and he stated that the posters were displayed at El Día de Los Niños a few weeks ago which was held at Margaret T. Hance Park. There was a display that was intended to focus not only on the history project of our school district but also the Arizona State Centennial. He thanked Sara Bresnahan, John Kain and Pamela Harris for providing the adult leadership and the ALPS students, particularly from Kenilworth School who were able to just walk across the park to help facilitate the activities that day. Mr. Lind stated that the photos on the table are part of the collection that they have been gathering and they are still gathering photos and it was a really exciting day to observe many children and adults from the City of Phoenix and the surrounding areas go by their booth and look at their history

project. Ms. Roa stated that we also had Emerson Choir and Capitol Choir singing on stage.

- Ms. Beatriz Rendón and Dr. Deborah Gonzales from the ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix Elementary District stated that they feel very fortunate to have one of the best partners with Phoenix Elementary School District and that it's been a hallmark year for them relative to just setting everything on course in the right direction. She stated that when you really reflect back on where they started versus where they are now, they have a 9th Grade Curriculum, they have top-shelf high school teachers that have already been working since January in collaborative teaching teams across content areas and they have 134 high school students that are enrolled and scheduled to start at the school this Fall and their goal is 150 high school students, so they're really close to their goal and they have not let up on the recruitment efforts. Ms. Rendón gave recognition to Mr. Tom Lind for being an instrumental team member on the Curriculum Development Committee and stated that they also have a great collaboration with Sara Bresnahan relative to the Marketing Initiative with tips and tools and also the District as a whole, who's given them a tremendous amount of access with regard to accessing the families here. She acknowledged the Operations Team and Mr. Baca for assisting in aligning the bus schedules and food services. Ms. Rendón Stated that they will be opening a Pre-School in the fall in addition to an 8th Grade because of the great demand. She stated that they were recently in training and they had national trainers come in to work with a collective group of teachers, which included ASU Prep's teachers and the trainers asked them where they found their teachers because they definitely were the top of the class.

2. Announcements

Ms. Roa gave information on the Enrollment Report.

D. Community Communications

None

F. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of the Revised Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as Required by A.R.S. 15-905
Ms. Bliss moved approval of Item F1 as presented in today's agenda and agenda book and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F1 was passed.
3. Request Approval of a Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with, and Become a Member of the Arizona School Alliance for Workers' Compensation, Inc.
Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F3 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F3 was passed.
4. Request for Approval of the Service Agreement with the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust, Inc. for 2010-2011
Ms. Bliss moved for approval of Item F4 (Mr. Baca corrected the date to 2011-2012). Ms. Bliss corrected the date in her motion for approval. Dr. Stark seconded the motion and stated it's for 2011-2012. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F4 passed.

G. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. None

H. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. None

I. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix Elementary District
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

Ms. Bliss asked Superintendent Roa for a discussion regarding the landscaping of Emerson Court.

Mr. Allsworth requested a Study of the 200-Day Calendar and he would like to participate if there's an opportunity for board input. Dr. Marston stated that she would like a representative from Balsz District to discuss the process they went through regarding the 200-Day Calendar.

Ms. Bliss stated that she would like to know exactly how many 8th Graders are going to graduate this year with Algebra Credit at Phoenix Union High School and she would like updates on this.

3. Board Report

J. Adjournment

The board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

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