



Regular Public Meeting/Study Session August 11th, 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 were:

Mr. Doug Allsworth

Ms. Susan Bliss

Ms. Liz Mesa

Dr. Louisa stark

Also present were:

Ms. Myriam Roa
Superintendent

Mr. Tom Lind
Asst. Superintendent
for Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Magna Nunez
Interim Asst. Superintendent
for Business Services

Mr. Randy Dickason
Executive Director for
Human Resources

Ms. Lillian Hameed
Board Secretary

A. Regular Session–6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Kim Hertzog

F. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions:
 - a) Ms. Roa recognized Kimberly Hertzog and Curtis Johnson for their outstanding work with the Peer program, which has made it to the finals for best after school program.
 - b) Ms. Roa announced that we have received a donation from Big Lots in the amount of \$1,255.16 and asked Mr. Lind to extend thanks to the ALPs staff for their work in the springtime to facilitate donations.
 - c) Dr. Marston presented Mr. Bill McCune with a certificate of appreciation for his generous donation of a boxed set of DVDs on Arizona history for every eighth grader promoted from Heard last year.

Mr. McCuan spoke about the last three years in which he worked on a project for the Arizona Centennial, producing a 2 disc, 4 hour documentary which chronicles the history of the U.S. and Arizona constitutions. This documentary will be distributed to every public school. He is also working on another documentary called "Decisions" which addresses the 25 most significant court decisions, 8 of which are Supreme Court decisions and the rest are Arizona court decisions, all which that have affected Arizona and the country in the development of the constitution. This will also be distributed to every public school.

Dr. Marston invites him to Phx. Elem. 140th birthday party October 19th. He plans to attend.

I. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

2. Mr. Dickason recommends the governing board approve the agreement with Grand Canyon University for the Partners in Learning, Leading and Service (PLLS) Project for the 2011-2012 School Year. Dr. Ashby, the vice president of Strategic Education Alliances, with Grand Canyon.

Dr. Ashby spoke about the PLLS Project. She also praised the Phoenix Elementary based on her wonderful experience with staff and students from her previous work with the district.

Ms. Bliss moved to approve the agreement with Grand Canyon University for Partners in Learning, Leading and Service, as presented in today's agenda. Dr. Stark seconded. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote (5-0).

The board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

B. Executive Session

1. Discuss the Superintendent's Contract pursuant to A.R.S.38-431/03.A.1
2. Consultation for legal advice from the attorney for the public body regarding the Superintendent's Contract and provide direction to the attorney pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03.A.3 and 4.
3. Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4), discussion or consultation with the attorney for the public body regarding potential contract amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding with University Public Schools and to direct the attorney for the public body regarding same.
4. Adjourn to regular session.

C. Regular Session:

Regular Session resumes at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Allsworth chaired the remainder of the board meeting as Dr. Marston's needed to leave early.

Ms. Bliss moved to direct the attorney to attend another board meeting to be scheduled at a later date by the Superintendent to discuss the subject of today's Executive Session. Dr. Stark seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Bliss moves to approve the Consent Agenda, items 1 – 7. Dr. Stark seconded, after which she requested a report on the Arizona State University for American Dream Academy Parent Education program.

1. Approval of Governing Board Minutes: June 23, 2011
June 27, 2011
July 14, 2011
2. Ratification of Payroll \$1,244,871.35 and Expense Vouchers \$4,339,495.13 in the Total Amount of \$5,584,366.48
3. Request to Approve the Annual Agreement with Arizona State University for American Dream Academy Parent Education Classes for the 2011-2012 School Year ---
4. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified 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 Designated Administrators as Qualified Evaluators of Certificated Staff for the 2011-2012 School Year.

Motions were passed unanimously (4-0).

E. Community Communications

No community communications.

G. Business Services – Magda Nunez, Interim Assistant Superintendent

1. Ms. Bliss moves to approve the request to Renew Facilities Use Agreement with Maricopa County Community College District on Behalf of Rio Salado College. Dr. Stark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Bliss moves to approve the request the Award of Invitation for Bid #001-1112 for Turbo, Alternators, Starters and Miscellaneous Parts for Buses and Trucks Dr. Stark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Bliss moves to approve the Sole Source Vendors for 2011-2012 School Year. Dr. Stark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Ms. Bliss moves to approve the Award of RFP 002-1112 for Marketing and Public Relations Services. And 6. (*motions 4&6 are taken together and out of order*) Grant an Easement for Utilities with Arizona Public Service Company along the South West Side of Whittier School for the Sum of \$1.00 (one dollar) Dr. Stark seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Ms. Bliss moves to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$7,489,422 for Emerson Court Renovation Project. Ms. Meza seconds.

Dr. Stark poses the question of whether there was a contingency built in. Mr. Barcon states that he is hoping the price will go down and although they do not know what they will encounter with a remodeled building, there is a contingency of approximately \$303,000. Any of that money that is not spent will go back to the district. Also this is a joint contingency meaning that, in all parties, including the district representatives must agree that this money is well spent before we actually spend the money.

Ms. Roa states that in order to meet the guaranteed maximum price, she and Mr. Barcon met and delayed the heating ventilation, air conditioning at Shaw, Lowell and Herrera pending the roof issue. Roofing at Shaw and Lowell was also delayed because the air conditioning units go on the roof and they go together. That gave us 2.4 - 2.5 million dollars more to add to this project. Ms. Roa further states that this, in addition to the contingency, places us in good condition. There is still \$260,000 of available bond money that is not dedicated to this project that may also be used.

Ms. Bliss commends Mr. Barcon and his staff in the entire process and reinforces the need for energy efficiency.

Dr. Stark speaks to public relations, in reference to how the community views the renovation in these hard economic times. She suggests a sign posted on the construction site, attempting to explain something about the funding of the project. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Ms. Bliss moves to approve Out of State Travel for Administrators to Visit Horace Mann Elementary School in Glendale, CA on September 15, 2011 as part of the Annual NCUST Agreement. Ms. Meza Seconds. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Bliss moves to approve Student Placement Agreement with the Arizona State University School of Social Work. Dr. Stark seconds, but asks how the schools were selected.

Mr. Lind states that Faith North and Magnet were selected because Meleika Wadley serves as the field instructor supervisor of the social worker interns and she is the licensed social worker for those schools. Shaw was selected to support the ED program specifically housed at that school.

Diane Wray speaks to the reasons for the school selection. The social worker is split between two schools and the support from this program is helpful.

Motion passed unanimously.

I. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Ms. Bliss moves to approve Employment of Director of Budget and Finance for the 2011-2012 School Year, Janice Durham. Dr. Stark seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Board Reports and Requests

1. ASBA 2012 Political Agenda Priorities needs to be returned by Sept. 30th. Ms. Roa agrees to tabulate the priorities on the legislative agenda and bring it back in a board report.
2. The board update on the ASU Preparatory Academy was submitted August 10th:
 - a) David Luhan was hired as the chief administrator and Art Liebowitz will act as 5th through 9th grade principal
 - b) Tanner Chapel AME will be undergoing renovations and will use the auditorium for their services for about 16 Sundays, between the months of November and February. David Luhan will facilitate.
 - c) Enrollment in all grade levels is at capacity, with the exception of 9th grade, in which they can place about 15 students.
3. Board Direction to the Superintendent: Ms. Bliss requests a report on how many 3rd grade students are behind in reading, and how many 8th grade students are excelling in algebra and can pass the test to be presented at the next meeting.
4. Board Report: *None*.

K. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Board packets containing information for this meeting may be reviewed in each of the school offices and at the reception desk at the Emerson Court Administrative Complex. Additional material may be added to the packet up to 24 hours before the Governing Board meeting and will be available in the Superintendent's and at the reception desk at Emerson Court. Anyone requiring special accommodations or Spanish translation, please contact the Governing Board office at 602-257-2912. This notice posted pursuant to A.R.S. §38.431.02. The next Governing Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.