

Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Notice of Regular Public Meeting – Notice of Regular Session – Notice of Executive Session

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 and A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public that the Governing Board of the Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1 will hold a Governing Board Meeting which is open to the public, on **Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Governing Board Room of the Phoenix Elementary School District #1, 1817 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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

F5 (Item taken out of order)

1. Request to Approve Out of District/Country Field Trip for Kenilworth School

Tom Lind introduces the request from Kenilworth to take an out of country trip to Beijing, China March 10th -18th, 2012. Ed Flores, Principal of Kenilworth introduces teacher team: Nicole Pope, Jessica Morris, and Emily Zaleski, who are coordinating and facilitating the traveling Senators annual field trip. Jessica Morris describes why they chose Beijing, China and reports that it was the best price, had the most differences culturally, and the country has a healthy participation in the global economy.

Ms. Meza moves for field trip to China, Dr. Stark seconds and asks that they keep her and the board informed regarding preparation. Ms. Bliss would like non-international field trips available for those students who can't go out of the country.

Motion passes unanimously.

D. Superintendent's Report (Item taken out of order)

1. Awards and Recognitions
 - The board recognizes Lin Ling li and Wen Chu in regards to Taiwan/Chinese Cultural camp this summer (also already scheduled for next summer at Herrera), Certificates of appreciation were given to Lin Ling Li and Wen Chu, who in turn gave members of the board T-shirts and trophies. A photo slide show of Taiwanese students participating in cultural camp activities was provided.
 - Jennifer Carpenter – Medicaid Coordinator- was recognized for her part in significantly increasing the incoming Medicaid money and her ongoing support and training for staff both individually and in groups.
2. Announcements
 - On the 11th day in the 2011-2012 school years, we were 115 students up from the 100th day last year and 163 students up from the same day last year.

- We are still hiring teachers.

B6. (Item taken out of order)

2. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
 Stella Garcia submitted a card on item B6 to speak to the board. She is the president of the classified employee association (ESPA). She stated that she is concerned about the opportunity for upward mobility for classified employees, compensation for translation services and concerns about employees being asked to translate. She also inquired about a Bus Driver Pay stipend for regular (certified) employees volunteering to drive buses. She wanted to speak for raises for all employees, and requested continued Professional Development for Support Staff (classified employees) especially 21 keys which is highly spoken of, and she stated that she feels Phoenix Elementary School District is a family.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Ratification of Payroll \$1,716,351.66 and Expense Vouchers \$2,272,564.61 in the Total Amount of \$3,988,916.27
2. Request to Approve Out of District field Trips
3. Request to Approve Out of State Travel
4. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
5. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff
6. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
7. Request for Approval of the Deletion of Policy AD – Educational Philosophy / School District Mission and Policy BAA – Evaluation of School Board / Self Evaluation
8. Request for Approval of Purchase Order for Guide K12 Geographical Information Software System

Moved by Ms. Bliss and seconded by Ms. Meza. Discussion regarding B7 Request for Approval of Deletion of Policy AD and BAA. Concerns were raised about deleting entire policies, and that policies that are not in use should not be kept. Let the record show that this policy shall be revisited at a later date and that deletion of said policy does not infer that the board shall not self-evaluate. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Community Communications

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the board may not discuss items that are not specifically on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(G), actions taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

Note:

- a. Agenda items may be taken out of order.
- b. Anyone wishing to address an agenda item must complete a Speaker Card.
- c. Time for comments may be limited to ensure that different viewpoints are heard.

No community Communications at this time

E. Business Services – Magda Nuñez, Interim Assistant Superintendent

1. Request to Revise FY2012 Expenditure Budget

Ms. Nunez reported that the original form had a typographical error which has been corrected, and the corrected forms are attached.

Moved by Ms. Bliss, seconded by Dr. Stark.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request to Receive and Discuss the High School Algebra Qualifying Test (AQT) and the District's Instructional Plan for 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Mathematics

Mr. Lind presented the current plan to increase mathematic opportunities for students and following the strategic plan, to have more students ready for high school by taking and passing the Algebra Qualifying Test. Ms. Bliss ask for clarification of the goal to have the number of eighth graders pass the AQT is 100 students (compared with last year, approximately 10 students). Mr. Lind explains the test is given in late April, Early May. Mr. Lind reports our "Math Challenge of 2011-2012" is driven by the Arizona standards, which will also change and be harder when Arizona adopts the common core academic standards. Dr. Marston calls for more information on the progress of the challenge, Mr. Tom Lind assures it will be reported to the board.

2. Request to Receive and Discuss Move on When Reading and Status of 3rd Grade Readers

Mr. Lind summarized the new law that requires 3rd graders be retained if they are not reading at grade level in two more years. Today's 1st graders and Kindergartners will be expected to pass when they reach 3rd grade, and Mr. Lind will be coming back to the board with additional information on their progress. Mr. Allsworth asked if test results will be available with enough time to make a decision to detain if necessary, results come back in June and Mr. Lind was wondering that as well. Ms. Bliss would like to have the students who fell far below on reading from last year (today's 4th graders) continually tracked. A reasonable expectation would be that the number would decrease next time this data is collected. Dr. Stark also noted that the parent letter language that notifies parents could be simpler and that the district should also send suggestions home for what parents could/should do at home to improve a their child's reading.

3. Request for Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Maricopa County Superior Court and District for the Law-Related Education Program at Capitol and Edison Schools

Ms. Bliss moved, Mr. Allsworth seconded, discussion followed.

Ms. Bliss would like follow up information on this, Mr. Lind points out that data is being collected continually for the grant and will follow up with a board report with data provided by Diane Wray's team.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Request to Approve Contract Agreement with the International Rescue Committee, Inc. for Verbal Translation Services

Ms. Bliss moved, Mr. Allsworth seconded, discussion followed.

Ms. Bliss asked if there was any incentive for teachers who are willing to learn a second language, Ms. Roa will look into it. It was suggested that maybe Phoenix College might be able to come and teach a class at one of our schools.

Motion passed unanimously.