



REVISED: September 21, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Item H1 was added

Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

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

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 Mr. Tom Lind Ms. Magda Nuñez
Superintendent Assistant Superintendent Interim Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum and Instruction for Business Services

Mr. Randy Dickason Ms. Bridget Coassolo
Executive Director for Board Secretary
Human Resources

A. Regular Session – 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Jason Hammond
3. Adjourn to Executive Session-Moved by Susan Bliss, Seconded by Doug Allsworth

B. Executive Session

§38-431.03.A.1. For consultation and advice from the attorney for the public body

1. Discussion Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.1. regarding the Superintendent's Contract and Goals

§38-431.03.A.7. – For consultation and advice from the attorney for the public body

2. Receive and Discuss Acquisition of Property for the Expansion or Improvement of the Montessori Program
3. Adjourn to Regular Session

D. Community Communications Item taken out of order

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:

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

No community communications at this time

I. Board Reports and Requests Item taken out of order

1. Montessori Study Session

- a. Request to Receive and Discuss Faith North Community Input
Ms. Engdall speaks on behalf of community for Montessori. Reads mission statement.
- b. Request to Receive and Discuss Information Regarding Montessori Program
Presentation by Mr. Jason Hammond, Director of Human Resources (Slideshow on Montessori Teacher Training Update)
- c. Request to Receive and Discuss Facilities
*Binders containing maps each of the schools in alphabetical order were handed out
Concerns were discussed about the sharing of the Shaw campus with the Faith North Montessori school overflow
The board asked input from the community for possible directions to go, such as moving the Montessori program to another campus, or to renovate the campus to accommodate the program
One of the issues with possibly moving the program is that we have eight classrooms in the program and we do not currently have the capacity at any one of our schools*
- d. Request to Receive and Discuss Report on Enrollment
 - *Maps in the back of the book indicate enrollment in the district*
 - *First map refers to students who live outside our district but attend our district*
 - *Second map refers to students who live inside our district and which of our district schools they attend and whether or not they live within the boundaries of that school*
 - *Third map shown shows only Faith North and Shaw students and where in the city they live. All schools attract students from all over the valley.*
 - *Discussion of actual enrollment at the Faith North and Shaw campuses.*
 - *Ms. Shannon Allsworth speaks on behalf of the children and staff of Faith North regarding the lack of space and how it interferes with the Montessori program.*
 - *A long term vision when the Montessori program started was non-existent, now the vision is beginning to form and the school would like everyone's input to assist in forming the long term vision.*
 - *The vision should include quality, so that the program doesn't grow faster than we can keep up with recruiting quality teachers.*
 - *Ben Barcon from ADM spoke about space available within the school district. One possibility to find room at Monterey Park was discussed, but the parking area is not currently large enough.*
 - *Location of any new campus would matter to the parents of the children attending our district would be willing to commute to.*
 - *Possible recruitment bonuses or signing bonuses to recruit quality Montessori teachers were discussed.*
 - *Idea to speak with graduating class at ASU about the Montessori program and possibly attaining additional certification (to increase recruitment)*

- *Ben Baron from ADM principal speaks about possibility of housing the Montessori program at the Monterey Park campus and what exactly that would entail.*
- *More discussion on the possibility of a new campus and what would be needed, - he suggested 90,000 square feet would be necessary.*
- *Four possibilities with images are proposed with associated costs factor. Even with the highest amount of classrooms added, Monterey Park would still only house just above the amount of students currently at Shaw, and so may not be prudent for a long term goal.*
- *Costs of a totally new location, building a new campus were discussed. More study would be required.*
- *Thanks were expressed to the community for their input on these discussion, possible subsequent study session in January to revisit any new information.*

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Ratification of Payroll \$1,983,316.31 and Expense Vouchers \$2,255,230.32 in the Total Amount of \$4,238,546.63
2. Request for Approval of Sole Source Vendors for 2011-2012 School Year for Expenditures under \$50,000.00
3. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trips
4. Request to Approve Out of State Travel
5. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
6. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
7. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
Motioned and seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions
2. Announcements

F. Business Services – Magda Nuñez, Interim Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval to Dispose of (4) Four Buses Using Public Auction
Moved by Ms. Bliss and seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

G. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. None

H. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Request for Approval of the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Decision Pertaining to Certificated Teacher Lawrence Owen Sullivan
Moved by Doug Allsworth, and seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
3. Board Report

J. Adjournment

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 translations 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, October 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Governing Board President