

Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Notice of Regular Public Meeting – Notice of Regular 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 Board Secretary
Executive Director for
Human Resources

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President 5:59pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Cobie Oja
3. Adjourn to Executive Session

G2: Item taken out of order

Request to Receive and Discuss the American Dream Academy Report
Andrea Aguilar-parent graduate speaks on behalf of the American Dream Academy program
Ms. Hidalgo spoke about reasons that enrollment dropped. ESL classes and others were scheduled at the same time and not all parents were able to participate in all classes.
Dr. Stark questions if there should be more focus on middle schools, rather than just elementary school. She also asks about GED classes, Ms. Hidalgo states that it is being looked into.
Ms. Meza asks about measurements of success. It would be difficult to correlate the data accurately.
Ms. Bliss states that it is an excellent program, and that no matter a child's socioeconomic status, any parent would and could benefit from it.

G3: Item taken out of order

Request to Approve Modification to the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Valley of the Sun United Way which includes Technology Enhancements to the Destination Graduation Project

Brian Spitzer and Michelle Gale give presentation on Destination Graduation. (Materials attached)

Dr. Marston would like to ask two questions not to be answered now, but to be answered at the end of the term. How many students are being impacted by this and what is the projection? How many staff members are being impacted by this?

Ms. Bliss would like to know who is analyzing the data. The people in the schools who are involved in the program should be doing this.

The board would like actual data to support that this program is going to work for phoenix elementary and is worth spending such a large amount of money.

Moved by Susan Bliss, seconded by Dr. Stark. All in favor, motion passed.

C. Approval of Consent Agenda Item taken out of order

1. Ratification of Payroll \$2,059,163.25 and Expense Vouchers \$2,327,494.18 in the Total Amount of \$4,386,657.43
2. Request to Approve Out of State Travel
3. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff
4. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
5. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

Moved by Susan Bliss, seconded by Ms. Meza. All in favor, motion passed.

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.

Two community communications were presented urging district to give direction to the Kenilworth Alumni to purchase electric marquee for Kenilworth school that faces Seventh Avenue.

Dr. Marston speaks about prior decision not to place sign on 7th avenue, and that it was urged by the highway commission not to place the sign. The board president referred the issue to Magda Nunez, who will follow up with gentleman about the process and Dr. Stark would like to be involved.

E. Superintendent's Report Item taken out of order

1. Awards and Recognitions

PEER Program was recognized for great work with kids. Cobie Oja was recognized for fantastic work with Energy Savings program.

2. Announcements

Adjourn to Executive Session *Moved by Dr. Stark and Seconded by Ms. Meza, motion passed at 6:58 pm.*

B. Executive Session

1. Receive and Discuss Salaries and Benefits

§38-431.03.A.5. Discussion or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body.

2. Adjourn to Regular Session

F. Business Services – Magda Nuñez, Interim Assistant Superintendent

3. Request to Receive, Discuss and Approve Supplemental Stipends Taken out of order

Ms. Bliss mad a motion to approve 500 dollar stipend for all employees for the energy savings and for increased enrollment, Dr. Stark seconded, motion was approved.

The check will be dispersed on the December 8th paycheck.

Stella Garcia spoke about new legislation determining that the principals, teachers, and districts also receive grades as well. She also speaks about some housekeeping issues to address bullying among employees. She spoke on behalf of the ESPA to celebrate ESPA day yesterday, pins were dispersed to the Governing Board.

1. Request to Receive and Discuss the Energy Education Program Report

A report summarized how much money has been saved through the Energy Education Program, over 500,000 dollars saved so far, most of which has been in 2011.

The amount of energy produced by our five solar projects was presented.

Ms. Bliss inquired about which area we would need to focus on for water, the majority would be irrigation, however all aspects are important to the process.

G. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent Item taken out of order

1. Request for Approval of Award of Request for Proposal No. 003-1112 for Reading, Language Arts and Literacy Consulting Services

Moved by Susan Bliss, seconded by Dr. Stark, Ms. Meza recused herself, all else in favor.

F2: Request to Receive and Discuss the Construction Project Update

Terry Crosier described improvements at Capitol, Magnet, Whittier-anticipated completion January 2012, Emerson roofing of 50000 ft., solar projects were discussed at length. The anticipated completion of Phase I at Emerson court is March 2012, Phase II Fall 2012,

Phase III Summer 2013. Dr. Stark asked about permeable concrete sidewalks, Terry stated that it costs quite a bit more.

H. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. None

I. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
None.
2. Board Report
There was a request to review plume that runs through the district.

J. Adjournment Moved by Ms. Bliss, seconded

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, December 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.](#)