

Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
January 26th, 2012

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting in the Governing Board Room, 1817 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, Az. 85006

Other board Members present were:

Mr. Doug Allsworth **Dr. Louisa stark**

Also present were:

Ms. Myriam Roa Superintendent	Mr. Randy Dickason Executive Director for Human Resources	Mr. Tom Lind Assistant Superintendent
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Ms. Magda Nunez	Ms. Lillian Hameed
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Interim Assistant Superintendent

Board Secretary

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Ratification of Payroll \$2,033,509.52 and Expense Vouchers \$388,918.15 in the Total Amount of \$2,422,427.67
2. Request for Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds through December 2011
3. Request for Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Safeguard Security Systems (MESC CONTRACT #08B-SAFE-0528) for Purchase and Installation of a Notifier Onyx Addressable Fire Monitoring Panel, Strobes and Smoke Detectors for Faith North Montessori
4. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trip
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

Mr. Allsworth moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Dr. Stark seconded.

Dr. Stark wanted clarification on the possible discrepancies in the number of students and chaperones listed on the request. Mr. Fred Graef, principal at Edison School, stated that Mr.

Mason may have parents going on the trip as well, but all adults would be considered chaperones. He will provide details in a Board update.

Dr. Marston commented on the description of the proposed trip. She asked Mr. Graef to inform his staff that curriculum objectives need to correspond to the itinerary. She further stated that more descriptive and specific information should be provided in relation to the trip.

Motion was passed 3 to 0

C. Community Communications

There were no Community communications.

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Ms. Roa recognized Ms. Tiffani Poirier from Edison School who was notified in November 2011 that she has received her National Board Certification in Reading and Language Arts. This involves a rigorous 3 year process of submitting and re-submitting, however Tiffani, who has been with the District 6 years, was accepted the first time and completed everything in one year.
2. February 29th, 2012, will be the last day to use the governing board room. Alternative arrangements will be made for the board meetings, perhaps at schools.
3. Monday was the 100th day of school and compared to last year's 100th day, enrollment is up 211 students.

Dr. Marston took a few minutes to share some very interesting information about the Chinese New Year. She stated that the year of the Dragon falls on a leap year only once in 60 years because of the Chinese leap year, therefore Chinese culture is expecting this to be a year of affluence.

E. Business Services – Magda Nuñez, Interim Assistant Superintendent

1. None

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Receive and discuss select Governing Board Policies as First Reading.

Mr. Lind spoke to item F. 1. He called attention to a specific section of the packet showing 17 policies that are set for review. He wanted to explain the reason for the grouping of these policies as they are out of sequence. He stated that he and the superintendent wanted to ensure that policy JFB/open enrollment was clearly defined. In examining and comparing all the policies which were cross referenced with policy JFB, notations being made, the cross referencing process was continued to get to the 17 policies listed, which are all related to admissions or open enrollment.

In this evening's Board Packet the first 9 of the policies were presented for first reading. The next set to be presented at the next Governing Board Meeting for their first reading with all 17 policies brought back to the Governing Board for their second reading on February 23, 2012.

Mr. Lind further stated that the policies had been reviewed and revised to reflect recent legislation as well as suggestions brought forth by the Arizona School Board Association. He then asked the Governing Board to offer input as well.

Dr. Stark addressed the admission of homeless students. She pointed out that on page 29 of the report, were very detailed definitions of what a homeless student means. However, the last page discussed the four potential criteria for the admission of homeless students. She questioned what would happen with the students that don't fall into those criteria. Dr. Stark also observed, that the definition of a homeless student as explained on page 29, don't fall within the criteria for admitting homeless students on page 38.

Mr. Lind pointed out that on page 38 is a questionnaire which is used at the time of registration, and fall within the federal guidelines.

Through further discussion, it was determined that the broader guidelines on page 38 be more closely matched with the criteria on page 29.

Ms. Roa suggested that there be a reference to the list on page 29 so those applying will know if they qualify.

Mr. Allsworth questioned items addressed on pages 25 and 27, concerning the definition of resident or non-resident students. Mr. Lind explained that this section referred to students who are residents of this state but not in this district.

Dr. Marston called attention to page 22, which dealt with the regulation on student admissions. She and Mr. Lind had already discussed that the parent/guardian must live within the boundaries of the district and the local school. However, she requested that when he presents the policy on open enrollment, included in the next set of policies presented, that he stringently compare policies JF and JFB (which reads "to ensure that policy JF aligns with JFB") with Regulation JFRA to ensure they all line up and are easy to read since the regulation is what those at school level will be looking at.

Mr. Allsworth asked whether there is a tuition schedule for those who do not fall in this category. Mr. Lind stated that he was not aware of a tuition schedule.

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Request for Governing Board to Receive and Discuss Update and Provide Direction to the Superintendent Regarding Required Revisions to the Performance Evaluation Programs for Teachers and Principals

Mr. Dickason offered an oral report concerning item G. 1. There were members of the design team present at the meeting. He reported that they had been reviewing documents from MCESA (Maricopa County Education Service Agency), the program which works in partnership with the Department of Education to create a new evaluation process.

Since the last Board meeting there were two additional meetings of the Design team. Mr. Dickason and Ms. Roa participated in those meetings with MCESA to gather further information to bring back to the committee and to keep the Governing Board apprised, timing being a concern. MCESA had asked us that, should we wish to participate, we be prepared to have Board action by the end of February. They have stressed that they need to know how many schools would be participating. The committee was informed, and encouraged to move quickly toward definite recommendations to the Governing Board.

Ms. Roa added that we have received a memorandum of understanding that we forwarded to counsel but have not shared with the design team because we want to know if this is something counsel would recommend.

Dr. Marston reported that she attended a meeting where the representative, Dr. Johnson from the County Superintendent of Schools office presented detailed information on how they were doing with the evaluation, and found it very positive.

Mr. Dickason wanted support on the part of the Board to move forward with the MCESA model. He also wanted to be sure it wasn't being thrust upon us. He wanted the appropriate people in the design team to bring any significant pros or cons to our attention. Otherwise he supports a recommendation from the administration to go forward with the MCESA concept and the grants that go along with it.

Mr. Allsworth stated that when the Board brings forward a recommendation, the pros and cons would be emphasized. In regards to the MCESA program, a positive aspect is that they already have plans in place for the professional development training for the principals as well as the teachers.

Dr. Stark agreed with Mr. Allsworth and took a few minutes to recognize the hard work that the committee has devoted to designing this process. She stated that she was hopeful their time and ideas can be incorporated into the whole MCESA system so the team won't feel that they spent a year or more on a project that came to naught.

Mr. Dickason stated that the design team had discussed this during the meetings and felt that the team could not have evaluated the MCESA process had they not done so much preliminary work. While some of the work may not be implemented, none of the work was a waste of time as it got the team thoroughly engrained in the new standards, and how the new ADA guidelines fit in. In that sense the committee understood that everything done to this point has contributed to their ability to make recommendations.

H. Board Reports and Requests

No Board reports or requests.

I. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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, February 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

X *Ruth Ann Marston*

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phx. Elem. School Dist. #1