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Elementary School District #1

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**Regular Public Meeting  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Dr. Ruth Ann Marston** presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting in the Kenilworth Elementary School auditorium, 1210 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003.

*Other board Members present were:*

**Mr. Doug Allsworth**

**Dr. Louisa stark**

**Ms. Liz Meza**

**Ms. Susan Bliss**

*Also present were:*

**Ms. Myriam Roa**  
Superintendent

**Mr. Randy Dickason**  
Executive Director for  
Human Resources

**Mr. Tom Lind**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Curriculum & Instruction

**Ms. Magda Nunez**  
Interim Assistant  
Superintendent

**Mr. Larry Weeks**  
Assistant Superintendent  
Business Services

**Lillian Hameed**  
Board Secretary

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**A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

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

*Agenda item taken out of order*

**D. Superintendent’s Report**

1. Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Roa directs Mr. Lind to proceed with the recognitions. Mr. Lind acknowledges the dedication ceremony for Whittier Elementary School Media Center and Science building, with many students and alumni attending. He thanks Mrs. Hearn and her staff as well as ADM and our district’s Maintenance and Operations department for their help.

The Herrera Shooting Stars Dance Team, under the direction of Danielle Benson and Jennifer Sun, have been selected by the City of Phoenix to perform at the annual Dia De los Ninos event to be held Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 10:30 AM at Hance Park. Mr. Lind also thanks Dr. Gary Zehrbach, in addition to Danielle and Jennifer, for providing this opportunity for our students.

*Resume regular meeting*

**B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes: February 9, 2012
2. Ratification of Payroll 2,097,942.77 and Expense Vouchers \$1,114,636.93 in the Total Amount of 3,212,579.70
3. Request to Approve Out of State Travel

4. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trips
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
8. Request for Approval of Non-Renewal of Retired Staff Who are Working in the District as Retirees

Mr. Allsworth Moves to approve the consent Agenda, Ms. Meza seconds

***Motion is passed unanimously***

***Agenda item taken out of order***

#### **D. Superintendent's Report**

##### 2. Announcements

Mr. Lind along with Mr. Avedisian presents a slide show of the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Salon des Enfants art exhibition. This exhibition featured over 300 pieces of art from our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. There are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. place awards, as well as honorable mentions. Our Superintendent, Ms. Myriam Roa, awarded the Superintendent's Award to Edison 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Chris Munoz, whose piece of art was purchased for \$50, and will be in the district's permanent student art collection. His art teacher is Ms. Rosa Wilno. The Grand Prize was awarded to Whittier 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Erin Dendy. His art teacher is Ms. Pat Gearhart. This event took place at the Alwun House Art Gallery. In addition to their awards, they received all proceeds from their art work, as well as a set of art supplies.

Mr. Lind along with Mr. Avedisian also shared a slide show of the Phoenix Elementary Centennial Exhibit, which was on display at the Phoenix Art Museum. This 12 by 12 foot exhibit of the counties of Arizona will be permanently housed at the Phoenix Elementary District office.

Mr. Avedisian went on to share various other events, including the annual Martin Luther King art exhibit, and a Jackson Pollock activity.

On Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, Young Arts Arizona, which is the last art exhibition of the year, will take place in the purple building on the NE corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Palm Lane, across the street from Emerson Court. Approximately 50 works of art by PESD students will be featured. The opening show is from 5:00-7:00 PM and will hang through the summer.

A group of Kenilworth's second grade students, who participated in the district music festival at ASU Prep., performed 2 selections. Mr. Lind thanks Ms. Brandsma and Ms. Ford for their work with the students.

Mr. Lind calls forth Ms. Lorraine Payton, principal of Dunbar Elementary School. She announces that on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, our District's 140<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration took place at Dunbar School. Mr. Winston Tease, who attended Dunbar 1942-1947, Mr. Hamm, who attended Dunbar in 1928 and is now past 90 years of age, as well as many other Dunbar Alumni, attended the event. During the celebration students were given an opportunity to interview the alumni. Their interviews were transcribed and shared with the students. The students then had an opportunity to compare their

experiences at Dunbar to those of the alumni, and were encouraged to write a response as to what they like about attending Dunbar today. Ms. Payton presents some books (compilations of those interviews and responses) to the Board. The book also includes a school roster, letters and pictures, highlighting the history of Dunbar school. Ms. Payton introduces Mr. Winston Tease from the Dunbar Alumni Association.

Mr. Tease gives a brief history of the Black Alumni Association, whose members attended Dunbar School during the segregated period of our society. The Association has identified close to 900 students who attended Dunbar during that segregated period. The intent is to create a pictorial and written history documenting that period of time, and continue on with the history of Dunbar from 1954 to present. Mr. Tease asks the approval of the Board to use the facility and proceed with the project.

Dr. Marston explains that in order to proceed with Board approval, there needs to be a Board resolution to that effect. It is determined that the issue be agendized and brought forth at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Tease and Ms. Payton thank the Board for the opportunity to present this project for consideration.

Mr. Lind introduces Ms. Cynthia Zapien-Pineda, who shares a slide show of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade District Track Meet, at which over 300 students participated. She thanks Ms. Roa as well as representatives from Human Resources that attended. She further thanks North High School for the use of their track facilities, and Melissa Mancilla, the track meet director. Members of the Heard School Track Team, Mike Price, Ezekiel Montero and Jeremiah Andrews were among those recognized. Jeremiah broke 2 district records, one for running the 60 yard dash in 6.95 seconds, which had not been broken since 1993, and setting a new district record by throwing the turbo javelin 143 feet. Mike Price came in second running the 60 yard dash in 7.5 seconds, and third place in the long jump.

Ms. Myriam Roa announces that she defended her oral proposal and passed her written comprehensive exams, in preparation for her Doctorate!!! She plans to complete her dissertation early in the fall semester. Expound???

## **A. Regular Session**

### **2. Adjourn to Executive Session**

Ms. Bliss moves to adjourn to Executive session, Mr. Allsworth seconds

***Motion is passed unanimously***

***Executive Session begins at 6:15***

## **A1. Executive Session**

§38-431.03.A.7.

Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

### **1. Receive and Discuss Possible Acquisition of Property or Future Expansion**

2. Adjourn to Regular Session

***Regular session resumes at 7:00***

**C. Community Communications**

Melanie Hobden from Herrera Elementary School asks the board to consider increased compensation for teachers.

Ms. Roa, as well as Dr. Marston responds stating that all are working diligently to make the best recommendations.

***Agenda item taken out of order***

**F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent**

1. Request to Receive and Discuss, with Possible Action, the Early Release Wednesday Schedule

Mr. Lind speaks to the early release days at it relates to professional development. He presents extensive documentation which highlights many examples of professional development schedules and activities across our district, as well as our neighboring school districts. He goes on to show professional development partnerships among the schools, as well as the use of consultants, to meet necessary requirements for the various programs, and service the students.

Dr. Stark, as well as Mr. Allsworth, comments on the work Mr. Lind has done gathering all the information from the different schools.

Ms. Bliss speaks in support of early release Wednesdays and notes the importance of the partnership.

Dr. Marston points out that the work is well worth the effort because it assists in making better decisions.

Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez speaks to the teachers' necessity of early release Wednesdays, and asks the consideration of the Board.

Mr. Allsworth moves to approve item F1, Dr. Stark seconds

***Motion is passed unanimously***

2. Request to Approve the Award of Request for Proposal #004-1112 for Curriculum Audit Consultant Services

Ms. Roa explains that the request is for the award of an RFP to 2 different vendors. Then should we decide to use one, the item would be brought to the Board for approval at a later time.

Mr. Allsworth moves to approve item F2, Dr. Stark seconds

***Motion is passed unanimously***

3. Request for Governing Board to Receive and Discuss Report Regarding Reorganization of the Curriculum and Instruction Division and the Human Resources Department

Mr. Lind outlines the plan for the reorganization of the Curriculum and Instruction Division and the Human Resources Department, with cost analysis. Among the changes, a few new positions are requested, a Programmer in Assessment and Accountability, Special Populations Coordinator in Federal Programs, Software Support Technician and a Health and Wellness Coordinator, as well as an Administrator on Assignment for Special Projects in special in Student Services.

*No action required*

**G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director**

1. Request for Governing Board to Approve Job Descriptions, Position Eliminations and the Creation of New Positions Related to the Reorganization of the Curriculum and Instruction Division and the Human Resources Department

Mr. Allsworth moves to approve item G1, Ms. Bliss seconds

*Motion is passed unanimously*

2. Request for Governing Board to Approve the Reassignment of Garthanne de Ocampo as Administrator on Assignment Working on Special Projects in the Student Services Department for 2012-2013 School Year

Ms. Bliss moves to approve item G2, Mr. Allsworth seconds

*Motion is passed unanimously*

**E. Business Services – Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent**

1. Request to Revise FY2010-2011 Expenditure Budget

Ms. Bliss moved to approve item E1 specifically to the attachment to the agenda item, Mr. Allsworth seconds

*Motion is passed unanimously*

2. Request to Approve the Award of Request for Proposal #005-1112 for Employee Medical, Dental, Vision and EAP Benefits to United Health Care for Medical Services and EAP, Delta Vision for Vision and Delta Dental for Dental

Mr. Weeks acknowledges John Coyle and his team, and thanks the evaluation team as well. Mr. Weeks explains that this would take us from Blue Cross Blue Shield, back to United Health Care and reduces the deductible from \$1200 to \$750, one of the most important highlights.

Administration requests approval of item E2 as stated and give notice to the Board of our intention to change from self-insured to fully-insured.

Ms. Bliss moves to approve item E2, Dr. Stark seconds

*Motion is passed unanimously*

**H. Board Reports and Requests**

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent

The City of Phoenix is meeting to discuss the city budget which includes funding for the expansion/restoration of the Library. Mr. Allsworth asks if perhaps the District should express some support.

Board directs the Superintendent to assist in drafting a letter on behalf of the Governing Board.

Mr. Allsworth also asks that a study session regarding the Gifted Education Program be put on the calendar.

2. Board Report  
No board reports.

**I. Adjournment**

***Meeting Adjourned at 8:20***

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/Study Session meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 8:30 am. has been cancelled.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston  
Board President, Phx. Elem. School Dist. #1