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Elementary School District #1

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**Regular Public Meeting
August 23rd, 2012**

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting at Kenilworth Elementary, 1210 N. 5th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85003.

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
Mr. Larry Weeks Assistant Superintendent		Lillian Hameed Board Secretary

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Kelly spoke briefly in reference to his new position as principal at Lowell school. He states that he is very excited and has received tremendous support from parents and staff. He also stated how very impressed he was with the staff.

3. Adjourn to Executive Session

*Mr. Allsworth moves to adjourn to executive session, Dr. Stark seconds.
Regular meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:05*

B. Executive Session

§38-431.03.A.7.

1. Receive and Discuss Possible Expansion of a School Campus
2. Adjourn to Regular Session

Executive session was adjourned to regular session at 6:40

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Ratification of Payroll \$2,076,647.62 and Expense Vouchers \$1,613,918.57 in the Total Amount of \$3,690,566.19
2. Request to Approve the Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona State University Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College for the iTeachAZ Project for the 2012-2013 School Year
3. Request to Approve the Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Board of Regents on behalf of the ASU College of Nursing and the District to Provide Student

Nurses the Opportunity to Complete a Clinical Experience Requirement in School Health Centers

4. Request to Approve the Renewal Memorandum of Agreement with the Maricopa County Community College District to Provide ESL/Basic Literacy Classes for Parents of the Phoenix Elementary School District for the 2012-2013 School Year
5. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trips
6. Request to Approve Out of State Travel
7. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
8. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
9. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
10. Request for Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence

Mr. Allsworth moves to approve the consent agenda, Dr. Stark seconds.

Dr. Stark has a question in reference to item C. 4. She wanted to know if the parents have to have some sort of citizenship papers. Mr. Lind responds that they will not need to prove citizenship to participate. Dr. Stark further suggests the possibility to offer GED classes as well. Mr. Lind states that he will look into the matter and report back to the board.

It is determined that this information would be presented as a board update at a future meeting.

Motion was approved unanimously.

D. Community Communications

Mr. Perry Young, Instructional Assistant at Shaw school, spoke on behalf his principal, Ms. Nadine Gofonia. Mr. Perry reported that there was an open house being held there this evening. There were between 225 - 300 parents, staff and students in attendance. Ms. Gofonia will provide more specific information at a later date.

E. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Roa recognized Dr. Ronnie Pitre, and Bethune school for receiving "The Best Participation Award" from the RODEL Foundation's math program called MACRO. There were only three school districts in attendance that received that award. Bethune had 98 percent participation.

2. Announcements

Ms. Roa announces that due to a law passed by legislators last year, which took some of the employees' Arizona State Retirement contributions (About 1% of their salaries), Phoenix Elementary employees were issued a refund last payroll totaling about \$200,000 for the entire district. These funds were planned to go into the states' general fund. However, this law was deemed unconstitutional prompting the refund.

REIL Governing Board Symposium is this Saturday, August 25, 2013. The governing board and cabinet will be in attendance, including 2 prospective board members, Susan Benjamin and Angel Jannasch-Pennell.

3. Enrollment update

The complete enrollment update was available at this time. However, it was reported that there will be no movement of staff due to enrollment.

4. MCESA/REIL Update

Ms. Rosanna Hidalgo will also attend the REIL Symposium. She further states that as part of the MCESA agreement, as the district representative and field specialist, she meets with MCESA on a weekly basis to receive updates about what is going on and receive strategies to implement within the school district itself to help support the schools, principals, administrators and teachers in this new process. Ms. Hidalgo reports that one of the things they had to do was turn in a Stakeholder Engagement & Communication Plan. (See handout) She explains that there must be a process in place to communicate with the Board and the community as to what we are doing as a district with the evaluation instrument and to inform the administrators and teachers. There is a timeline and has also met with Sara Bresnahan, to include the information in the newsletter and website so that everyone is informed. There has been a collaborative effort among everyone involved across the district. There has been extensive work with curriculum and instruction, and general studies to make sure everything is aligned to the new Common Core standards. Ms. Hidalgo also states that we are moving forward and meeting the guidelines of House Bill 2823, and implementing the new evaluation instrument. There was an overview of the new Evaluation Instrument the first week of school, a 3 hour presentation by MCESA staff. Feedback from administrators and teachers has been positive stating that while there may be some discomfort with the process, they are ready to try something new. She states that the common goal for this whole program is to improve instruction and increase academic achievement.

Ms. Roa adds that we have been told, on numerous occasions, by the upper level staff and team at the county that Phoenix Elementary is doing a wonderful job in rolling out this new instrument and they have had lots of compliments for Ms. Hidalgo as well. Ms. Roa is very proud to be the Superintendent of Phoenix Elementary School District.

F. Business Services – Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of Expansion of a School Campus

Mr. Allsworth moves to authorize the superintendent and staff to proceed with negotiations to acquire the property as discussed in Executive Session, and return to the governing board for approval if negotiations are successful. Dr. Stark seconds.

Motion was approved unanimously

2. Request Approval of Financial Statement for ASU Preparatory Academy Phoenix 2011-2012 (K-9)

Ms. Roa speaks to item F.2. She states that there were numerous discussions with Ms. Beatriz Rendon to review the collaboration agreement between the District and UPSI, Inc. Dr. Stark, Mr. Allsworth as well as Dr. Marston has questions and comments regarding the projected costs. After an extensive discussion, it was decided to make revisions and revisit the item at a future board meeting.

G. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

None

H. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Request for Approval of Revision to the Professional/Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans for 2012-2013 to Award the Hard to Fill Stipend to Registered Nurses

Mr. Allsworth moves to approve H.1 and Dr. Stark seconds.

Motion was approved unanimously

2. Request for Approval of Revisions to Governing Board Policy GCO-Evaluation of Professional Staff Members

Mr. Dickason revises the wording of item H.2. He actually requests the acceptance of the item as a first reading. Dr. Marston states that the item should read "requests the Board to hear the first reading of the policy". Mr. Dickason will revise the wording and submit at a later date.

No action required.

I. Board Reports and Requests

None

J. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:30

Respectfully submitted by:

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