Regular Public Meeting/Study Session
October 18th, 2012

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting/Study Session and Executive Session in the Emerson Court Human Resources Conference Rm. 1817 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006

Other board Members present were:
Mr. Doug Allsworth                      Dr. Louisa stark                      Ms. Susan Bliss

Also present were:
Ms. Myriam Roa                        Mr. Randy Dickason                    Mr. Tom Lind
Superintendent                       Executive Director for Human Resources  Assistant Superintendent

Larry Weeks                          Lillian Hameed
Assistant Superintendent             Board Secretary

A. Study Session – 8:30 a.m.
   1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
   2. Pledge of Allegiance – Beatriz Rendon

E. Superintendent’s Report
   Item taken out of order
   1. ASU Preparatory Academy Academic Report
   Ms. Rendon presented a report on ASU Prep in which she stated that the mission of the charter school was to provide a university embedded program that adequately prepares students to complete college. She also spoke about the enrollment and recruitment efforts. For school year 2012, there was a 45% increase in student population from school year 2011. There have already been approximately 1500 students recruited for the 2013 school year, which is up 24% from 2012.

   Ms. Rendon also spoke of their efforts to improve/support school leadership and further explained the rigorous teacher selection & evaluation process. This evaluation included pre-screening based on GPA, field of study, letter of recommendation and letter of interest. Interview questions were designed to test the depth of intellectual capacity as well the ability to articulate ideas clearly. Candidates are also required to model a lesson in front of students. As a result, there is an 83% teacher retention rate.

   Ms. Rendon also outlined the basics of the curriculum and pointed out highlights of the 2011-2012 school year. These consisted of:
   • “B” grade at ASUPA Phoenix Elementary
   • Implementing inaugural 9th grade class and curriculum and preschool program
   • Providing extending day to over 400 students
   • Enrolled 8 students into Barrett’s Summer Scholars
   • $250,000 joint grant ($500,000 value with ASU match) to support tuition scholarships
• Provided IBM early childhood equipment and software to PESD
She went on to discuss test scores in math and reading, their outreach program and continuing goals for the 2012-2013 school year.

Mr. Allsworth moved approval of item E.1, Ms. Bliss seconded
Motion was passed unanimously

C. Regular Meeting/Study Session
   1. Board Approval of Superintendent’s Performance Goals

   Mr. Allsworth moved to approve the Superintendent’s Performance Goals, Ms. Bliss seconded
   Motion was approved unanimously

3. Adjourn to Executive Session
Meeting was adjourned to executive session at 9:40 a.m.

B. Executive Session
   1. Discuss the Superintendent’s Performance Goals
   §38-431.03.A.1. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, demotion, dismissal, salaries, disciplining or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of any public body, except that, with the exception of salary discussions, an officer, appointee or employee may demand that the discussion or consideration occur at a public meeting. The public body shall provide the officer, appointee or employee with written notice of the executive session as is appropriate but not less than twenty-four hours for the officer, appointee or employee to determine whether the discussion or consideration should occur at a public meeting.

   2. Adjourn to Regular Session
Meeting was adjourned to Regular session at 10:00 a.m.

D. Community Communications
There were no Community Communications

E. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent
   1. Request to Approve Out of State Travel

G. Board Reports and Requests
   1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
   2. Board Report

H. Adjournment
Meeting was Adjourned at 10:08 am
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, October 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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