



Elementary School District #1

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Minutes of Regular Public Meeting December 13th, 2012

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting in the Kenilworth Elementary School Auditorium, 1210 N. 5th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003

Other board Members present were:

Mr. Doug Allsworth

Dr. Louisa Stark

Ms. Susan Bliss

Also present were:

Dr. 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 – Diane Anderson-Nickel
3. Music Performance by Lowell Elementary Students

Lowell school students presented a Christmas concert performing many beautiful selections. They were particularly proud of the Carol "Silent Night" which they sang in English, Spanish as well as German, the language in which the song was originally written.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Governing Board Minutes for June, 21, 2012, July 12, 2012, August 9, 2012, and October 11, 2012
2. Ratification of Payroll \$4,094,827.41 and Expense Vouchers \$2,135,358.95 in the Total Amount of \$6,230,186.36
3. Request for Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for October 2012 and November 2012
4. Request for Approval of Gifts & Donations
5. Request for Governing Board to Approve Out of District Field Trips
6. Request for Governing Board to Approve Out of State Travel
7. Request for Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix and District for the School Resource Officer and Law-Related Education Programs at Bethune, Herrera, Kenilworth, Lowell and Shaw Schools
8. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
9. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
10. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
11. Request for Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence

Ms. Bliss moved to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Allsworth seconded

Motion was passed unanimously

C. Community Communications

Ms. Dee Harrington-Hartwell of Arizona Music Fest thanked the Board and Phoenix Elementary School District #1 for allowing Az. Music Fest to provide services to 4 of our schools which include, Emerson, Lowell, Kenilworth and Magnet. This is a daily classical music listening program. The program provides manuals, and scripts, introducing different composers for students to listen up to 5 days per composer. Ms. Harrington-Hartwell was pleased to report that this program now offers live music performances. In 4th grade, musicians introduce the students to wind instruments; in the 5th grade a symphonic performance, in 6th grade a jazz program, and in 7th and 8th grade they provide an open rehearsal with the Arizona Music fest orchestra at their Festival.

Dr. Marston thanked Ms. Harrington-Hartwell for all she is doing for our children and asked her to speak with Mr. Lind to continue the program.

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa recognized Magnet Traditional School for the "National Center for Urban Schools Transformation", finalist status. Mr. Lind to provided additional information.

Mr. Lind reported that Magnet has submitted an application for the NCUST, school of recognition award for the year. The next step of the process is a school visitation from NCUST on February 4th. NCUST is the partnership we have with San Diego State University, which provides professional development for two cohorts for each of our principals. It is anticipated that Magnet Traditional School will be one of the award winning schools featured at the annual symposium which will be held in Houston.

Dr. Marston asked about Board approval for the trip to Houston. Mr. Lind stated that he will bring that request to the January 10th, Board Meeting.

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa reported that there will be a meeting on January 23rd, 2013 at 3:30 at the Herrera Performing Arts Center (also known as the "Panther Pavilion"). At that time teachers can discuss the teacher incentive grant.

Dr. Roa then recognized Ms. Susan Bliss, and Ms. Liz Meza, for their outstanding service as Board Members, to Phoenix Elementary School district #1. Ms. Bliss was presented with a plaque, in appreciation of her service.

E. Business Services – Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request to Approve Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)

*Ms. Bliss moved to approve item E. 1, Mr. Allsworth seconded
Motion was passed unanimously*

2. Request Approval of the Revised Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as Required by A.R.S. 15-905

Mr. Weeks presented a power point presentation outlining the budget. He stated that although Prop 204 did not pass, no cuts were expected. Mr. Weeks noted some of the challenges affecting the budget, which are:

- *Declining enrollment*
- *Increased costs:*
 - *Increased Arizona State Retirement*
 - *Increased Health Insurance*
 - *Increased property and casualty insurance*

This has resulted in a budget shortfall of \$1,494,736 as of the 40th day. Mr. Weeks further stated that going forward, the plan is to increase student ADM by the 100th day (January 17th, 2013) and reduce expenses. There is no plan to RIF (Reduction in Force). The Budget Advisory Committee is exploring options.

Dr. Marston asked how many students are needed to offset the shortfall. Mr. Weeks stated that we need about 300 students, although 520 students are needed to fund a step increase for all employees.

Dr. Marston then asked for an update on the status of the public housing renovations near Emerson School, as this greatly affected enrollment.

Dr. Stark asked for the same information regarding the public housing near Dunbar School.

Updates on the requested information will be presented at a future Board meeting

Mr. Allsworth moved to approve item E. 2, Ms. Bliss seconded

Motion was passed unanimously

3. Request to Approve Actions Taken to Insure the District's General Fixed Assets Listing is Compliant with the USFR and District Policy

Ms. Bliss moved to approve item E. 3, Mr. Allsworth seconded

Mr. Weeks complimented Mr. Ken McKenzie for his work with this project.

Motion was passed unanimously

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Governing Board to Renew the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Department of Public Health for Participation in the School Health Index Program for the 2012-2013 School Year

Ms. Bliss moved to approve item E. 3, Mr. Allsworth seconded

Motion was passed unanimously

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. None

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

None

2. Board Report

Dr. Marston reported on the Arizona School Board Association's Annual Legislative Conference, held at the same time as the conference for new Board Members. One of the highlights was a report from Dr. David Garcia, from the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education at ASU, who had just published research on school choice. Essentially he stated that Schools don't operate like businesses, people choose schools because they are choosing communities and if the school isn't what they want they go in and make a change, that's not what you do if a business doesn't meet your requirements. He stated that in Arizona, even for schools that have had consecutive failing designations, at least 84% of those students will return consistently over the years because that is not what they are looking at.

Dr. Marston also reported that there was an Economic forecast presented by Wayne Schecter, from Row and Price. Mr. Schecter attends the legislative session each year and presents an annual economic forecast for the state and nation, which is usually quite accurate, and he is predicting a prosperous new year.


Dr. Marston further stated that the National BBB has forecast that Phoenix will be "the" United States city with the most job growth over the next three years and Tucson will be the third.

Dr. Marston then recognized and congratulated our Superintendent, Dr. Myriam Roa, on the completion of her Doctorate. Dr. Roa was presented with a congratulatory gift.

I. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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, January 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

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