

Governing Board Meeting -- Notice of Public Meeting -- Notice of Public Hearing -- Notice of Regular Session (Thursday, May 9, 2013)

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Board Members present

Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

Also present

Dr. Myriam Roa, Superintendent, Mr. Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

A. Regular Session - 6:15 p.m.

Procedural: 1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Meeting was called to order at 6:15

Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance - Dr. Ronnie Pitre

Procedural: 3. Musical performance by Emerson Elementary

Christine Dermanellian directed the students in a musical performance.

Action (Consent): 4. Adjourn to Public Hearing

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Angel Pennell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

Procedural: 5. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Dr. Marston called the Public meeting to order

B. Public Hearing

Action (Consent): 1. Call for Public Hearing - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Action, Procedural: 2. Request to Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding Title VII - Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native Education FY 2014

Mr. Lind stated that this is a new requirement.

Action (Consent), Discussion, Information: 3. Adjourn Public Hearing - Resume Regular Session

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Angel Pennell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

Regular Session was resumed

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Ratification of Payroll \$1,904,296.79 and Expense Vouchers \$1,040,283.77 in the total amount of \$2,944,580.56

Recommend approval of consent agenda

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Angel Pennell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

Action (Consent): 2. Request for Governing Board to delegate the authority to sign purchase orders to the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Action (Consent): 3. Request for Approval of Phoenix Zoo as a Sole Source Vendor

Action (Consent): 4. Request for Governing Board to Approve to Dispose of (5) Five Pairs of Fire Doors through Public Surplus Systems

Action (Consent): 5. Request for Governing Board to Approve Out of State Travel

Action (Consent): 6. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff

Action (Consent): 7. Request for Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position

Action (Consent): 8. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

Action (Consent): 9. Request for Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): 10. Approval of Consent Agenda

D. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Myriam M. Roa

Information, Recognition: 1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa reported that she has graduated!
Other announcements included:

- National Teacher appreciation Week. Child nutrition delivered a basket of treats to every school for all staff.
- School Nurse appreciation day was Wednesday May 8 th, 2013
- Shaw school placed second in Arizona competition for STEM club.
- There will be a presentation/celebration at Magnet Wednesday, May 15 th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
- Dare2Dream Youth Leadership Conference was held on Saturday, April 27 th, 2013 at Phoenix College.
- Herrera radio Disney event was on April 30 th, 2013
- iTeachAZ graduation

Information: 2. Announcements

E. Community Communications

Information, Procedural: 1. Community Communications

F. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

Information: 1. Request for Governing Board to Receive and Discuss the 2012-2013 Continuous Improvement Plans for Bethune and Lowell Schools

Dr. Ronnie Pitre, Principal at Bethune School, presented her School Wide Improvement Plan. She described her schools' Vision and Mission works hand in hand to create a child centered learning environment with strong ties to the community, thus developing competent achievers who will become lifelong learners. She further expressed the importance of creating an engaging and meaningful environment to develop learners who make responsible decisions and adapt to the challenges of the future.

Dr. Pitre went on to discuss her reform model for an effective school, stressing high expectations, safe climate, effective instructional leadership, monitoring of student progress and a strong relationship between home and school.

Dr. Pitre stated that within the improvement plan, is to increase student mastery of skills, and was particularly proud of the progress at Bethune, and was pleased to be able to report a letter grade of B. She went on to state that balanced literacy, rigorous lessons, make use of data, intervention for target students, and continuous professional development.

Dr. Pitre praised her cafeteria worker who worked so diligently with the paperwork involved in the free/reduced lunch program.

She discussed the discipline plan in place, and thanked Ms. Wray for a grant she writes to obtain resource officers to those schools that need it. She stated that she is also grateful for the security measures taken to secure the campus.

Dr. Pitre reported on Bethune's reading and math data.

Dr. Pitre spoke briefly to the efforts made to curtail excessive spending throughout the campus, and reported that the bulk of the Bethune budget was used for salaries, to make sure she had highly qualified staff.

She spoke to her plan to improve the afterschool enrichment. She also praised the food program.

Dr. Pitre went on the celebrated the breakfast program, the balanced literacy and Task Analysis training and implementation, donations through United Way, tutorials each morning, Rodei Math initiative, decreased number of FFB and APP students, and the RTI team.

Ms. Benjamin commented on how impressed she was with the respect and pride she witnessed when she visited Bethune.

Dr. Stark, Dr. Pennell praised her success.

Dr. Marston praised Dr. Pitre and credited her with Bethune's success.

Mr. Lind then introduced Mr. Tyson Kelly, principal at Lowell school, and Ms. Gina Millsaps iLeadAZ Principal, who presented their School Wide Improvement Plan. Mr. Kelly and Ms. Millsaps both shared a little history of their lives here in Arizona and their dedication to PESD.

Mr. Kelly began by outlining the Lowell Focus on continuous Improvement; to be Data driven, to define a mission and vision all will understand, to create staff norms and meeting norms, to create goals and action steps, and to become fiscally responsible.

Millsaps discussed some of the reading and math data, and how they are using that to drive instruction. She went on to celebrate the successes and congratulate the teachers who have worked so hard.

Ms. Millsaps and Mr. Kelly both went on to discuss the goals and actions steps, some of which include:

- A commitment to advance from a C school, as determined by AZLearns, to an A school
- To focus on science, technology, engineering, the arts and math
- To be dedicated to a holistic, well-rounded education
- To be a community of learners ready for change

Some celebrations include:

- District support of STEAM with a Science Coach/STEAM teacher
- Teachers ability to bring opportunities to the students, such as STEAM Rocket Re-Launch, Career Day, UofA Pharm Camp 2013, English classes for parents and CPR certification

Mr. Kelly outlined Lowell's budget, stating that budgeting must reflect the goals of the school, and stated the need for quality staff.

Ms. Benjamin commented on how pleasant and welcoming the school is. She also commented the progress of the 6 th grade students in math, which was attributed to the professional development and the math coach.

Dr. Pennell commented on the school's dedication to STEAM and offered her help to steer the school toward additional funding.

Mr. Lind recognized Mr. Jonathan Avilez who was selected to be a panelist at NBCs Education Nation.

Information, Procedural: 2. Request to Receive and Discuss the District's Strategic Plan - Blueprint for Student Success

Dr. Marston addressed the Board stating that there will be no action taken on this item until the Study Session on May 16th, 2013. She went on to state that there are 3 items on the agenda for that Study Session:

First, to look at real property which will be in Executive Session, second is to talk about goals of the Board, and the third is to determine when to have the override election, we do have to have it by next year.

Dr. Marston stated that she and Dr. Stark discussed how the 8 th grade scores throughout the district are not what we would like them to be. The 8th grades are underperforming. She proposes a Board Goal to have quadrant meetings, and invite the parents and students of 7th and 8th graders in those quadrants to talk about the importance of the 8th grade test scores and how the parents can support their students.

She wanted to bring this to the attention of the Board so they are ready for the discussion on the 16th. Sara Bresnahan and Sara Marcum reported on the strategic plan discussing the anchors, goals, vision, mission, and beliefs.

Mr. Lind explained the District Strategic Plan process, and outlined the employee input which focused on the common core, professional development, LOI, instructional leadership, technology tools, differentiated learning for all students, bully-free schools and communication.

Sara Marcum discussed the parent input; their focus was on communication and parent education. 252 parents participated.

Ms. Bresnahan complimented Ms. Marcum on her work with getting parents involved.

Dr. Roa asked Ms. Marcum to think about how she might change how she did the parent input for the strategic plan into maybe a more specific question around 8th grade student achievement in a quadrant type of format to present at the Study Session on May 16th, 2013.

Ms. Bresnahan reported on the business partner input which focused on affordable teacher housing, technology and connectivity in every home, parent education, and comprehensive, preventative healthcare.

In addition Ms. Bresnahan reported on the Connect2Compete program through Cox which would make connectivity available to our students in their homes.

Ms. Ann Newman, a representative from Cox further explained the program.

Action (Consent): 3. Request for Governing Board to Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Catholic Charities/Refugee Program and Phoenix Children's Hospital for the 2013-2014 School Year

Recommend approval of consent agenda

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Angel Pennell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

G. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

Information: 1. Request for Governing Board to Receive and Discuss Bell Schedules for 2013-2014 School Year

Ms. Christina Enright, Ms. Karen Bayless Feldman, Ms. Jessica Mitchell, Ms. Minerva Perez-Perez, Ms. Magdalena Weinkein, Ms. Sylvia Sanderson, Ms. Christie Haggerty, Ms. Krista Pacion, Ms. Danielle Perez and Mr. Justin Talbot-Stern, all parents with children at Faith spoke to item G 1 opposing the bell schedule. They all expressed concern as to whether their children would get enough rest or have adequate family time if they had to get up an hour early to adjust to the proposed schedule.

Dr. Marston asked Mr. Weeks if he would like to withdraw the item.

Dr. Roa stated this \$300,000.00 savings was included in the overall budget, and any alternate proposal must still include that savings for the budget to remain intact. which impact the teacher and staff salary increases.

Dr. Stark also stressed the need to see what the other schools think about this.

Mr. Weeks explained the process of how they came to the present proposal.

Dr. Jannasch-Pennell asked how this affects out of district students.

Dr. Roa stated that all of our schools have out of district students, an average 30% district wide.

After discussion it was decided to withdraw the item from the agenda. Mr. Weeks stated that since this issue was not discussed in depth at the previous site council meeting at Faith North, he would schedule another meeting and further discuss all that this plan entails, including the impact on Faith North as it compares to the rest of the schools in the District and bring the proposal back to the board on the May 23 rd, 2013 agenda.

Action: 2. Request for Governing Board to Approve the purchase of a 5 year warranty extension for each of the 12 district marquees

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

Action: 3. Request Approval of the Revised Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as Required by A.R.S. 15-905

Mr. Weeks recognized Janice Durham for her exceptional work with this project.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the revised FY 2012-2013 expenditure budget as required by A.R.S. 15-905.

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

Information: 4. Request for Governing Board to Receive and Discuss Heard Parking Lot and Turn Lane Improvements

Mr. Weeks explained the benefits of revamping the Heard parking lot costing \$154,000.
Ms. Benjamin asked for some clarification.

H. Board Reports and Requests


Information: 1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if Necessary)

Information: 2. Board Reports

I. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted by:

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phx. Elementary School District #1