

## Minutes of Governing Board Study Session Date May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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**Dr. Ruth Ann Marston** presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting in the Governing Board room at Emerson Court, 1817 N. Seventh Avenue, Phoenix , Arizona 85006

*Board Members present were:*

**Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, Mr. Doug Allsworth, Dr. Louisa Stark, Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell**

*Also present were:*

<b>Dr. Myriam Roa</b> Superintendent	<b>Mr. Tom Lind</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Mr. Larry Weeks</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Lillian Hameed</b> Board Secretary
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### **A. Study Session - 8:30 a.m.**

1. Call to order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

*Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.*

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell

### **B. Regular Session**

### **C. Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Administration recommends the approval of consent agenda*

*Motioned by Doug Allsworth, seconded by Louisa Stark.*

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

*Not Present at Vote: Susan Benjamin*

1. Request for Governing Board to approve out of district Travel
2. Request to approve issuance of Purchase Order to Chasse Building Team (TCPN Contract No. R-5048) for Heard Parking Lot and Turn Lane Improvements
3. Approval of Consent Agenda

*Dr. Marston requested the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 Board meeting be moved to Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Governing Board Room at 6:15 p.m. She further requested it be added to this Consent Agenda.*

### **D. Executive Session**

1. Receive and Discuss Possible Acquisition of Property for Future Expansion--§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.

*Not open to the public.*

*Dr. Marston called for a Motion to adjourn to Executive Session*

*Motioned by Doug Allsworth, Seconded by Dr. Stark*

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

*Not present at vote: Susan Benjamin*

*Meeting was adjourned to regular session at 9:25*

*Item taken out of order*

## **F. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent**

### **1. Request for Governing Board to Receive and Discuss the possibility of calling for a Special Maintenance and Operations Override Election**

*Mr. Weeks introduced Ms. Erika Miller from STIFEL who provided a power point presentation outlining the Phoenix Elementary School District #1 2013 Maintenance & Operation Override Election Information.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board receive and discuss the possibility of calling for a Special Maintenance and Operations Override Election to be held in and for the District.*

*Motioned by Doug Allsworth, seconded by Angel Pennell.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

*Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin (via conference call), Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark*

## **E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent**

### **1. Request to Receive and Discuss the District's Strategic Plan - Blueprint for Student Success, and Possible Action**

*Mr. Lind discussed an opportunity for the Board to provide feedback and input into the District's Strategic Plan.*

*Dr. Roa shared a resource, a publication titled, "Teaching Practices from America's Best Urban schools: a guide for school and classroom leaders": by Joseph F. Johnson, Jr. Mr. Johnson is also our consultant as part of a team from San Diego State University, and has been working with us for 4 years as part of National Center for Urban Schools Transformation (NCUST). She went on to state that principals involved in this program are using this resource as part of the discussion of the District's Strategic Plan.*

*Dr. Roa went on to express the importance of efficient, persistent and focused efforts to have teamwork at each of the sites to increase student achievement. A great feature of this book is that it breaks down "what something is" and "what it is not" in the context of the use of a common language regarding educational terms.*

*Dr. Roa further stated that although we have the three goals for culture for success, partners for success, and students for success, in the strategic plan, she wanted to talk to the Board about Board goals aligned with the strategic plan. She went on to share information from the Arizona School Board Association with possible training they might provide. She also provided samples of other school district's Board goals.*

*Dr. Roa stated that in a previous meeting it was discussed that one of the topics for a Board goal might center around making certain every child is prepared for high school, which is part of our Mission statement.*

*Dr. Marston stated that she would like follow up with that and model a Board goal, and suggested that other Board members might like to submit goals for discussion at the next Board meeting. She proposed that the Board take leadership in increasing the 8th grade test scores for the district. This might be accomplished by:*

- Inviting mentors from the high schools to join us at the first 4 Board meetings for the school year , and having those Board meetings at quadrant schools.*
- Inviting the parents and 7th and 8th grade students to join us at the Board meeting and take part in a Board discussion of the importance of getting those test scores up to increase student success in high school.*
- Interacting with the community*

*It was decided to make this one of the Board goals.*

*Dr. Jannasch-Pennell made the Motion that the Board will take leadership on the topic of increasing 8<sup>th</sup> grade academic skills, focusing on the culture of the district, increasing test scores, and communication with families and community members.*

*Motioned by Angel Pennell, seconded by Louisa Stark.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

*Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin (via conference call), Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark*


*Administration recommends that the Governing Board receive and discuss, with possible action, the District's Strategic Plan - Blueprint for Student Success.*

*This item will be attached to a Board update requesting Board members to submit goals for discussion at the Board meeting on May 29th, 2013*

## **G. Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Ann Marston". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1