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**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting  
August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**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

*Other board Members present were:*

**Mr. Doug Allsworth    Dr. Louisa Stark    Ms. Susan Benjamin    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. Regular Session - 6:15 p.m.**

1. Call to order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

*Meeting was called to order at 6:15*

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Jason Nelson

*Item taken out of order*

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

1. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss the Phoenix Elementary Standard Bus Specification

*Mr. Jason Nelson reported that he and his committee, which consisted of the Director of Transportation, Transportation Supervisor, Lead mechanic, Routing specialist and bus drivers, discussed the process involved in selecting the best option for the District's new busses. He further stated that they were meeting with the vendors and reviewing the quotes and will bring the results to the Governing Board for review at an upcoming meeting.*

*Mr. Weeks complimented the team, who came in on their own time, for their work on this project and their focus on the safety of our children.*

**B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for July 15, 2013
2. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$746,722.78 and Expense Vouchers \$1,227,809.66 in the total amount of \$1,974,532.44

3. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for June 2013
4. Request Approval to Receive Declaration of Emergency Procurement Written Statement

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board acknowledge receipt of the written statement documenting the basis of the emergency procurement at Kenilworth Elementary School.*

5. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
6. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
7. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
8. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences
9. Request Approval of the Agreement with Grand Canyon University for the Partners in Learning, Leading and Service (PLLS) Project for the 2013-2014 School Year
10. Request for Approval of Designated Administrators as Qualified Evaluators of Certificated Staff for the 2013-2014 School Year
11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

*Administration recommends approval of consent agenda with the addition of Denise McGloughlin to the MCESA PEER Evaluator list.*

*Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Doug Allsworth.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

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

*Item taken out of order*

## **G. Board Reports and Requests**

1. Discussion of the Collaboration Agreement between Phoenix Elementary and ASU Preparatory Academy

*Dr. Roa led the discussion regarding the financial portion of the partnership between Phoenix Elem. and ASU Prep.*

*Dr. Marston recommended charging \$1,000 dollars per student for the use of the facility as a more equitable collaboration.*

*Ms. Beatriz Rendon discussed the thousand dollar proposal and requested the Board consider the \$3 per square foot formula instead.*

*Board direction to Superintendent and Ms. Rendon was to continue working on a financial model that was equitable for both parties.*

*Item taken out of order*

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

### **2. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss the Faith North Montessori School Plan and Data Report**

*Ms. Susan Engdall presented the Faith North School Plan. She explained the differences between the conventional school environment and process with the Montessori Method of teaching. Ms. Engdall gave a brief history of Faith North Montessori, and then went on to discuss reading and math scores over the past 4 years charting impressive student growth.*

## **C. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Myriam M. Roa**

### **1. Award and Recognitions**

### **2. Announcements**

*Dr. Roa reported on Dr. Marston's visit to Lowell Elementary Schools' the 8th grade classrooms. This is part of the Board's goal to ensure 8<sup>th</sup> grade students make a smooth transition into high school by involving parents. Our next Governing Board Meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, will be held in the cafeteria at Herrera school, at 6:15. Mr. Lind introduced Mr. Sotomayor, principal at Herrera, and Ms. Sara Marcum to report on the outline of the plans for the meeting where our first parent discussion will occur concerning this goal.*

*Dr. Roa also recognized the Chinese Cultural summer camp, which took place during the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Dr. Marston and Mr. Lind attended the graduation.*

*Mr. Weeks celebrated the increased student enrollment, 7283 population, up 178.*

*Dr. Roa shared the Phoenix Elementary newsletter.*

*Mr. Lind spoke to the success of the professional development following convocation, and reported that additional professional development scheduled for the following day for the ELA and special area staff went very well also.*

*Dr. Roa reported that she, along with Dr. Rene Diaz, presented at the ASBA conference in Flagstaff concerning a report documenting the continued gap in achievement among minorities.*

*Mr. Lind introduced the MCESA PEER Evaluators.*

## **D. Community Communications**

### **1. Community Communications**

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

1. Request Approval of Revisions to Governing Board Policies GCJ, GCK, and GCO as a 1st Reading

*Mr. Lind spoke to item E1 discussing the impact the changes will have on the teachers.*

*Mr. Sotomayor reported on his discussion of the new policy with his staff. He stated that they were receptive regarding the refinement and reinforcement component of the process.*

*Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez spoke to the issue and stated that she felt reassured that staff will receive support throughout the process.*

*Mr. Lind would like to bring this back to the board as a second reading at the next Board Meeting.*

3. Request Approval of Award for Request for Proposal #001-1314 for Educational Consultant Services for Science, Assessment and Data Analysis, Math, Autism and Special Education/Student Services

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve award for Request for Proposal #001-1314 for Educational Consultant Services for Science, Assessment and Data Analysis, Math, Autism and Special Education/Student Services*

*Motion by Doug Allsworth, second by Susan Benjamin.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

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

## **G. Board Reports and Requests**

2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if Necessary)

3. Board Reports

## **H. Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm*

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, Phx. Elem. School Dist. #1