Minutes of Regular Public Meeting/Study Session/Executive Session
September 12th, 2013

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting at Kenilworth Elementary School in the auditorium, 1210 N. 5th Ave, Phoenix, Arizona, 85003

Other board Members present were:
Mr. Doug Allsworth       Dr. Louisa Stark     Ms. Susan Benjamin     Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell

Also present were:
Dr. Myriam Roa          Mr. Tom Lind        Mr. Larry Weeks       Lillian Hameed
Superintendent          Assistant Superintendent  Board                 Secretary

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

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 - 8th Grade Student

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sarah De Jesus, an 8th grade student at Kenilworth.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

B. Study Session

Ms. Sara Marcum coordinated the Governing Board’s second study session with parents of middle school students to discuss how to increase student success and ensure a smooth transition into high school. Parents from Kenilworth, Magnet, Heard, and Faith North were in attendance. Facilitators of the small groups included Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo, Dr. Gary Zehrbach, Ms. Sims, Ms. Laurie Nelson, Mr. Anthony Pietrangeli, Mr. Adrian Walker and Ms. Shayne Sotelo.

Ms. Marcum went on to announce a High School Event on November 6th, 2013 for 7th and 8th students and parents. This event will be held at Kenilworth school from 5 – 7 p.m., and will provide information regarding the requirements for high school graduation and services provided to help students succeed.

Ms. Marcum also discussed another resource, The American Dream Academy, whose goal is also to increase graduation rate among Arizona students.

She further provided information about the Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program, which is an outreach program to raise the educational and career aspirations of women.
D. Approval of Consent Agenda


2. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll $2,101,168.59 and Expense Vouchers $1,465,514.18 in the total amount of $3,566,709.77

3. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff

4. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position

5. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

6. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence

7. Request Approval of Designated MCESA Peer Evaluators as Qualified Evaluators of Certificated Staff for the 2013-2014 School Year

8. Request Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for July 2013

9. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants

10. Request Approval to Dispose of Damaged Various Furniture and Equipment


12. Request Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Greater Phoenix Education Management Council for 2013-2014

Action (Consent): 13. Request to Approve the Renewal Service Agreement with Arizona State University for American Dream Academy Parent Education Classes for the 2013-2014 School Year

14. Request for Approval to Submit the Refugee School Impact Grant Application to the Arizona Department of Economic Security
15. Request to Approve the Annual Declaration of Curriculum and Instructional Alignment to the Arizona Academic Standards as Required by the Arizona Department of Education

16. Request for Approval for Out of State Travel

17. Request Approval for Out of District/State Field Trip

18. Request to Approve Renewal Agreement with VHS Outpatient Clinics, Inc., for the School Based Health Clinic at Lowell School

19. Request to Renew Memorandum of Agreement with Women’s Health Coalition of Arizona for the 2013-2014 School Year

20. Request to Approve Renewal Memorandum of Understanding with Valley of the Sun United Way (VSUW) for the Destination Graduation Project at Dunbar and Heard Schools

21. Request Approval/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if needed)

22. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

There was some discussion concerning the consent agenda items. Recommend approval of consent agenda with noted additions.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

Item taken out of order

E. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Myriam M. Roa

1. Award and Recognitions

Mr. Weeks provided an update of Phoenix Elementary enrollment increase, up 110 students in k-8 over the 100th day from last year.

Dr. Roa also reported on a decrease in taxes in our district.

2. Announcements

Dr. Marston reported on a resource from homeland security called Operation Predator. This is an App that can be downloaded to your smart device which posts pictures of child sexual predators which may be a threat to our children.

F. Community Communications

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Ms. Rosalina Ramirez discussed a report on budget cuts to education by state for the years 2008 to 2014. Arizona was 17.2 percent lower in 2013 than in 2007-2008.
C. Executive Session

1. Receive and Discuss Possible Expansion of a School Campus
2. Discuss the Superintendent's Contract Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.1 and A.4

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Susan Benjamin
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

G. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

H. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

I. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if Necessary)
2. Board Reports

J. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

[Signature]
Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President, Phx. Elem. School Dist. #1