Minutes Governing Board Meeting
Notice of Public Meeting - Notice of Regular Session
Notice of Executive Session
Thursday, November 14, 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:
Dr. Myriam Roa
Superintendent
Mr. Tom Lind
Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Larry Weeks
Assistant Superintendent
Lillian Hameed
Board Secretary

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

1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

The meeting was called to order at 6:15

2. Pledge of Allegiance - ASU Performance Representative

The pledge of allegiance was led by Dawn Flores, an ASU Prep student, who is also their first student body president.

Ms. Ramsey, music teacher at ASU Prep, conducted the band in several selections. Students Taylor, Carmen and Anna were also featured with a vocal selection.

Item taken out of order

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for September 12, 2013, September 26, 2013, October 10, 2013 and October 24, 2013

2. Request Approval for the Governing Board Meeting Schedule for 2014

3. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll $2,248,624.31 and Expense Vouchers $690,047.00 in the total amount of $2,938,671.31

4. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants

5. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for September 2013
6. Request Approval for Issuance of Purchase Order to Clean Energy Constructors, LLC (TCPN Contract No. R5158) for the HVAC Coil Maintenance Program

7. Request Approval to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Substitute Teacher Placement Services

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

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

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

11. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences

12. Request for Approval to Pay Arizona Minimum Wage

13. Request for Governing Board to Approve Out of State Travel

14. Request Approval/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if necessary)

15. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Administration recommends approval of consent agenda.

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

Item taken out of order

G7. Request Approval of Non-Renewal of Administrative Contract of Melody Herne for the 2014-2015 School Year

Attorney advised the Board to move forward with this item.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the non-renewal of administrative contract of Melody Herne for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa announced the passing of the override by 62.02%! She also reported that the High School Parent night, hosted at Kentilworth school on November 6th, 2013 was a wonderful success. Mr. Lind went on to state that the parents were very grateful for the event. Many high schools, private, public and charier were represented by tables and parents were able to hear presentations and get information of the various choices for their students.

Dr. Roa also reported one of our own Phoenix Elementary School District Alumni, Nevan Madrid was recognized for semifinalist for National Merit Scholar Award (currently attending North High School, promoted from 8th grade at Magnet Traditional).
The district also recouped Classroom Site Fund (CSF) funding from the State in the amount of $423,000 to be disbursed and distributed to teachers in December payroll.

E. Community Communications
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Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez, representing PECTA stated that she is very proud of the District and congratulated the District for the success of the override.

F. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Governing Board to Approve the Gifted Education Scope and Sequence for Submission to the Arizona Department of Education as a First Reading

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue, which requires board approval before submitting to the Board of Education. Ms. Diane Wray, Dr. Landsdown, and Ms. Pamela Harris also spoke to the issue. Ms. Harris also reported that Dr. Richard Cash, who has served on the board of The National Association for Gifted Children, will present this coming Wednesday.

Ms. Benjamin inquired about the operation of Monterey Park. Ms. Harris explained the process. Dr. Stark stated that she is pleased with the speed with which the program has progressed. Dr. Pennell also congratulated them on their success.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Gifted Education Scope and Sequence for submission to the Arizona Department of Education.

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

2. Request for Governing Board to Hear Policy IHBB, Gifted and Talented Education, as a First Reading

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue, and presented as a first reading, with the plan to bring this item back later. No action taken.

3. Request for Governing Board to Accept Grant Awards from the Arizona Department of Education for the Character Education Grant and PBISaz Grant from NAU

Dr. Pennell recused herself from the Board panel for this item, and moved to sit with the audience.

Mr. Lind asked Ms. Diane Wray, and Ms. Nadine Gofonia to elaborate on the PBISaz grant. Mr. Tyson Kelly, principal at Lowell also spoke to the issue. Herrera, Shaw, Lowell, Emerson, Kenilworth, Dunbar and Bethune are all benefiting from this grant.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board accept grant awards from the Arizona Department Education for the Character Education and the PBISaz grant from NAU.

Motion by Doug Allsworth, second by Susan Benjamin.
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark
Not Present at Vote: Angel Pennell

4. Request for Governing Board to Accept Grant Award for the Comprehensive System of Professional Development (CSPD) Training Grant from the Arizona Department of Education.

Ms. Diane Wray and Ms. Nadine Gofonia discussed the item which will benefit Shaw, Emerson and Dunbar schools.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board accept the Comprehensive System of Professional Development Training Grant from the Arizona Department of Education for Dunbar, Emerson and Shaw Schools.

Motion by Doug Allsworth, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark
G. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of the Revised Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 as Required by A.R.S. 15-905

Mr. Larry Weeks discussed the 2014-15 revised budget. Changes involve classroom size fund, reducing the unrestricted capital budget with no changes to the M&O budget. He further stated that the $400,000 will also include monies for teachers.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the revised FY 2013-2014 expenditure budget as required by A.R.S. 15-905.

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

2. Request Approval of the Award of Request for Proposal #002-1314 for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Services to KOI Education.

Dr. Pennell recused herself from the Board panel for this item and moved to sit with the audience.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board Approve the Award of Request for Proposal #002-1314 for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Services to KOI Education.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Doug Allsworth.
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark
Not Present at Vote: Angel Pennell

3. Request Approval of the Lease Purchase of 10 New Thomas Built School Buses through Auto Safety Lease Purchase Total 5 Year Lease $1,325,867.79

Transportation team was present at meeting to celebrate the success of the process.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board Approve the Lease Purchase of 10 New Thomas Built School Buses through Auto Safety Lease Purchase Total 5 Year Lease $1,325,867.79

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

4. Request Approval to Hear Policies D2761 DJE and D2750 DJE-R as a First Reading

There was some discussion regarding this issue, first reading, no action taken.

Item taken out of order

B. Executive Session

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

Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:25

2. Discuss Interim Administrators for 2013-2014
3. Resume to Regular Board Meeting

Regular Session resumed at 7:55

5. Request Approval of Superintendent’s Performance Pay for 2012-2013

Administration recommends that the Governing Board Approve the Superintendent’s Performance Pay as outlined by the Superintendent.

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


Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Superintendent’s Performance Pay Plan for 2013-2014, with the changes suggested by the governing board.

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

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

2. Board Reports

I. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

[Signature]

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