Minutes of Governing Board Meeting - Notice of Public Meeting -- Notice of Regular Session -- Notice of Executive Session
(REVISED: December 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. - added statute reference to item B1)
Thursday, December 12, 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

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Megan Goodman

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by Megan Goodman, teacher at Heard Elementary Students

3. Holiday Musical Performance by Heard

Children from heard performed a wonderful vocal selection and a quite unexpected dance routine in which they managed to get the members of the Board and Cabinet to participate!

Item taken out of order

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa celebrated Magnet Traditional which is again an NCUST award finalist, this time going for the gold. She went on to congratulate Ms. Nicole Glasgow from Bethune, who finished her National Board Certification December 12th, 2013.

Dr. Roa presented Dr. Marston with the Arizona School Board Association Academy of Boardsmanship Award.

2. Announcements
Dr. Roa announced that this year's Holiday Potluck was a great success with the Staff of Emerson Court and Maintenance and Operations raising $1,161 for a family from Garfield with 7 children. She then complimented the staff for their outstanding generosity.

Ms. Belen Gonzalez, a parent of a student at Faith North and a Board member of the Phoenix 1 Foundation, presented a report on the accomplishments of the organization. The Phoenix 1 Foundation is a non-profit organization which supports students and families within the District. She reported that with the help of Dr. Roa and Dr. Rene Diaz they completed a half day strategic planning retreat this past June, at which they better aligned their goals with those of Phoenix Elementary School Dist. # 1’s overall strategic goals. She further stated that their focus areas would be on parent engagement and education, technology and cultural enrichment. She went on to explain that next year she would like to become even more involved in the Strategic Plan of PESD. She reported that they are very close to adding three new Board members to their organization, one of whom will be a representative who will help them run some special events, as well as a representative from COX Communications.

Dr. Pennell asked about additional activities of the organization. Dr. Roa reported that the organization received a grant from Chase Bank, which provided parent education classes at Lowell School, with classes in computer skills, citizenship classes, Spanish as a second language, and GED completion. Er. Roa also stated that a washer and dryer were purchased for Bethune school.

Ms. Gonzales further stated that one of the goals that was accomplished was outlining the job descriptions and responsibilities of the Board Members, as it is a working Board focusing on fundraising.

Dr. Marston reported on a possible school with a target on sports.

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for November 14, 2013

2. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll $6,435,926.65 and Expense Vouchers $1,986,253.25 in the total amount of $8,422,179.90

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

4. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants

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

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

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

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

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

10. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences

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

12. Request Approval of the Memorandum of Understandings with Playworks to Provide Services to Herrera, Shaw and Whittier Schools for the 2013-2014 School Year

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

Recommenda approval of consent agenda, with noted changes

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

Item taken out of order

B. Executive Session

1. Pursuant to A.R.S Section 38-461.03(A)(4) request approval to provide direction to the attorney of the public body regarding contract negotiations with Arizona State University Preparatory Academy, Inc. regarding a revised collaboration agreement.

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

Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:45 pm.

2. Resume Regular meeting

Regular meeting was resumed at 7:35 pm.

E. Community Communications

1. Community Communications

Rosalinda Ramirez, President of the PECTA, spoke about the $423,000.00 reconciliation amount due Phx. Elem. from the State. The amount is from 2008 to present and is not for the 301 bucket and the Board of Education has not stated how to distribute these funds. She spoke about the recession and salary cuts stating that although the salary cut was rectified she is asking the Budget Advisory Board to share these monies with the current certified staff.

Mr. Weeks commented on the $423,000, stating that indeed the current teachers will share in this money and the payoff is scheduled to be paid before Christmas this year.

Cobie Oja spoke regarding the Emergency Response Plan. She stated that one of the things that were covered in the workshop with ADE, is that in order to have a secure campus and school, the children needed to feel invested in their schools.

Mr. Weeks spoke to the great job that Cobie is doing with the savings of two million dollar equivalent over that past 4 years.

F. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Governing Board to Receive Policy IHBB, Gifted and Talented Education, as a Second Reading

Mr. Lind spoke to this issue.

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

2. Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the International Rescue Committee In Support of Services to Families and Students for the 2013-2014 School Year

Mr. Lind discussed this item. Sarah Sims, Coordinator of Special Populations, explained the differences in the definitions of immigrant children and youth and the definition of refugee children and youth.

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

3. Request Acceptance of Emergency Immigrant Grant from the Arizona Department of Education for $3800 to Support Literacy Programs for Immigrant Students in Grades K-2

Motion to accept by Susan Benjamin, 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 to Hear Policies D2761 DJE and D2750 DJE as a Second Reading

Mr. Weeks spoke to this issue.

Motion to approve by Doug Allsworth, second by Louisa Stark
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark, Not Present at Vote Angel Pennell

2. Request to Receive, Discuss and Take Possible Action on a Revised Collaboration Agreement with Arizona State University Preparatory Academy, Inc.

No motion was offered

3. Request Approval to Receive Information and Discuss Bonds

Mr. Weeks presented a power point presentation outlining the District’s Bond Update. He outlined possible plans for land acquisition, and various other projects.

Mr. Allsworth asked if we move forward with this plan, would we still have flexibility at a later date. With the answer being yes, the Board was in favor.

4. Request Approval of the Award of Request for Proposal #006-1314 for Substitute Teacher Placement Services to Teachers on Call, AZ

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue and stated that the retention of Phoenix Elem. retired teachers would be maintained.

Joyce Foster, the Senior Operations Support Manager of Teachers on Call, and Amelia Goudeau thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Motion to approve by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Doug Allsworth, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark, Not Present at Vote Angel Pennell
H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

Mr. Allsworth stated that his computer is in need of repair and is turning it in for repair.

Dr. Marston wished all a happy holiday and a prosperous new year.

2. Board Reports

I. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted by:

[Signature]

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