



Elementary School District #1

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## Minutes of Regular Public Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

**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:*

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| <b>Dr. Myriam Roa</b><br>Superintendent | <b>Mr. Tom Lind</b><br>Assistant<br>Superintendent | <b>Mr. Larry Weeks</b><br>Assistant<br>Superintendent | <b>Lillian Hameed</b><br>Board<br>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 - Anthony Parra

3. Nomination and Election of the Governing Board President

*Dr. Stark nominated Dr. Marston to serve as Board President.*

*Ms. Benjamin stated that as a Board, there should be a discussion about rotation of the office of Board President.*

*Dr. Marston stated that the issue could be placed on a future agenda for discussion.*

*Mr. Allsworth stated that he agreed with Ms. Benjamin that the Board President position should rotate. Mr. Allsworth stated that he is willing to put in the time commitment of Board President if Dr. Marston was ready to pass the reins to another member.*

*Dr. Stark stated that she probably could not have the total commitment that a Board Chair ought to have.*

*Dr. Pennell stated that the idea of rotation is a good idea for those who would like to take on the role.*

*With further discussion Mr. Allsworth stated that, although he was prepared to serve as Board President, he was willing to vote for Dr. Marston to continue as Board President for another year if that was her preference.*

*Dr. Marston stated that she would prefer to stay on for another year due to the projects that are currently underway that will take a tremendous amount of time. She feels she is in a better position to take that required time.*

*Dr. Marston was elected by unanimous vote.*

### **B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for December 12, 2013

2. Request for Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix and District for the Law-Related Education/School Safety Programs at Bethune, Heard, Herrera,
3. Request Approval for Out of State Travel
4. Request Approval for Out of State Field Trip
5. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$6,791,732.58 and Expense Vouchers \$2,198,287.66 in the total amount of \$8,990,020.24
6. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for October thru December 2013
7. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants
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 Approval of the Agreement with Teach For America, Inc. for the 2014-2015 School Year
13. Request Approval of the Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement Between Grand Canyon
14. Request Approval to add Professional Development Stipend to the Professional/Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans for the 2013-2014 School Year
15. Request Approval/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if necessary)
16. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

*Recommend approval of consent agenda*

*Motion to approve by Doug Allsworth, second by Angel Pennell*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

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

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

### **1. Awards and Recognitions**

*Dr. Roa reported that she was requested to present at a conference in Georgia for the National Educational Technology Group.*

*Dr. Roa reported that we are up in enrollment on our 100th day.*

*Dr. Roa announced the winners of the District Spelling Bee which was held, Jan. 23, 2014 in the Governing Board Room. The winner is Ana Perez, an Edison 6<sup>th</sup> grader, first runner up is Savannah Turley, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Faith North, and second runner up is Kate Salazar, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Edison. They will go on to compete in the Region 3 Bee on Friday, Feb. 21st, 2014 at the Sevilla School Multi-purpose room, 3801 W Missouri, 9:30 am.*

*Mr. Weeks presented Mr. Anthony Parra a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding community service. One of the things that prompted this award is his response to an incident that occurred on New Year's Eve. The home of the mother of an employee was burglarized. Mr. Parra assisted this family on that evening, although he did not know them personally, and helped to move their belongings to a secure location.*

*Mr. Parra spoke briefly commenting on how much he appreciates this District and stated that he simply modeled the behavior of the District itself with the kindness and concern it shows its employees*

## **2. Announcements**

*Mr. Lind reported on the after school sports program, noting Edison, Lowell, Emerson and Faith North girls' volleyball team made it to the final four in the volleyball championship and Edison and Emerson made it to the finals with Edison being the Champion.*

*We began the afterschool sports season with boys' basketball. Faith North and Kenilworth made it to the final two with Faith North being the victor.*

*Co-ed soccer is scheduled to begin soon and we will finish the year with slow pitch softball.*

*He further reported on the success of the professional development which was offered on Jan. 6th, 2014.*

*Mr. Lind also reported that the District has received notification from the ADE (Arizona Dept. Of Education) that our Cycle 5 monitoring instrument has been accepted. The purpose of Cycle 5 monitoring was to review and submit the District's Gifted Education Scope and Sequence documentation.*

*Dr. Roa reported that she attended the Dr. Martin Luther King art exhibit at the State Capitol, at which Phoenix Elem. Students presented some live performances from different schools which included some wonderful cultural dances.*

*Dr. Roa stated that the number of teacher observations has been reduced from 5 to 4 taking effect this year and was very well received.*

*Dr. Roa also acknowledged and complimented the student artwork which is currently displayed in the board room.*

## **D. Community Communications**

### **1. Community Communications**

*Ms. Ramirez, as PECTA President, thanked the Board for the reduction in observations. She went on to thank Mr. Anthony Parra for his help on New Year's Eve as she was the person whose mother's home was burglarized.*

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

### **1. Request Approval to Adopt the 180 Student Day and 195 Student Day Calendars and Early Release Wednesday Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year**

*Mr. Lind spoke to the issue and introduced the committee members present at the meeting:*

- *Delphina Avila, IEIS at Garfield*
- *Anita Crider, music teacher at Garfield*
- *Pamela Harris, Gifted education coordinator, at Monterey Park,*
- *Denise McGloughlin, MCESA field specialist,*
- *Jason Nelson, from M&O transportation*

- *Cynthia Wingfield, Instructional Coach from Shaw*
- *Perry Young, Instructional Assistant at Shaw and also a representative from ESPA*

*Mr. Lind stated that the committee came together and worked diligently on the calendar making certain to seek parent input.*

*Mr. Allsworth stated that he has been contacted by parents regarding the earlier start to the school year, suggesting an August start date and asking if the committee would be comfortable with that change.*

*Ms. Benjamin spoke to the fall break days in October. Mr. Lind stated that parents favor the fall and spring break as scheduled.*

*Dr. Stark spoke to the half day/parent teacher days in relation to our PEER program perhaps being a tool to help with the childcare issues, and requested a report on how PEER operates.*

*Dr. Marston suggested that this item be deferred until the first Board meeting in February, and thanked the committee for presenting the draft early enough so needed changes can be made.*

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

### **1. Request to Approve Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of School Facilities Board Building Renewal Grant Funding for Herrera Sewer Line and Issue Purchase Order to Specialized Plumbing**

*Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue and congratulated Mr. Terry Crosier and Mr. Karl Truscott for their expertise in persuading the School Facilities Board to contribute \$63,000 to this project. He further stated that the project is expected to be completed in near June 2014.*

***Motion to approve 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 Approval to Receive and Discuss an Update of the Emergency Response Plan**

*Mr. Weeks spoke to this issue and introduced the Emergency Response Team, Mr. Terry Crosier, Ms. Magda Nunez and Ms. Cobie Oja who presented a report on the Emergency Response Plan.*

*Diane Wray reported on a possible grant opportunity.*

### **3. Request Approval to Consider, Amend if Desired, and, if Deemed Appropriate, Act on a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Bonds of the District and Certificates of Ownership of Supplemental Interest Payments Pertaining to the Bonds**

*Mr. Weeks introduced Mr. Bob Cassias and Ms. Erika Miller from STIFEL and Ms. Sarah Smith from Gust Rosenfeld's law firm who were present for questions on this item.*

***Motion to approve by Doug Allsworth, second by Angel Pennell***

***Final Resolution: Motion Carries***

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

### **4. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss Construction Projects**

*Mr. Weeks spoke to the planned construction projects, some of which include bringing the Ann Ott facility up to code, the installation of a parking lot exit and remodel of the office at Bethune, replace skylights at Capitol, replacing the canopy shades at Edison, office remodel and the replacement of air conditioner rooftop units at Lowell, Heard shade replacement and Herrera office remodel.*

*Dr. Marston wants clarification on how these projects fit in the overall budget, with more precise discussion on individual projects.*

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

### **1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)**

*Ms. Benjamin requested another update for Move on when Reading.*

*Ms. Benjamin further requested information regarding Professional development with teachers and principals as it pertains to engagement, because engagement is an area of growth within the LOI.*

*Dr. Roa clarified that the professional development days are not half days, and would rather call them early release days, as the students leave only 1 to 2 hours early.*

*Dr. Pennell asks for a report which outlines the available resources for children during the summer.*

*Dr. Stark spoke to the gifted program at Kenilworth and wanted to know if it was possible to expand that program to other schools.*

*Dr. Marston asked how the information regarding the Emergency Response plan will be shared. Mr. Weeks stated that the Emergency Response Plan Draft is available on an intranet page, under Cobie's energy management section, and would share a link to make it more easily accessible.*

*Dr. Pennell asked how training will be facilitated. Mr. Weeks stated that the Police and other proper authorities will do this training.*

### **2. Board Reports**

## **H. Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phx. Elem. School Dist. #1