

**Minutes of Governing Board Meeting
Regular Public Meeting
Thursday, March 27th, 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 Mrs. 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
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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 - Dr. Gary Zehrbach

Dr. Zehrbach led the meeting in the pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for February 27, 2014

2. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$2,070,469.19 and Expense Vouchers \$705,630.81 in the total amount of \$2,776,100.00

3. Request Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for February 2014

4. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants

5. Request Approval to Dispose of Furniture and Equipment

6. Request Approval for Out of State Travel

7. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trips

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 of Non-Renewal of Retired Teachers Who are Working in the District as Retirees
13. Request Approval to add Core Content District Lead (Social Studies) Stipend to the Professional/Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans for the 2013-2014 School Year
14. Request Approval/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if necessary)
15. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of consent agenda

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark
Motion passed 4-0
Not Present at Vote: Doug Allsworth*

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa recognized the District Soccer champions, The Lowell Tigers! First runner up is the Edison Estella's.

Dr. Roa also congratulated the Instrumental Music Honor Festival held at Herrera which featured the Dolce Orchestra, presenting Music from the 18th Century, the Prelude Band, presenting music from the 19th Century, and the Presto Band, who performed music from the 20th century. They all performed admirably.

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa gave an update on the PEER spring break activities, beginning with the Magnet builder's club camp, with approximately 150 students in attendance for the week, and the Edison Zoo mania Camp at which there was a petting zoo on location. They also visited the wildlife World Zoo with average enrollment at 170 students. Mr. Lind presented pictures of the activities.

Dr. Roa also announced the Salon Des Enfants, the 21st annual spring art exhibition of the work of Phoenix Elementary School District #1, which will be held April 4 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Alwun House, 1204 E. Roosevelt. All artwork will be for sale with the monies going directly to the students.

Dr. Stark stated that she is delighted to see all the arts and sports programs within our district as it is a valuable part of education and student development.

Dr. Marston asked about the beautiful display in the Board Room. Mr. Jason Hammond shared that Phoenix Elementary hosted a luncheon for the Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association, where there were approximately 75 human resource directors from across the state in attendance. Our 1st and 2nd grade Ballet Folklorico students from Kenilworth, Herrera's Junior High Orchestra, under the instruction of Amanda Broderick, all performed at the luncheon. Those pieces of art, created by students from each of our schools, were used as centerpieces.

Mr. Hammond also announced that he was appointed by the executive committee of the Association to be the secretary beginning in July for the statewide personnel administrators Association.

Mr. Hammond further commented on Phoenix Elementary promotional posters and showed the new recruitment video.

Mrs. Benjamin complimented the recruitment video commenting on how professional and well done it was and thanked Mr. Hammond for all his hard work.

Dr. Pennell asked how and where the district is distributing the recruitment video to get the word out to new teachers.

Mr. Hammond stated that he and the Human Resources Department have been contacting every college of education throughout the country, and getting on their job posting sites and taking the necessary steps to contact graduating teachers. He is also checking with AMC and Harkins movie theaters to have our recruitment video shown before movie presentations.

Dr. Marston suggested channel 11, stating that the local channel is often watched by those searching for information about what our city has to offer.

D. Community Communications

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Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez reported on the Cat in the Hat/Read across America event, which took place between February 26th and March 3. She also shared a video of our children with guest readers who participated at the event.

Dr. Pennell stated that she spoke briefly with Dr. Tim Ogle, Executive Director of ASBA, who stated that it was quite a wonderful event and would like to be invited back.

Giselle Sanchez-Rivera, a student from Kenilworth school, asked the Board to approve a field trip to the Heard Museum. Dr. Roa stated that she would follow up and resolve this matter.

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request to Receive and Discuss an Assessment and Accountability Update

Mr. Lind introduced Ms. Kathi Marston who presented an Assessment and Accountability update. She outlined the calendar for Galileo, AIMSweb Reading, and MCESA pre-post testing for group B teachers. and PARCC Field tests.

She presented an overview of the data in reading and math, and presented a school by school comparison chart for B2 and B3 mapping student progress in comparison to percentages from last year.

Overall for the benchmarks achievement is up 7% from last year (applause)!

Mr. Lind thanked Ms. Marston and her team for the management of the many Assessment calendars this year which are quite extensive.

2. Request to Receive and Discuss a Move on When Reading Update

Dr. Zehrbach presented a report on Move on When Reading, and reported on the status of our district in regards to that law. Dr. Zehrbach stated that the State allows for 2 exemptions, and explained what those exemptions are and how the determination is made.

Dr. Zehrbach wanted to celebrate that our number of non-exempt students at risk has been decreased from 84 to 51, which represents the decrease from 17% to 13%.

Mrs. Benjamin asked how attendance affects the progress. Dr. Zehrbach stated he would be happy to provide that data. Mr. Lind stated that they have added attendance as a component in all the data reports to detect if attendance may be the reason a student is approaching or falling far below.

Mr. Allsworth asked about the exemption process, and how we are making certain students are not being socially promoted when they are not ready. Dr. Roa stated that when we are audited, each student that had an exemption and promoted through to fourth grade will be examined to make sure we followed through with the process.

Dr. Zehrbach then announced an AIMS motivation tool using pencils and bracelets that say "Let's rock this test" to be distributed to 3rd grade students to encourage them. He further explained what happens when a child does receive a 3rd grade reading score of Falls Far Below (FFB.) Options include; summer school, new reading teacher and additional tutoring before, during or after the regular school day.

Mr. Lind clarified, that it is actually the State Board of Education that has responsibility for Move on When Reading, not the Arizona Department of Education.

Summer school was discussed as an effective option for those students who are FFB. Guidelines require the student attend a specific amount of time and take a pre-post exam that shows sufficient progress, with parent communication and teacher selection being critical. He went on to explain how the summer school test will be structured, outlining how they will target what the students actually need to succeed.

Dr. Marston asked how many of the 51 at risk students attend PEER. Dr. Zehrbach will provide that information at a later date.

Mr. Lind pointed out that testing for summer school can start shortly after AIMS to intervene as soon as possible.

Dr. Pennell asked how parents are informed that their children need to attend summer school and enlist their help to make sure their students attend. Dr. Zehrbach stated that this was addressed at a recent meeting with principals and he will bring information regarding this at a later date.

3. Request to Receive and Discuss the English Language Arts Adoption Update

Ms. Kim Hertzog reported that PEER and summer school is at Heard and Shaw this year and is always at the same location to minimize transportation issues. There will also be a Summer school coordinator at each site to oversee the program. Summer school starts May 27, 2014 and lasts 3 weeks.

Mr. Lind addressed the 14 day summer school issue stating that the decision was made because of the challenges with the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Hertzog then discussed the ELA Leadership Team projected phase 2, and outlined the steps involved which began with a call for committee which will be responsible for all aspects of the ELA adoption process, and explained that the focus for Phase 2 would be k-3 guided reading, and 4-8 explicit writing instruction and 7-8 social studies and ELA.

She then discussed the components of phase 1 which emphasized structure, phonics, shared reading (toolkit) and various forms of text as it relates to specific grades.

Ms. Hertzog also discussed what instructional materials the committed intends to recommend for Board approval. When they are selected they will be on display in April or May for 60 days for the Board to examine before they are brought forth for approval.

Dr. Roa asked about competitive grants from the Department of Education. Mr. Lind reported that we have been notified that seven of our schools are eligible for Title 1 money. Mr. Lind explained that the Blended learning grant would allow us to provide school wide site licenses to for tools to support Language Arts.

Dr. Zehrbach celebrated Ms. Marston as well as Ms. Hertzog for her curriculum development which is exactly on point.

Dr. Marston requested a report on the possible progress of 8th grade scores.

F. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval of Issuance of Contracts and Work Agreements for the 2014-2015 School Year

Motion to approve item F1 by Doug Allsworth, second by Angel Pennell

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)


It was brought to the attention of the Board that family graduations and an out of state conference create a conflict on the board meeting for May 22nd which may require we cancel the meeting.

2. Board Reports

H. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

 X Ruth Ann Marston

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

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