Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
September 11, 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:
Dr. Louisa Stark  Mrs. Susan Benjamin  Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell Jannasch-Pennell

Also present were:
Dr. Myriam Roa  Mr. Tom Lind  Mr. Larry Weeks  Monica Ortiz
Superintendent  Assistant  Superintendent  Board

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

1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Meeting was called to order at 6:28 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Gail LaGrander

Gail LaGrander led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for August 14, 2014

2. Request Approval for Out of State Travel

3. Request Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix and District for the Law-Related Education/School Safety Programs at Bethune, Garfield, Heard, Herrera, Kenilworth, Lowell, Shaw and Whittier Schools for the 2014-2015 School Year
4. Request Approval of Renewal Agreement with Blueprint Education for Educational Services for Students Attending the Kids at Hope Academy for the 2014-2015 School Year

5. Request Approval of the Lease Agreement renewal with BluePrint Education for the 2014-2015 School Year

6. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll $2,102,311.96 and Expense Vouchers $3,920,921.61 in the total amount of $6,023,233.57

7. Request Approval to Approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Company (National IPA)

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/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if necessary)

13. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

*Administration recommended approval of consent agenda*

*Motion to approve the consent agenda by Susan Benjamin, second by Angel Pennell*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

*Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark*
C. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Myriam M. Roa

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Myriam introduced a video from ABC 15 News showing Bethune Elementary School receiving an award of $90K from the Fiesta Bowl Charities. Bethune got recognized for their participation in the Playworks program. Fiesta Bowl Charities also donated some footballs.

Star Award: Jason Hammond recognized the winners Robert Mead Jr. from Plant Services, and Margaret Duchard from Child Nutrition for receiving the Star Award for the month of August.

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa welcomed our newest board member, Daniil Gunitskiy whose term is effective January 2015

Dr. Roa mentioned she received a letter from MCESA regarding the cancelled election. It stated that they recommended to the County Board of Supervisors to cancel the Phoenix District School Board election and proclaimed that Daniil Gunitskiy and Ruth Ann Marston are appointed as PESD’s board members effective January 2015. It is a cost savings of $10,849.50 to the District for not having to have an election in the ballot.

Dr. Roa gave an update from our partnership with Maricopa County for our teacher and principal evaluation system. She stated we are in the midst of checking all the school’s team rosters to make sure all teachers’ information for their scores for their evaluations are entered and distributed properly. All principals and evaluators entered the 13-14 data in the correct place.

Dr. Roa mentioned that the MCESA peer evaluators facilitated a voluntary district wide professional development. She spoke to the issue.

D. Community Communications

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Rosalinda Ramirez, President of the Teachers Association, expressed her gratitude to the Governing Board and felt special she was invited to the MCESA symposium. She picked up very valuable information there. Ms. Ramirez also thanked Gail LaGrander because she was able to obtain the headsets for translating at
Curriculum Night for our interim principal. Dr. Marston said she really appreciates having her there.

Dr. Marston allowed Daniil Gunitskiy, our new board member to speak about his new role. He said it has been very humbling and is excited to do great things in this District.

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Governing Board to Receive and Discuss the District’s Initiative to Support Eighth Grade Students and their Families as Students are Promoted to High School

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue regarding the transition to High School and referenced two items of correspondence. Some team members gave a presentation and closed with a short video from students including Fernando, a former Dunbar student who spoke during his freshmen year while attending Central High School who is ranked #56 in his class.

Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell recognized her appreciation for the video and the depth of info in the handouts. She acknowledged the principals from Heard and Dunbar and said she was really impressed.

Mrs. Benjamin wanted to comment on the yearlong checklist for 8th grade and said she was quite taken on the layout and the planning for the 8th graders and said it’s a building block of a thoughtful process from everyone.

Dr. Stark was impressed and has been advocating for this process and truly appreciates it.

Dr. Roa thanked the Governing Board for their leadership and making it their priority.

2. Request for Governing Board to adopt Policies IKA, IKAB, and IKACA

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board adopt Policies IKA, IKAB, and IKACA.
Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

F. Board Reports and Requests

1. Request Approval to Discuss with possible action the Governing Board Calendar

Dr. Marston and the Governing Board discussed 3 possible changes to the Board Calendar; new time, elimination of one or more of the board meetings, and a possible need to make up the flood day.

Rosalinda Ramirez, President of PECTA, spoke on behalf of the teachers on what may or may not work.

It was decided that Dr. Roa will create a hybrid schedule that will start the beginning of January, and due to the fall break the October 9th board meeting will be canceled. Dr. Roa also stated that we do not need to make up the flood day and Mr. Lind spoke about the hours needed in a calendar year. He said that we are exceeding the limit required by law, and therefore, we are in compliant.

2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

3. Board Reports

G. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President, Phx. Elem. School Dist. #1