



**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting  
February 26, 2015**

**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. Daniil Gunitskiy   Dr. Louisa Stark   Mrs. Susan Benjamin   Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell**

*Also present were:*

<b>Dr. Myriam Roa</b> Superintendent	<b>Mr. Tom Lind</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Mr. Larry Weeks</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Jovanny Vasquez</b> Board Secretary
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**A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m**

1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

*Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM*

2. Pledge of Allegiance by Capitol Students

**B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Request Approval of Out of District Field Trips

2. Request Approval of Out of State Travel

3. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$2,154,924.54 and Expense Vouchers \$709,605.08 in the total amount of \$2,864,529.62

4. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants

5. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds through January 2015

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

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

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

9. Request for Approval of Non-Renewal of Retired Teachers Who are Working in the District as Retirees

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

11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

*Recommend approval of consent agenda*

**Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

**Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark, Angel Pennell**

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

2. Announcements

*Dr. Roa spoke about the March Read Across America program*

### **D. Executive Session**

### **E. Community Communications**

1. Community Communications

*Joseph Fuentes, a 4th grade Teacher at Garfield spoke about having to teach too many kids; that teachers have left because of the poor pay. Mr. Fuentes also expressed his love for teaching and asked that we as a district ask the community to help better support our children's education.*

*Ginger Baron, a teacher at Lowell spoke about how very blessed she is to work with the children in our district; and expressed concern about low staff morale. Ms. Baron stated we made a mistake with going on with the Maricopa County Educational Services Agency (MCESA) teacher evaluation system. Ms. Baron informed the Governing Board that the pressure on teachers by MCESA is creating negative morale and that the MCESA system needs to be evaluated.*

*Paula Craig, a teacher at Shaw came to thank the Governing Board for the support and approval of the Montessori School out of state Professional Development.*

*Rosalinda Ramirez expressed gratitude to Dr. Roa for informing the staff about legislative updates and understands how hard everyone is working to fight back with legislature. Ms. Ramirez also gave thanks to Sara Bresnahan for the help with Read Across America program.*

*Dr. Marston thanked Rosalinda for her help.*

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

1. Request for Governing Board to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Wesley Community Center as a Provider of ESL Classes for Parents

*Mr. Lind spoke to the issue and informed the governing Board that ESL Classes will soon be provided for the parents in our community at the Wesley Community Center.*

*Mrs. Susan Benjamin said it was a wonderful idea.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Wesley Community Center as a provider of ESL classes for parents during the 2014-2015 school year.*

**Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Susan Benjamin.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

**Not Present at Vote: Daniil Gunitskiy**

2. Request for Governing Board to Approve the District's 8th Grade Promotion Certificate

*Mr. Lind spoke about the issue and did not need a motion for it was only brought up for discussion at this point*

3. Receive and Discuss the Preschool Report

*Susan Engdall presented a power point about Faith North Montessori schooling.*

*Ms. Garthanne de Ocampo and Mr. Tom Lind presented a power point about the preschool programs at Phoenix Elementary School District.*

*Mr. Lind spoke to the issue about preschool enrollment and its funding.*

*Dr. Pennell asked if the preschool teachers are being evaluated with LOI as well.*

*Mrs. De Ocampo answered yes.*

*Dr. Stark thanked the team for their presentation.*

*Ms. Benjamin thanked Ms. de Ocampo and said she was impressed with the pacing guides and had a comment about the retention of the student's in preschool programs. Ms. Benjamin also asked why more Faith North students were leaving how many students are actually from our district, and how many are out of district.*

*Ms. Engdall and Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.*

#### 4. Receive and Discuss the Sports and Wellness Expansion

*Dr. Rene Diaz presented a power point about the Sport, Fitness & Wellness Expansion Project along with his team members Curtis Johnson, Gail LaGrander, Sara Bresnahan, Gary Zehrbach, Tom Lind and Dr. Roa.*

*Dr. Diaz explained that the goal of the sports expansion project was to reach out and connect the youth of our District through collaboration with organizations that will engage students. He also added that the future of our city is dependent on connected education, healthy, and engaged citizens and leaders in Phoenix.*

*Dr. Roa said that it is important to promote the sport and wellness expansion to our students in Phoenix and to keep them motivated in school.*

*Mr. Gunitskiy congratulated Dr. Diaz on his presentation.*

*Mrs. Benjamin added that it was wonderful and applauded the sports and wellness team.*

*Dr. Stark said it looked like it was going to be a wonderful program.*

*Dr. Pennell applauded the great work done by the sports and wellness committee and asked about where the money for the funding to this program was going to come from to which Dr. Diaz said it would come from the community and asked for the support of the Governing Board to share contacts who are willing to donate to fund the programs*

*Tom Lind also informed everyone about the district track meet being held at North High School.*

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

##### 1. Receive and Discuss Budget Issues

*Mr. Weeks spoke about the issue and presented a power point to update on the legislative proposed cuts. Mr. Weeks also spoke about what percentages the governor wanted to cut from our school district which included a cut of 2% from the operating budget or the overall budget for four years that's an 8% cut, that's seven hundred thousand dollars taken away from our school district.*

*Dr. Marston asked Mr. Weeks to explain what McKinney-Vento is, to which he explained that it is a mandate that requires us to help the homeless students with transportation to our school district if they move away. Mr. Weeks explained that we get a \$23,000 for this program making it basically an unfunded mandate.*

*Mr. Weeks informed the Governing Board that with all these potential cuts there would be a total of 3.4million dollars in loss for the District. Mr. Weeks informed, the good news is we were up 84 students on the 100th day.*

*Mr. Week also spoke about the Preliminary Budget Advisory Committee's suggestions for the proposed budget. He stated that he wanted to have the Revised Budget ready by May 15<sup>th</sup> and the proposed Budget by June and adopt the Budget July 15*

*Dr. Marston asked about having a set teacher budget for the upcoming school year*

*Mrs. Susan Benjamin spoke to the issue and about the transportation.*

*Dr. Pennell spoke to the issue.*

*Dr. Louisa Stark asked about quadrant 7/8 schooling suggestion in the presentation...why consider going back to k-?*

*Mr. Weeks and Ms. Ramirez explained why they suggested quadrant schooling; hard to fill middle school positions.*

*Mr. Gunitskiy thanked the team and asked about how it would boost staff morale and to keep staff updated at all times.*

## **H. Board Reports and Requests**

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

*Dr. Stark spoke about the bill... which would allow any business within 300 feet away from school to sell alcohol. Dr. Stark explained that this can be a danger to our schools due to crimes caused by the sale of alcohol near schools.*

*Dr. Stark suggested the district write a letter to President of Senate here in Arizona letting him know that we are against this bill.*

*Dr. Pennell would like to see the language of the bill first before sending a letter to the President of the Senate.*

*The Governing Board has recommended that we file a protest with the FAA about the new flight pattern.*

### **2. Board Reports**

*Dr. Marston reported that they plan to attend the Leader's luncheon next week.*

*Mrs. Benjamin reported about the rally next Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**I. Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted

X *Ruth Ann Marston*

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1