



**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
March 12, 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

Board Members not present: Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell

Also present were:

Dr. Myriam Roa
Superintendent

Mr. Tom Lind
Assistant
Superintendent

Mr. Larry Weeks
Assistant
Superintendent

Jovanny Vasquez
Board
Secretary

A. Regular Session - a.m.

1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

2. *Pledge of Allegiance - Rosalinda Ramirez*

Rosalinda Ramirez led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for November 13, 2014 and December 11, 2014

2. Request Approval for Out of State Travel

Resolution: Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve out of state travel.

3. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trips

4. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$2,122,178.45 and Expense Vouchers \$1,148,249.61 in the total amount of \$3,270,428.06

5. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds through February 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 Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences

Resolution: Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the request for Uncompensated Leave of Absences.

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

Recommend approval of consent agenda

11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Resolution: Recommend approval of consent agenda

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Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Myriam M. Roa congratulated Magnet Traditional for being outstanding ambassadors to celebrate Phoenix AZ and Taipei Taiwan 36th anniversary at the Arizona State Capitol Museum on March 10th

Dr. Roa also informed the Governing Board about the very successful Read Across America program and how we had the Cat in the Hat suit delivered at many sites as part of the program.

Mr. Tom Lind stated the District track meet which was held over at North High school track field in February for our 5th and 6th graders

Mr. Lind shared his experience at the Instrumental Music Festival held on March 12th at Herrera School. He "said it was a note perfect performance".

Dr. Roa recognized Bethune, Whittier and Lowell for being awarded the Positive Behavioral Intervention Support Arizona Achievement Award.

Dr. Roa recognized Tom Lind's participation in a discussion panel about Digital Curriculum; she spoke about how the learning council was very happy to have his participation; they thought his passion was admirable and his topics were inspiring.

Dr. Myriam M. Roa recognized the staff that attended and presented at the BET-C conference. The staff members presented how to grow a Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) program from the ground up. She thanked those staff members for attending and let them know that they would be receiving certificates of appreciation. Those present were Diane Wray, Lucia Raz, Kevin Sotomayor, Loraine Conley, Sharon Carpenter, Jaclyn Parkes, Meleika Wadley, Pam Harris and Tom Lind.

Mrs. Susan Benjamin shared her experience in implementing PBIS and was very excited to be involved in the group. She also explained how much she learned about the system used for PBIS and ended with saying it was just a wonderful experience.

Mr. Lind added that during the conference there was a film festival being hosted and our own Shaw School was an award winner with a film showing the Do's and Don'ts of PBIS and finished with saying it was just priceless.

2. Announcements

Dr. Myriam M. Roa reminded the Governing Board about the Sci-Tech festival from 2-5pm Friday March 13th, 2015 at Heard school.

Dr. Roa announced how much was raised with the 2014 Tax Credit contribution efforts showed a district wide total of \$195,000.

Dr. Roa announced the 22nd Annual Salon Des Enfants District art show will be displayed at the Alwun House on Friday March 27th.

Dr. Roa informed the Governing Board about the MCESA waiver which required to show that we are in compliance.

D. Community Communications

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John Kain thanked the Governing Board for the chance to be able to speak to them and talked briefly about the technology assessment. Mr. Kain agreed that the district has great need for improvement but he believes technology needs to be part of the curriculum. Mr. Kain gave the statistics as to how many training classes are given to certified and support staff throughout the school years since 2009.

Dr. Marston asked if John Kain could organize a way to get technology information out to the employees for their needs.

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Receive and Discuss the SEED Grant - An NBCT Project of the Arizona K12 Center

Tom Informed the Governing Board about the SEED Grant (Supporting Effective Educator Development) presented by Arizona K-12 Center. It is a 1.5 million 2 year grant for the term of 2014-2016 it is to encourage Arizona educators to finish their national board certification. The grant pays for Professional Development and allows the Arizona K12 Center to compensate teachers for their participation.

Mrs. Benjamin asked if there was a stipend for teachers once they are national board certified to which Tom replied that there is and he also informed her that we have several teachers that are nationally certified. Mrs. Susan Benjamin asked him to get exact number of teachers we have that are nationally certified.

F. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Budget and Legislative Update

Mr. Weeks presented a power point presentation called the "Bucket Presentation", the goal of the presentation was to understand what the buckets represent and what they are used for. He spoke about the use of the Maintenance and Operations funds, Capital funds, Federal and State funds. He informed the Governing board on how the money from these funds are being spent

Mr. Weeks discussed the student enrollment figures and informed the Governing Board that we were up in enrollment one year and down the next. Mr. Weeks then explained to the Governing Board where preliminary reductions might be considered; reduce Capital Expenditure by 450,000, Carpeting 100,000, Playground upgrades 170,000, Basketball court repairs, 60,000, Electrical upgrades 33,000, Asphalt seal coat 87,000, Reduce M&O expenditures by 450,000 and to possibly freeze existing vacant positions.

Dr. Louisa Stark asked Mr. Weeks what it means when he says freezing vacancies, what does it entitle, and does this mean you will stop hiring teachers? Mr. Weeks replied the suggestion was to freeze support staff vacancies. Dr. Stark also asked if they plan to start charging for morning PEER or to just eliminate it. Mr. Weeks replied he doesn't want to eliminate it, but they have to look into its funding because PEER and the district Sports programs are both using the same funds. Dr. Stark asked if Mr. Weeks could bring an update on how it will work to keep morning PEER.

Dr. Marston Spoke to the issue.

Dr. Roa commended the budget committee for their hard work with looking at the values of our programs and ranking them to see which they felt were valuable and essential. Dr. Roa concluded saying that they want to make sure to keep the Governing Board well informed and involved in any suggested program changes and elimination for their final approval.

Dr. Stark expressed her concerns about eliminating cross guard positions and added with how very important they are.

Mrs. Susan Benjamin spoke to the issue about the TOC (Teachers on Call) and would like to see a report on the number of absences for teachers to which Mr. Weeks replied that he and Mr. Hammond were working on a report to present to the Governing Board.

2. Request Approval of the Shaw School Principal

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve Gail Harris as the Principal of Shaw School

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Request Approval of the Kenilworth School Principal

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve Anthony Pietrangeli as the Principal of Kenilworth School

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. Request Approval of the Heard School Interim Principal

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve Zariffe Magaña as the Interim Principal of Heard School

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Request for Governing Board to Approve the Award of Request for Proposal #001-1415 for Network Infrastructure and Wireless Equipment Upgrades to World Wide Technologies, Inc. for Estimated Amount of \$935,238.30

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue and presented a Power Point.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Award of Request for Proposal #001-1415 for Network Infrastructure and Wireless Equipment Upgrades to World Wide Technologies, Inc. for an estimated amount of \$935,238.30.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. Board Reports and Requests

1. Request Approval for the Governing Board Resolution on the Governors' Executive Budget

Dr. Marston spoke to the issue as the budget was already 'over' – that sending this letter might not be effective at this time.

The Governing Board asked to get an updated version of the letter to submit to the Governor's office for the March 26th meeting. Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy also added, this would show symbolism on how we stand with other districts.

Dr. Roa asked that they might have to change the portion of the letter about classroom dollars; as the instructional support and student support categories were now accepted as being 'in the classroom'.

Mrs. Susan Benjamin asked that we talk about the lawsuit updates at every meeting

2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

3. Board Reports

H. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm

Respectfully Submitted

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1