



**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
April 9, 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:

Dr. Myriam Roa Superintendent	Mr. Tom Lind Assistant Superintendent	Mr. Larry Weeks Assistant Superintendent	Jovanny Vasquez Board Secretary
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A. Regular Session - a.m.

1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Meeting called to order at 6:07 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance- Dr. Myriam Roa

Dr. Myriam Roa led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjourn to executive session

Dr. Marston asked for a motion to move into Executive session

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. Executive Session

A.R.S. §38-431.3(A)(3) and (A)(4) The Governing Board may recess into executive session to obtain legal advice from the attorney of the public body and to provide direction to the attorney regarding a potential contract (lease) for property location of the Ann Ott facility

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for January 22, 2015

2. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trips
3. Request Approval for Out of State Travel
4. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$2,120,516.88 and Expense Vouchers \$1,119,231.70 in the total amount of \$3,239,748.58
5. Request Approval to Dispose of Damaged Various Furniture and Equipment
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/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if necessary)
10. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of consent agenda

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Angel Pennell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa informed the Governing Board that it was Arizona crossing guard appreciation day and that the district would be sending all crossing guards an email thanking them for all their hard work.

Dr. Roa spoke briefly about the Salon des Enfants district art show

Mr. Tom Lind informed the Governing Board about the Coral Music Festival hosted at Herrera School. Mr Lind expressed his excitement about what a great turn out the Festival. Grades 4-6th all preformed up to three selections

Dr. Marston added that the Governing Board has been receiving a lot of thank you notes for their support of the art programs

Dr. Roa also informed the Governing Board about an art event at Civic Space Park

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa informed the Governing Board that there have been a few reported chickenpox outbreaks at Herrera, Faith North and Shaw schools.

Mr. Weeks addressed the asbestos testing over at the ASU Prep School and informed about the capital projects to keep up the facility.

Dr. Louisa Stark asked why they were doing asbestos testing to the ASU PREP if the building was new building.

Mr. Weeks replied that it was a requirement when considering a remodel you must prepare a test, even if the building was newer.

Dr. Roa informed the Governing Board that Emerson school was supportive of adding 7th grade next school year.

Dr. Marston asked that the discussion for adding the 7th grade to Emerson School be tabled for discussion at the next Governing Board meeting

E. Community Communications

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F. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Receive and Discuss Arizona's New Accountability System for 2014-2015 & 2015-2016

Mr. Tom Lind and his team (Kathi Marston) presented a brief update on the state's new Accountability system.

Mr. Lind also presented to the Governing Board with a copy of the letter given by Arizona State Governor Doug Ducey on the changes with Move on When Reading (suspending the retention requirement until state assessment data were available).

Ms. Kathi Marston and Mr. Lind informed the Governing Board about the new classifications coming soon for schools. Discussion about what was a priority school: that they are usually the bottom 5% of all Title One schools. Next Year we will celebrate with five of our schools could be Spotlight Schools (Bethune, Capitol, Lowell, Shaw, Whittier and Kenilworth), some were 'Focus schools' and the rest could be Lighthouse Schools. Focus Schools were the schools with a big discrepancy between the percentage of passing students and the bottom 25%. Reward Schools are the top 10% high performing or high progress school. Discussion of how to predict which schools would be in what category followed, that special education was accounted for in different areas, no predictions were landed on.

Dr. Pennell asked how was the morale with the principals when presented with the new classifications rules; Mrs. Benjamin also spoke to the changes.

Dr. Roa informed the board that spotlight schools also come with incentives for those who are eligible.

Mr. Lind added that they would like to come to the Governing Board to show the positive impact to the schools with these changes in the future.

G. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss Bond Update

Mr. Weeks introduced Bob Casillas who gave a presentation on the updates of the Potential November 2015 Bond Election

Mr. Casillas addressed the changes in property values and on the changes that would take into effect in 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Casillas informed the board that if the Bond is approved the authorization is good for 10 years from election date

Mr. Casillas informed that his goal is to level out the Bond rate to the best of his abilities

Mr. Weeks informed about the Governing Board that he will bring a list of priorities of what needs to be done at the schools to present in the next meeting.

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

2. Board Reports

Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell asked to reschedule the morning May 14th Governing Board meeting due to scheduling conflicts. All members agreed to change the time and date to May 7th at 6 p.m.

Dr. Marston asked for a motion to change the next May 14th Governing Board Meeting form May 14th to May 7th at 6 p.m.

Motion by Angel Pennell., second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Mrs. Susan Benjamin asked that Cabinet bring a report on the students being held back or in danger of being held back to the Governing Board

Ms. Kathi Marston replied yes, and that that report won't be available until the end of June because the data wouldn't be available until then.

I. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1