



**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
April 23, 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 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance- Student Aidon Mendivil

Aidon Mendivil led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Performance by Bethune Elementary

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for February 12, 2015, February 26, 2015, March 12, 2015, March 26, 2015 and April 9, 2015

2. Request for Governing Board to Approve Out of State Travel

3. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trips

4. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$2,133,618.54 and Expense Vouchers \$1,110,962.00 in the total amount of \$3,244,580.54

5. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants

6. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Core Construction (Contract: 1GPA #12-25) for the Renovation of the Office Area at Garfield School

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

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

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

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

11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of consent agenda

Dr. Angel Jannasch-Pennell excused herself out during the vote for the consent agenda

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa congratulated Victoria Torres for having her illustration published in Jeremy Jackrabbit book.

The Governing Board congratulated Victoria Torres and asked her to come back to the Board if she ever published another book

Mr. Jason Hammond recognized our March S.T.A.R. award winners from Dunbar and Whittier School. The winners were Maria C. Ortiz, Sherri McConkie, Kevin Stage and Debra Woodrum.

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa reminded the Governing Board that the next scheduled Governing Board meeting is May 7th at 6PM

Dr. Roa responded to the recent budget cuts and said that the budget advisory committee, the administration leadership team and cabinet have reviewed possible savings from consolidation of campuses and programs in order to maximize available dollars for teachers and support staff salaries.

Dr. Roa spoke about the spotlight schools and updated the Governing Board on the plan to transition out of the county evaluation system (MCESA) to a sustainable Phoenix Elementary Evaluation System once the grant is completed.

D. Community Communications

1. Community Communications

Ms. Pamela Gavina spoke about the possible school closures. Ms. Gavina asked the Governing Board and administration to please try to look beyond the dollar signs and to consider that by closing schools you are shutting a connection to the community and that they are also severing ties with people. Ms. Gavina asked to please remember that the bottom line is that people are worth more than just numbers.

Ms. Sarah Richardson spoke about the possible school closures. Ms. Richardson stated that one of the most important factors in student success is student stability. Ms. Richardson shared a prompt she had her students write about regarding possible change of school

The Governing Board thanked everyone for coming and sharing their concerns

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Governing Board to Approve WestED APTT Agreement

Ms. Gail LaGrander and Ms. Maria C. Paredes (Senior Program Specialist for WestED) spoke about the issue and presented a power point about the Academic Parent-Teacher Teams Data.

Ms. Paredes informed the Governing Board that the family engagement they have with the students' parents and the community is very beneficial to teaching in their schools.

Ms. Paredes informed the Governing Board that the data is what drives the engagement with the parents, students and staff.

Ms. Paredes spoke about the system in which the parents and teachers conference to talk about the data collected and how the skills gained helped a lot to support their student's learning ability.

Ms. Paredes spoke about the APTT Model

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy asked about how the three schools were selected to participate in this new school program which Gail LaGrander answered that Dr. Andrews gave all the Title One schools the opportunity to participate.

Ms. LaGrander informed the Governing Board that Ms. Sylvia Bernal, Principal at Garfield was the first interested in having her school participating in the APPT Model.

Dr. Stark said it is very important to get the parents involved.

Dr. Marston asked if the days for the conferences that the program has fall into the same days the district has for Parent Teacher's conferences.

Dr. Jill Andrews added that the parent teacher conferences do fall into the same days as district schools parent teacher conferences.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve agreement with WestED for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Angel Pennell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Auto Safety House (Mohave Educational Services Cooperative Contract No. 13N-ASH-0925) for the Purchase of One (1) 14 Passenger Activity Bus

Mr. Weeks Spoke to the issue.

Dr. Marston asked if the bus being asked to be purchased comes with seat belts.

Mr. Anthony Parra stated that the 14 passenger activity bus comes with seatbelts and that it's as safe as a regular bus.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the issuance of purchase order to Auto Safety House (Mohave Educational Services Cooperative Contract No. 13N-ASH-0925) for the purchase of one (1) 14 passenger activity bus.

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss Bond Update

Ben Barcon brought the Governing Board an update on the PESD#1 traditional Bond process and what to expect and listed the name of the schools that they will be taking a look at. Mr. Barcon also presented a power point to the issue.

Mr. Barcon gave an overview of the list of bond projects and explained that they have cost estimates for ways the district can update the infrastructure and spoke about the flexible furniture and technology.

Dr. Marston said that they needed more time to think about major changes to the District Schools.

The Governing Board thanked Ben Barcon for this presentation.

3. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss Changes to Regulation GCK-R to Facilitate Spotlight Schools Transfer Process

Mr. Weeks spoke about the issue.

Dr. Roa spoke to the issue.

Dr. Roa asked if Mr. Hammond had any request from schools to move into spotlight schools.

Mrs. Benjamin said she didn't quite understand the process of spotlight schools and would like a little more information about that this issue.

Dr. Roa said she would bring them more information about the spotlight schools.

Dr. Roa also stated that the spotlight school concept was explained in the Accountability System presentation at a previous meeting.

G. Board Reports and Requests

1. ASBA 2016 Political Agenda

Dr. Stark asked if she could have a report brought to the Governing Board about the ALPS Program (honors and gifted programs).

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy spoke a little about the volunteer luncheon for AARP.

Dr. Marston asked for suggestions of what to bring up to state legislation.

2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (may include direction to hold one or more public meetings)

3. Board Reports

H. Executive Session

1. The Governing Board may convene in executive session pursuant to ARS 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the attorney for the public body regarding policies and procedures under state law regarding school closures and boundary changes

Dr. Marston asked for a motion to move into Executive session at 7:15P.M.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Resume to regular session

Governing Board meeting resumed at 7:30P.M.

I. Administration

1. Request Approval to Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider Potential School Closures, Consolidations, and Resulting Boundary Changes

Dr. Roa asked the Governing Board to schedule a public hearing to obtain community input for the possible closing of Shaw Elementary School and the move of the Faith North campus and the resulting changes in boundaries for Garfield and Edison Elementary School.

Dr. Roa also stated that if the Governing Board desired to consider involving other campuses in any potential consolidation plan it should be stated now.

Mrs. Susan Benjamin made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing to consider potential closure of Shaw School , Consolidations, and resulting boundary changes to Edison and Garfield Elementary School and possible move of the Faith North campus on May 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Governing Board Room

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The Governing Board asked Dr. Roa to send any legal notices required by the requisite statutes.

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy asked for another date to have a 2nd public meeting to have more transparency.

Dr. Angel Pennell asked if we could send a letter out to all the parents in our schools and not just the ones affected by the school closing.

Mrs. Susan Benjamin said that she will not be able to be present at the meeting for May 13th meeting but would read the minutes.

J. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

X *Ruth Ann Marston*

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1