



**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
June 11, 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:

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

Also present were:

Dr. Myriam Roa Superintendent	Mr. Tom Lind Assistant Superintendent	Mr. Larry Weeks Assistant Superintendent	Jovanny Cervantes 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 6:05 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance- Mr. Larry Weeks

Mr. Larry Weeks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for April 23, 2015, April 27, 2015, May 7, 2015 and May 13, 2015

Action (Consent): 2. Approval of Renewal Memorandum of Understanding with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health for the School-Based Dental Sealant Program for Eligible Students for the Prevention of Tooth Decay for the 2015-2016 School Year

3. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$3,268,895.79 and Expense Vouchers \$1,421,855.50 in the total amount of \$4,690,751.29

4. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants

5. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Associated Fence (Mohave contract #10J-AFCO-1101) for raising the height of fencing at Kenilworth School.

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 Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

1 Announcements

Dr. Roa stated that Dr. Angel Pennell would be joining the meeting by video chat.

D. Community Communications

1 Community Communications

Dr. Marston stated that all the public comments will be taken during Community Communication section.

1. Fanny Vergara asked the Governing Board if Shaw School would still be closed even after the State Governor's statement about giving money to public schools.

Dr. Marston asked Ms. Vergara if she could please wait and the question would be answered during Mr. Weeks' Budget presentation.

2. Dr. Silvia Herrera, a member of a non-profit organization and community leader, came before the Governing Board and asked that the District please sit down with the community and rethink this issue and find other possible outcomes.

3. Ms. Luz Olivas came before the Governing Board to ask if the Board was going to help her community. Ms. Olivas asked that they please place themselves in the shoes of the students and parents.

4. Ms. Diana Ramirez came before the Governing Board to speak about the possible closing of Shaw School. Ms. Ramirez she asked that this get resolved in favor of the community and the children.

5. Mr. Sergio Juarez community defense leader came before the Governing Board to speak against the closing of Shaw. Mr. Juarez asked the Governing Board and the Department of Education to please urge the state government for more money and not just simply start closing

schools.

6. Ms. Irma Cruz came before the Governing Board and stated her disapproval of the closing of Shaw. Ms. Cruz asked the Governing Board why they were favoring other children from out of District instead of those from in District.

7. Kayla Sanchez came before the Governing Board to ask them not to close Shaw Elementary School.

8. Calvin C. Goode came before the Governing Board and to show his support against closing of Shaw School. Mr. Goode shared his history and experience with Phoenix Elementary School District. Mr. Goode stated that many parents have come before him complaining about the closing of Shaw.

9. Mr. Salvador Raza came before the Governing Board to share his feelings about the District decision of possibly closing Shaw Elementary School. Mr. Raza asked that the District please reconsider other possible choices other than just closing Shaw School.

10. Ms. Linda Peru came before the Governing Board to share her experiences and history with Phoenix Elementary School District. She asked where will all these Montessori parents going to park when they drop of their students with such a small parking lot at Shaw school. Ms. Peru also asked how much contribution the Faith North families will contribute to the district since they cannot vote during possible bond elections.

Mr. Weeks answered Ms. Vergaras' question by saying that the Governor plans on selling state land in trust to raise money for education funding relief. Mr. Weeks said that by selling these lands the relief may not come to the school districts for another few years.

Mr. Weeks spoke about the District Wide Labor: Position Inventory (M&O Only), FY 14-15 Shaw Total Labor Cost Breakout, School Closure Labor Savings, Supporting Transfer Students, Faith North Waiting List, Garfield Enrollment Rollup, Additional Support Breakout, Faith North Utility Savings, and the May 2015 District Enrollment Report. Mr. Weeks also shared about the considerations of the Budget Advisory Committee and the update of the Proposed Bond Election.

Dr. Marston asked Mr. Weeks to confirm that no employees were being laid off and there would be no health insurance cost increase. She added that our good people would continue to be there to keep supporting the children of Phoenix Elementary School District.

E. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1 Request Approval to Close Augustus H. Shaw, Jr. Elementary School

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy stated that he was deeply heartened and moved by the out pouring of student, staff, parents and community members for attending this and previous board meetings and sharing their thoughts. Mr. Gunitskiy said it was unfortunate that they have to come together during these circumstances but none the less it is wonderful to see the clear passion, dedication and commitment we have to what's best for our students.

Mr. Gunitskiy stated that this day and the last several weeks before have been very difficult for the Governing Board. Mr. Gunitskiy said that "Having to weigh this sort of decision creates an enormous amount of stress and instability, but these are important decisions to make given the current state of education funding". Mr. Gunitskiy said, "I want to make that clear that this decision is not based on judgments of either community, but about what is both best for students and the entire community and District." Mr. Gunitskiy said after many nights spent thinking about the possible closure, his decision was to vote, 'Yes.' on the closure of Shaw Elementary School and to consolidate the Montessori programs at the Shaw campus.

Mrs. Susan Benjamin thanked the parents, students, teachers and staff and interested community members who took the time to voice their thoughts and experiences. She said she appreciated their reflections and their candor. Mrs. Benjamin also thanked Dr. Roa for sending her a video copy of the May 28th Governing Board meeting. Mrs. Benjamin asked the community to always vote for education. Mrs. Benjamin stated that she and the rest of the Governing Board members spent a lot of time asking questions and listening to the community. Mrs. Benjamin said, "Closing a school is a big deal because there's always a community involved". Mrs. Benjamin stated that with a heavy heart and based on her research and her thoughts her decision was to support the closure of Shaw Elementary School.

Dr. Louisa Stark thanked everybody who was a part of the process leading up to this decision. She especially wanted to thank the parents of the children who would be affected by the school closing. Dr. Stark said she truly hopes and believes that children can be very resilient to change. Dr. Stark supports the closure of Shaw Elementary School and consolidation of the Montessori programs at the Shaw campus.

Dr. Pennell stated that after listening to the community and taking her thoughts into consideration she voted, 'Yes.' to support the closure of Shaw Elementary School and consolidate the Montessori program at the Shaw campus.

*Dr. Marston stated that it had been a very difficult process and wanted everyone to know how incredibly proud she was to serve as the President of **This** Governing Board. But after all possible considerations she supports the closing of Shaw Elementary School.*

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the closure of Augustus H. Shaw, Jr. Elementary School.

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2 Request for Approval to change the boundary for Garfield School

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the changing of the boundary for Garfield Elementary School.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Angel Pennell.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3 Request for Approval to consolidate the Montessori programs on one campus and change the name of Faith North Montessori Elementary School to Augustus H. Shaw Montessori Elementary School.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the consolidation of the Faith North Montessori Elementary campuses onto one campus at 123 North 13th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034 and to change the name to Augustus H. Shaw, Jr. Montessori Elementary School.

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. Board Reports & Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

Dr. Marston added that the AGGT conference would be this fall and added that the district should think about sending representatives to that conference.

Dr. Marston asked the Governing Board Members if they would like to move to end the Meeting

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37P.M.

2. Board Reports

G. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:37P.M

Respectfully Submitted

x Ruth Ann Marston

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1