Minutes of Regular Public Meeting  
June 25, 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        Mr. Tom Lind        Mr. Larry Weeks        Jovanny Cervantes
Superintendent        Assistant Superintendent        Assistant Superintendent        Board Secretary

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- Gail Harris

Ms. Gail Harris led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Moment of Silence in Honor of Former Governing Board Member Georgie Goode

Dr. Stark spoke about Former Governing Board Member Georgie Goode and about her history with the Phoenix Elementary School District. Dr. Stark asked for a moment of silence in her honor.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for May 28, 2015

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

3. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll $4,350,579.85 and Expense Vouchers $656,465.49 in the total amount of $5,007,045.34
4. Request Approval to Purchase Fuel for Transportation, Warehouse, Child Nutrition and Plant Services Departments for the 2015/2016 Fiscal Year from Az State Bid Contraction No. ADSPO14-052198

5. Request Approval of Sole Source Vendors for 2015-2016 School Year

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

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

11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Administration recommends 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

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Myriam Roa recognized our May S.T.A.R. (Special Thanks and Recognition) Award winners and also said a few words as to why they were nominated. The winner were Adam Lovelady Special Education Teacher at Emerson, Lilian Fonseca Guzman Custodian at Emerson, Herrera Book Room Volunteers, and the Lowell Volunteer Readers.

2. Announcements

D. Community Communications

1. Community Communications

2. Announcements

3. MCESA / REIL Update

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent
1. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss ASU Preparatory Academy and Phoenix Elementary School District partnership

Mr. Lind introduced Beatriz Rendon and George Dean which gave a quick power point to the issue.

2. Request Approval to Implement the 7th Grade Social Studies Unit, Including the Purchase of 175 Chromebook Computers

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Ms. Kim Hertzog presented a quick PowerPoint presentation about the issue.

Dr. Marston asked for the professional development summer calendar.

Mr. Lind thanked the MIS department and Paul Chase for his collaboration.

Dr. Pannell asked that they might want to set up a power presentation displaying their data and results of this new curriculum practice being implemented.

Administration recommends the implementation of the 7th Grade Social Studies Unit, including the purchase of 175 Chromebook computers.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Angel Pennell.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

3. Request Approval to Adopt Imagine Learning, Mobius Math, and Big Brainz as Supplemental Instructional Resources

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends the adoption of Imagine Learning, Mobius Math, and Big Brainz as Supplemental Instructional Resources.

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

4. Request to Receive Informational Report on College, Career and High School Readiness

Laurie Nelson spoke to the issue alongside Mr. Tom Lind and presented a quick PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Lind thanked Laurie Nelson for her great help with the College, Career and High School Readiness.
F. Executive Session

1. §38-431.03.5 - Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body

2. Resume Regular Session

G. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of the Annual Renewal of Vendor Contracts for School Year 2015-2016

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Annual Renewal of Vendor Contracts for School Year 2015-2016.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark
Not Present at Vote: Angel Pennell

2. Request Approval to Consider, Discuss, Amend if Desired, and, if Deemed Advisable, to Adopt a Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Bond Election to be held in and for the District and Authorizing the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to Comply with Certain Sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration Recommends the Governing Board Consider, Discuss, Amend if Desired, and, if Deemed Advisable, to Adopt a Resolution Ordering and Calling a Special Bond Election to be held in and for the District.

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

3. Request Approval to Allow Governing Board Members to Consider Comments made by the Public Regarding Reductions to the District Additional Assistance Fund.

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.
Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve to allow board members to consider comments made by the public regarding reductions to the District Additional Assistance fund.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Angel Pennell.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

4. Request Approval to Adopt the FY15-16 Proposed Budget, as presented and as required in A.R.S. 15-905E; and to set July 9, 2015, at the hour of 9:00 AM, as the date and time for the public hearing on said budget. Because the proposed budget, if adopted, will also require a Truth in Taxation hearing, set for July 9, 2015, at the hour of 9:00AM

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends the Governing Board adopt the FY15-16 Proposed Budget, as presented and as required in A.R.S. 15-905E; and to set July 9, 2015, at the hour of 9:00 AM, as the date and time for the public hearing on said budget. Because the proposed budget, if adopted, will also require a Truth in Taxation hearing, set for July 9, 2015, at the hour of 9:00AM, as the date and time for the Truth in Taxation Hearing, and ratify publication of Notice of the Truth in Taxation Hearing, which is being published on June 26th, 2015.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark


Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve / ratify the 2014-2015 Prop 301 performance-based compensation plan.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Angel Pennell.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

6. Request Approval of the 2015-2016 PECTA Meet and Confer Recommendations

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez thanked the Governing Board for their approval in the 2015-2016 PECTA Meet and Confer Recommendations.
Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the 2015-2016 PECTA Meet and Confer Recommendations.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Angel Pennell.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gnutskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

7. Request Approval of the 2015-2016 ESPA Meet and Confer Recommendations

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the 2015-2016 ESPA Meet and Confer Recommendations.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Angel Pennell.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gnutskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

8. Request Approval to Receive, Discuss and Adopt Policy GCO and Waive any Additional Readings

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board receive, discuss and adopt policy GCO and Waive any Additional Readings.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Susan Benjamin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gnutskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

9. Request Approval of the Professional/Support Staff Supplementary and Nominal Fee Pay Plan for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Professional/Support Staff Supplementary and Nominal Fee Pay Plan for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Daniil Gnutskiy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gnutskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

10. Request Approval to Adopt two Resolutions to be in Compliance with ARS 15-341 (G) as required by the School Facilities Board

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.
Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the two resolutions to be in Compliance with ARS 15-341 (G) as required by the School Facilities Board.

Motion by Angel Pennel, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

2. Board Reports

I. Adjournment

1. 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
GEORGIE GOODE

I am honored to share a few memories with you about Georgie Goode who passed away on Monday, June 15, 2015. Georgie had a life-long commitment to education. She taught for many years in the Roosevelt District, was elected to the board of the Phoenix Union District and, in 1976, to the Phoenix Elementary District #1 School Board of Trustees (today called the “Governing Board”). Later on her husband Calvin also served on our Board.

Georgie was an inspiring teacher. Being a teacher did not stop at the classroom door. Her children and grandchildren profited greatly at home, they have said, from her emphasis on reading, art and music – which she also shared with the youth she mentored outside of school. In a poem that she published is 1993 she wrote:

A teacher is blessed by God
To have students
To show her the Joy of teaching.
Georgie was also a champion for the communities in which her students resided. She advocated for human rights, equal opportunity, affordable housing, and strong neighborhoods. Often discussions of such topics could become heated, but it was Georgie, always gracious and articulate, who smoothed the ruffled waters and almost always insured a positive income. Another of her poems, also published in 1993, describes her philosophy.

Cherish each day, hour and minute.

Strive always to speak in a kind tone

Enjoy together life’s treasures

With love much stronger than you won.

Thank you for sharing in this remembrance. We will miss Georgie greatly.

May she rest in peace.

Louisa Stark

June 25, 2015
Left to right: MS. ANNE CROOM, Board President; MR. JOE T. G. EBERSON, Member; MRS. GEORGIE M. GOODE, Member; MR. CHARLES R. BROOKS, Clerk; and MRS. JULIETA S. BENCOMO, Member.

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