



**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
September 10, 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 6:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Khamphet Hecht

Ms. Hecht led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Hecht also asked for a moment of silence to remember all those lives lost on September 11, 2001.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for August 13, 2015

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

3. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip

4. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$2,070,124.59 and Expense Vouchers \$869,400.49 in the total amount of \$2,939,525.08

5. Request Approval of the Gifts, Donations and Grants as listed through July and August 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/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if necessary)

10. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Administration recommends approval of consent agenda

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa recognized our August S.T.A.R. Award Winners Herlinda Moreno CN Manager II- Central Kitchen- Child Nutrition and Aurelio Villalobos Warehouse Clerk- Plant Services. Dr. Roa also said a few words as to why they were nominated.

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa asked Cobie Oja to give the Governing Board an update on the Energy Savings Program

Mr. Weeks asked Mr. Anthony Parra to give an update on the Weather Damage report

Mr. Parra stated that the following schools sustained damage:

ANN OTT: Two trees damaged

CAPITOL: Eleven trees taken down by the storm.

DUNBAR: Canopy damaged, two trees damaged and the Gym Room sustained water damage

EDISON: Six trees damaged

EMERSON COURT: Parking lot structure damaged

EMERSON: One tree damaged

GARFIELD: Torn canopy, five rooms sustained water damage

HERRERA: Three trees damaged

LOWELL: Three trees damaged

SHAW MONTESSORI: Three trees damaged

WHITTIER: Field overfilled and damaged one tree

Dr. Stark asked if the placement of trees played a factor to them falling over by the storm. Mr. Parra replied that it was one of the causes.

Dr. Marston asked how long it would take to repair the parking structures.

Mr. Weeks asked Mr. Parra to give an update on what transportation is doing to avoid using the valley freeways until the capture of the I-10 Shooter.

Mr. Parra replied that transportation has been using alternate routes to avoid using the I-10 but are still able to get the students to school on time.

Dr. Roa recognized Ms. Bresnahan for her quick response and problem solving by working together with Mr. Parra on making the students' travel safer.

Mr. Weeks gave an update on Leveling and Enrollment.

D. Community Communications

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E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Gifted Education: 2015-2016 Status Report

Mr. Lind introduced his Gifted Education Team who presented a power point on the Gifted Education 2015-2016 Status Report.

Ms. Pam Harris introduced the vision for the ALPS Team, which is "We collaborate as a team to develop and promote excellence through relevant, engaging, and enriched learning experiences where our students evolve into visionary thinkers."

Ms. Pam Harris spoke about their current enrollment, screening scheduling and identification process.

Mr. Lind spoke about the Monterey Park Schedule.

Mr. Edward Dennis stated that while pushing in at his sites, he was already ahead of time by having already received lesson plans from the teachers. Meaning, when he entered their classrooms he had already planned in advance what he would be doing.

Mr. Dennis stated that at Herrera School he was able to have a lot of freedom when working with the students because he was able to make the curriculum more rigorous for the students.

Mr. Dennis stated that at Emerson he created custom work for 2 twice exceptional students. Mr. Dennis explained that these students thrived off of 1 on 1 interaction when he met with them twice a week.

Mr. Dennis stated that at Magnet School his work with the students was similar to the work done at Herrera. Mr. Dennis said that he created lesson plans that increase the rigor and he developed critical thinking questions.

Ms. Crystal Famania stated that she worked with Emerson School, Dunbar School, and Capitol School. Ms. Famania said that she considered the teachers' lesson plans, each student's test scores, and areas of strengths and weaknesses to create individualized lesson plans.

Ms. Shirley Baer spoke about her work with Whittier School, Heard School and Dunbar School. Ms. Baer stated that she worked with 2nd – 6th grades and explained that she worked in small groups in classroom. Ms. Baer informed that she provides enrichment/remediation activities based on lesson plans sent by the teacher as well as Galileo data analysis to determine needs of students. She also assisted some of the gifted students with work they needed to finish as requested by the teachers. Ms. Baer also stated that she worked with 7th & 8th grades in the classroom.

Ms. Baer stated that weekly collaboration forms indicate the skills/activities covered in each group and the number of gifted/non-gifted students that she serviced.

Ms. Hecht spoke about her work with the following schools: Lowell, Bethune and Kenilworth. Ms. Hecht stated that she supported the standards taught in the classroom by maintaining a consistent schedule with the teachers and students with whom she worked with.

Ms. Harris spoke about their hard work in keeping the families engaged with the ALPS program by hosting Open House, Parent Teacher Conferences for Progress Report & Report Cards.

Ms. Harris presented her wish list for the Gifted Program which included:

- *Professional Development for All*
- *Collegiality to understand gifted education*
- *Advanced Differentiated Instruction*
- *More technology resources*
- *Community resources to broaden experiences*

- *College and Career Readiness opportunities*
- *Transition Planning to High School*
- *Visit museums*

Dr. Stark asked how much time the students are actually spending at Monterey Park.

Ms. Harris replied that 50 percent of the students attend Tuesday and the other 50 percent attend on Thursday.

Dr. Stark asked if the parents are being informed as to what the students are learning in the gifted classes.

Ms. Harris replied that all the parents are informed at open house and during parent teacher conferences what the student is learning.

Dr. Stark asked if they are doing anything in the areas of the Arts.

Mrs. Benjamin said she was pleased to hear that they travel to the schools to help these students.

Mrs. Benjamin also asked for data on the percentage of students enrolled in gifted classes and the percentage of kids who moved on when promoted and where are they now.

Mrs. Benjamin asked why there was a drop off during the spring in attendance for the gifted classes to which Ms. Wray replied that a lot of the testing happens in the spring like Galileo Testing.

Mr. Gunitskiy asked how many students get nominated and test into Gifted.

Mr. Harris stated that 350 students were referred last year.

Dr. Pennell asked to hear more about how they get their parents involvement in Gifted Education classes.

Mr. Harris Stated that has been a challenge but they send fliers and letters home with the students.

Dr. Pennell asked if they can get the Parent Engagement Liaisons involved with getting the parents informed about the Parent Nominate for their students for gifted classes.

Dr. Stark spoke about the parents who lacked the understanding that they have the option for gifted education.

Mrs. Benjamin asked if they talked about having a self-contained class.

Dr. Marston thanked everyone for coming and presenting.

Mr. Lind thanked his team for coming.

F. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

G. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
2. Board Reports

Dr. Pennell commended Dian Wray and Pam Harris for their presentation at the state wide committee meeting.

Dr. Pennell spoke about the K-12 Center meeting where they discussed the candidates for National Board Certification.

Dr. Roa introduced the new Garfield Assistant Principal Ms. Gina Millsaps

*Dr. Marston spoke about being approached by a member of the Roosevelt neighborhood about a rumor that the city is trying to make 3rd and 5th avenue two way streets.
The Governing Board asked for this item to be agendaized for the next Governing Board meeting.*

Dr. Pennell asked for an update on the trip to Paris.

H. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:23p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1