



**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
September 24, 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 **Mrs. Susan Benjamin**

Also present were:

Dr. Myriam Roa
Superintendent

Mr. Tom Lind
Assistant
Superintendent

Mr. Larry Weeks
Assistant
Superintendent

Jovanny Cervantes
Board
Secretary

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Meeting called to order at 6:14 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Yasmin Bracamonte, Edison Student

Ms. Yasmin Bracamonte led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Edison Student Performance - 5th Graders - English Country Dance "Newcastle" & Song - "Seven Habits" - Teacher - Malgorzata Ceglinska

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

2. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip

3. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$2,072,155.26 and Expense Vouchers \$768,365.94 in the total amount of \$2,840,521.20

4. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for August 2015

5. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Robert E. Porter Construction Co, Inc. (Bid) for the Repair of the Fascia at the Front Entrance of 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 of Uncompensated Leave of Absences

10. Request Approval of Ratification of Intergovernmental Agreement for Title I Services to Private School Children

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

12. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Administration recommends approval of consent agenda

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

2. Announcements

Dr. Roa announced the Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled on October 1 and 2, 2015.

Dr. Roa stated that the District hosted the August 20, 2015 Arizona School Personnel Administrators Association (ASPAA) Luncheon and had 93 attendees. This was the highest attendance of any ASPAA Luncheon to continue the dialogue around the teacher shortage crisis and ideas to mitigate the issue.

Dr. Roa also informed that "Gold medal" French classical guitar player, Johannes Moller, will visit Herrera School on October 6, 2015.

3. *MCESA/ REIL Update*

D. Community Communications

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Dr. Marston spoke about the letter that was given to her by the Roosevelt Neighborhood which addressed their concerns with turning the 5th Avenue and 3rd Avenue a two way Street.

**See attachment dated August 28, 2015 from Roosevelt Action Association.*

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

F. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue and recognized Janice Durham for all her hard work.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark

G. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

2. Board Reports

H. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1

August 28, 2015

Roosevelt Action Association
Roosevelt Historic Neighborhood, Phoenix

Re: Opposition to two-way endorsement

Dear Roosevelt Action Association,

After hearing through the Roosevelt Neighborhood facebook group that the Roosevelt Action Association, in the name of the entire Roosevelt Historic Neighborhood, not only endorsed changing 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue to two-way traffic but also requested the changes be accelerated for completion within the first phase, my Roosevelt neighbors and I want to share our reasons for opposing these changes. It is my hope that after reading this letter, you will withdraw your endorsement or amend it to be clearer in that it is only the RAA endorsing these changes and NOT all of the residents in the Roosevelt Historic Neighborhood.

Let's start by talking lemons. With 35 lemon trees bordering my house on 3rd Ave and Portland, I wish I could tell you it's a fun experience for me and my girls to pick lemons. It's not. It's disgusting—because every lemon we pick leaves our hands covered in black dust from the exhaust left by vehicles traveling up 3rd Avenue. It's so disgusting that I include a disclaimer when giving them away...that they need to be cleaned first (preferably by scrubbing with soap, hot water, and a toothbrush). It may be gross thinking about all that pollution, but we deal with it because we knew moving to 3rd Ave and Portland meant a few sacrifices, like dealing with rush hour traffic in the evenings. It was a tradeoff we could deal with knowing it was only once a day/five days a week.

Pollution is just one of my concerns as a resident who has a house on the corner of 3rd Ave and Portland St. That isn't the only concern. The rest of this letter details concerns from myself and my neighbors. As you'll see from the list of names at the bottom of this letter, there is a great deal of opposition to these changes from Roosevelt residents living South of I-10. Of the six houses on the corners of Portland St. at 3rd Ave and 5th Ave, at least four oppose this change. These are the houses on Portland St. that will be most impacted by two-way traffic, some of the residents in these houses have lived in the neighborhood for decades (one for over 40 years!). They lived here through the decimation of the neighborhood when the freeway bulldozed the homes of neighbors; witnessed the degradation of historic homes from neglect, vandalism, theft, and other crimes; and gratefully watched the gradual renaissance as people bought derelict homes to lovingly restore them.

Additionally, I want to bring your attention to the number of children this two-way traffic impacts. There are 18 children on Portland St. between 3rd and 5th Avenue alone. For these children, the safety of crossing 3rd and 5th Avenue is a big concern, and families cross it regularly to walk to the park, Burton Barr, coffee shops, restaurants, light rail, the public market. Some of us

fail to see how navigating traffic coming from both directions, sometimes with blind curves, will be safer.

Having said that, here are some of our thoughts and concerns:

- After talking to residents, it is clear that there is a lack of input from residents most impacted by these changes, that is, residents South of the freeway who will see an increase of traffic to and from the freeway.
- Turning 3rd and 5th Ave into two-way streets to distribute traffic across our streets and through our neighborhood will increase pollution.
- With an increase in traffic comes an increase in noise pollution. Instead of traffic once a day/five days a week, we will be dealing with a constant flow of traffic with no end...all day, all night, 7 days a week.
- We foresee difficulty for those using the alleyways for access to parking because navigating two-way traffic to turn onto avenues will pose problems. There are blind curves, and there is a fear that drivers unused to alleys will be a danger. Specifically, 3rd Ave, south of the freeway.
- Two-way streets will drive historic home values down because of the increased noise, danger, and pollution. Residents will lose incentive for restoring and maintaining historic homes that are losing value. This would cycle the Roosevelt Historic Neighborhood into another stage of decline, potentially beyond repair.
- We've seen information about turning 3rd and 5th Ave into two-way traffic, but we haven't seen information about whether crosswalks or stop signs are planned. If this change is allowed to proceed, we want to know where pedestrians will be able to cross. Also, we are worried about pedestrians and bicyclists crossing during rush hour traffic.
- Turning 3rd and 5th Ave into a two-way street seriously impacts the ability for bicyclists to navigate downtown safely. The roads are already narrow... are they too narrow for bike lanes on both sides? If not, where will the space come from?
- On some streets, palms may impact visibility. We are concerned that if these roads become two-way, palms would have to be removed.
- We are concerned about cut-through traffic along East/West streets. When vehicles get backed up on one of the Avenues, drivers will be tempted to cut across our neighborhood to the next street... bringing more pollution, more traffic, and speeding vehicles.
- Residents south of the freeway are concerned about the increased bus traffic from buses accessing the freeway. Again, more pollution and more noise.

Knowing that there are so many issues and concerns, I again put it to the RAA to either rescind their endorsement altogether or amend their endorsement to state it is the RAA endorsing two-way traffic and not the entire Roosevelt Historic Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Krista Pacion
303 W. Portland St.

Christie Haggerty
310 W. Portland St.

Paul Haggerty
310 W. Portland St.

Terry Goddard
503 W. Portland St.

Monica Goddard
503 W. Portland St.

Wayne Turner
Portland St.

Lela Alston
69 W. Willetta

Sharon Beebe
350 W. Portland St.

Lou Beebe
350 W. Portland St.

Angel Jannasch Pennell
309 W. Portland St.

Mike Pennell
309 W. Portland St.

Patricia Powers-Zermeño
518 W. Lynwood

Phyllis Kelsey
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Dick Kelsey
508 W. Portland St.

Elizabeth M. Behnke
301 W. Latham St.

Jen Henry
307 W. Latham St.

Brent Armstrong
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Shannon Allsworth
321 W. Portland St.

Doug Allsworth
321 W. Portland St.

Jim Hillyard
318 W. Portland St.

Anne Hillyard
318 W. Portland St.

Terri Palmberg
65 W. Willetta

Sally Dickman
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Patra Boosalis
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