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**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting  
November 12, 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:*

<b>Dr. Myriam Roa</b> Superintendent	<b>Mr. Tom Lind</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Mr. Larry Weeks</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Jovanny Cervantes</b> 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 6:02 p.m.*

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Alexa Ruvalcaba, Lowell Student

*Alexa Ruvalcaba led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for October 15, 2015

2. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip

*Dr. Stark spoke about B2 asked what the criterion was for the students who are selected to go on the school field trips.*

3. Request Approval of Vision Service Plan (VSP) Mobile Eyes Program at Dunbar

4. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$2,098,752.40 and Expense Vouchers \$1,106,936.20 in the total amount of \$3,205,688.60

5. Request Approval of the Gifts, Donations and Grants as listed through September 2015.

6. Request Approval of Receipt of Donation for Installation of New Flooring

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

**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

*Mr. Jason Hammond recognized our October S.T.A.R. Award Faith Willman, Instructional Assistant- Shaw Montessori and Shayne Sotelo, IEIS- Shaw Montessori. Mr. Hammond said a few words as to why they were nominated.*

*Dr. Roa spoke about the Results of the Bond Election. Dr. Roa stated that Phoenix Elementary School District #1 is truly number 1 with 75% local voter approval of the District Bonds. Dr. Roa stated that the District was grateful to have such a great community who has traditionally supported the District in the election process and came through for the District again today. Their confidence in the Districts' ability to be good financial stewards of their tax payer dollars is appreciated. Dr. Roa stated that the District will continue to invest these dollars wisely as they educate the future leaders of Phoenix. Dr. Roa Thanked the Governing Board, administration and all of the teachers and staff and the great community of Phoenix Elementary School District #1 who supported the District during the bond election.*

*Dr. Roa stated, "We could not have had this great success on our own, it took everyone who is a friend to Phoenix Elementary School District #1 to pull this off and come out at the very top of all districts in Maricopa County. Our district is an amazing success story as our local supporters allow us to continue to have the funding to maintain our standards of excellence in programs and facilities. Mr. Tom Lind and Mr. Larry Weeks will be busily planning how to spend the new bonds and upgrade our technology infrastructure so we may provide better state of the art digital solutions for our students and staff".*

*Mr. Tom Lind spoke about the Results of the Basketball Season.*

*Dr. Roa spoke about the Report on the High School Night Events*

## **2. Announcements**

*Dr. Roa announced that November is Native American Heritage Month*

*Dr. Roa Announced The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans.*

*Mr. Weeks spoke about the Bond Sale Timeline*

*Mr. Lind spoke about the AzMERIT webpage live - <http://phxschools.org/azmerit/>*

## **3. MCESA / REIL Update**

### **D. Community Communications**

#### **1. Community Communications**

### **E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent**

#### **1. Receive and Discuss an Informational Report Regarding Arts Education in District Schools** **Mr. Lind informed the Governing Board about the Special Areas District Wide Events**

*Mr. Lind introduced Mr. John Avedisian and his team who spoke a little about the Arts Education Program. Mr. Avedisian went on to quote that "Art is the essence of humanity rich education in the arts".*

*Ms. Abby Christianson spoke about the arts in education.*

*Ms. Crystal Conover spoke about the fundamentals of art and its value to children of the elementary level.*

#### **2. Receive and Discuss DRAFT Three-Year Calendar Recommendations**

*Mr. Lind spoke about the three-year draft calendar recommendations and that they would be presented for review to the Governing Board.*

*Mr. Lind spoke about the possible 15 additional school days for Magnet Traditional will be scheduled with No October Fall Break (5 days) and 10 additional days in May and June.*

*Mr. Lind spoke about the Phoenix Union High School District Governing Board who adopted a three-year calendar cycle for FY17, FY18, and FY19 at their October 8, 2015 meeting.*

*Mr. Lind stated that it is anticipated that an action item will be brought to the Governing Board no later than January to adopt calendar(s).*

*Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.*

*Dr. Pennell added that if we started later it might be beneficial to the District as far as attendance wise.*

*Dr. Stark expressed her concerns about the Magnet Traditional calendar and asked to possibly look into decreasing the number of days for Magnet Traditional to better match up to the other schools' calendars.*

#### **F. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent**

1. Request Approval to Enter into Negotiations with the City of Phoenix for additional public utility Easement Right-of-Way for Traffic Light Poles at the Corner of 7th Street and Fillmore

*Mr. Weeks spoke about the issue.*

*Carl Truscott and Bruce Littleton asked the Governing Board permission to add a pole on school property to allow the Easement Right-of-Way for the Traffic Light.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve entering into negotiations with the City of Phoenix for additional public utility easement right-of-way for traffic light poles at the corner of 7th Street and Fillmore.*

**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 Process Performance Based Compensation for Teachers as soon as the 2014-2015 REIL Scores are Finalized

*Mr. Weeks spoke about the issue.*

*Administration Recommends the Governing Board Approve 2014-2015 Performance Based Compensation to Teachers.*

**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 of Award of RFP 001-1516 for Fire System Inspections, Service & Repairs.

*Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the award of Request for Proposal for Fire System Inspections, Service & Repairs (RFP 001-1516) to Copperstate Fire Protection.*

**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. Receive, Discuss and Possible Revision for Regulations GCQE-R Retirement of Professional Staff Members and GDQC-R Retirement of Support Staff

*Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.*

*Dr. Marston asked if the employees have been notified about these possible changes.*

*Dr. Marston asked if the District could bring this item back after further discussion with employees.*

### **G. Board Reports and Requests**

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

*Mrs. Benjamin spoke about the statement made in previous meetings regarding possible scenarios with the District budget to raise teacher compensation.*

2. Receive and Discuss Policies in Section B School Board Governance and Operations

*The Board discussed having future discussions of policies in Section B School Board Governance.*

*Dr. Roa suggested having an external facilitator to report to the board on other districts' examples of policies.*

3. Board Reports

*Dr. Marston spoke about the FAA Meeting with legislation with the flight patterns.*

### **H. Adjournment**

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*Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted by*

*X Ruth Ann Marston*

**Dr. Ruth Ann Marston**  
**Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1**