Dr. Louisa Stark 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. Ruth Ann Marston Dr. Angel Janasch-Pennell Mrs. Susan Benjamin Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy

Also present were:
Dr. Myriam Roa-Reifers 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. Louisa Stark

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Garthanne de Ocampo

Mrs. Garthanne de Ocampo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

2. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll $5,999.56 and Expense Vouchers $489,487.62 in the total amount of $495,487.18

3. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds as listed for December 2015

4. Request Approval of the Gifts, Donations and Grants as listed through November and December 2015.

5. Request Approval of the Student Placement Agreement Between the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University and Phoenix Elementary School District #1
6. Request Approval of the Field Placement Agreement Between the Arizona Board of Regents, the University of Arizona and Phoenix Elementary School District #1

7. Request Approval of the Agreement with Teach For America, Inc. and Phoenix Elementary School District #1

8. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff

9. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position

10. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

11. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences

12. Request for Approval of Non-Renewal of Retired Teachers Who are Working in the District as Retirees

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

14. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of consent agenda

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Ruth Ann Marston.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Angel Pennell, Louisa Stark
Not Present at Vote: Daniil Gunitskiy recused himself due to Item B7.

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Mr. John Kain shared a video about AzMERIT on-line test.

Mr. Kain submitted and read a letter asking that the Governing Board please not allow the students of Phoenix Elementary School District to take the online AzMERIT test.

Dr. Marston asked what that disparity would mean compared to the practice the students will get by using the online testing platform which clearly they will have to use while attending elementary school and throughout high school.

Dr. Jannasch-Pennell asked if this information Mr. Kain brought forward was something the District should be sharing with the Department of Education.
Mrs. Benjamin thanked and congratulated Mr. Kain for his valuable work.

Mr. Lind spoke about the Spelling Bee and announced the Spelling Bee Winners which were Chavi Coy (6th grade, Shaw Montessori), 1st runner-up Paul Montoya (5th grade, Magnet Traditional) and 2nd runner-up Savannah Turley (8th grade, Shaw Montessori).

Mr. Lind stated that Chavi Coy won by correctly spelling Chihuahua and conglomerate.

Mr. Lind announced that all three spellers advance to the regional bee March 19.

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized the students at Edison School who again carried the torch for Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit at the state capitol. Dr. Marston also recognized our spelling bee winner Chavi, who also had artwork at the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Art Exhibition and is obviously multi-talented.

Dr. Roa-Reifers spoke briefly about the Soccer Tournament at Lowell School which was Saturday, January 23, 2016, now begins the District Season.

2. Announcements

3. MCESA / REIL Update

D. Community Communications

1. Community Communications

Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez spoke about the AzMERIT and how our students are being tested inappropriately and the teachers are being evaluated unfairly because of biases. Mr. Ramirez informed the Governing Board that many teachers are thinking about leaving the profession because of the LOI Evaluation system.

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent


Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Mr. Lind stated that aligning Phoenix Elementary calendars to Phoenix Union High School District as closely as possible would allow ample instructional days prior to AzMERIT administered in April and provide ample time at end of school year for benchmark assessments administered in May.

Mr. Lind said that they would like to adopt the calendar prior to release of teacher contracts
Mr. Lind stated that stakeholders, including staff and parents, were given the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the calendar recommendations. Mr. Lind also said that most responses were in support of the recommendation.

Mr. Lind informed the Governing Board that the calendar recommendation for Magnet Traditional School would be brought to the Governing Board in February as the stakeholders consider a possible reduction of the 195 day student calendar.

Dr. Pannell asked Mr. Lind if he presented the new calendar to all employees he replied that the new calendar was emailed to all employees to review and ask any questions.

Dr. Marston asked what the student impact to student achievement would be by taking away 15 days from the Magnet School calendar.

Mrs. Benjamin stated that it would be a good thing to have a three year calendar and that it would be beneficial to many so that teachers and administration can plan accordingly.


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

2. Request Approve of Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Arizona University, College of Health & Human Services, for Clinical Practicum and/or Internship Education for Pre-Service College Students

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

The governing Board was impressed by the items that were being presented in the curriculum for the students.

Mr. Daniil requested that parents be involved in this curriculum.

Administration recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Northern Arizona University, College of Health & Human Services, for Clinical Practicum and/or Internship Experiences for Pre-Service College Students

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

3. Request Approval of Letter of Support for City of Phoenix Choice Neighborhood Grant
Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Ms. Cindy Stotler, the Housing Director and Ms. Katherine Coles, City of Phoenix Planner gave a brief presentation of The Choice Neighborhood Initiative Grant.

Dr. Roa asked that the District should add more educational specifics to the letter of support.

Dr. Ruthann Marston moved the letter of support be approved with suggested edits by Dr. Roa-Reifers and Dr. Stark.

*Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Susan Benjamin.*

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

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

1. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Progressive Roofing 1GPA Contract #12-02 for the Replacement of the Storage Room Roof at Garfield School and the Gym Roof at Lowell School.

*Ms. Durham spoke to the issue.*

*Mr. Anthony Parra answered questions about location and square footage of projects.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the issuance of a purchase order to Progressive Roofing 1GPA Contract #12-02 for the replacement of the storage room roof at Garfield School and the gym roof at Lowell 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

2. Request Approval of the Revised Expenditure Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

*Ms. Durham spoke to the issue.*

*Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized Ms. Durham’s work on adding almost 1 Million dollars to the District budget through corrections to state budget calculations and carry forward.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the FY2015-2016 revised expenditure budget.*

*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 Multi-Term Determination of RFPs for 006-1516 Basic Life, Voluntary Life and Short Term Disability Insurance and 007-1516 Flexible Spending Account and COBRA Administration Services

Ms. Durham spoke to the issue.

Dr. Marston asked about multi-term language in the RFP. Administration explained giving multi-term language allows for flexibility in renewals, but all renewals are approved by the Governing Board annually.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board determine RFP 006-1516 and RFP 007-1516 be multi-term contracts.

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

4. Request for Approval of Contract for Issuance to Certificated Teachers for the 2016-2017 School Year

Dr. Roa-Reifers spoke to the issue.

Mrs. Benjamin stated that the District needs to raise the base in a teacher salary to allow the recruitment of the best and brightest teachers the District can get. Mr. Daniil echoed Mrs. Benjamin and wanted to make sure the message was that we will continue to seek raises, and that ‘this is not it for the year.’

Mr. Hammond spoke about the teacher contracts, which would be distributed tomorrow January 29, 2016 and stated that the teachers would have 15 business days to except or reject their contracts.

Mr. Daniil asked if they had any concerns about teachers feeling locked in too soon to any sort of commitment and what outcomes we had last year. Mr. Hammond replied that all circumstances are considered and there are no liquidated damages in this contract.

Administration recommends the Approval of Issuance of Contracts to Certificated Teachers for the 2016-2017 School Year.

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

G. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
Dr. Roa-Reifers stated that she would make a draft of the Meeting Times and Dates with the information provided by the individual board members and then she would send it back to the Governing Board for approval and that the February 11th board meeting will be at 6 p.m. per the board’s initial responses:

Mr. Lind recognized Denise McGloughlin for obtaining her doctorate degree.

The Governing Board gave an update about the letter sent to the city’s Transportation Department about the possible changes to 3rd Ave and 5th Ave.

2. Board Reports

H. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Dr. Louisa Stark
Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1