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**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting  
February 25, 2016**

**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 Jannasch-Pennell Mrs. Susan Benjamin Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy**

*Also present were:*

**Dr. Myriam Roa-Reifers Mr. Tom Lind**  
Superintendent Assistant  
Superintendent

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**A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order - Dr. Louisa Stark

*Meeting called to order at 6:05p.m.*

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Fred Rosenfeld

*Mr. Fred Rosenfeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**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 \$14,485.90 and Expense Vouchers \$282,573.10 in the total amount of \$297,059.00

4. Request Approval to Introduce, Discuss, Amend if desired, and Act on a Resolution Adopting Written Continuing Disclosure Compliance Procedures

5. Request Approval to Move to Ratify the Action of the District's Bond Counsel in Causing the Notice of Hearing, as required by the Tax and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, to be published one time in the Arizona Republic

6. Request Approval of the Gifts, Donations and Grants as listed through January 2016

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 of Uncompensated Leave of Absences

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

12. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of consent agenda

**Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

2. Announcements

*Dr. Roa-Reifers made the following announcements:*

*Read Across America starting on March 2, 2016.*

*Principal Adrian Walker will host Principal Professional Development opportunity for Administrators in the REIL Alliance on March 1, 2016 - 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.*

*District Track Meet on March 1, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. at North High School*

*District Teacher Job Fair - March 10, 2016 - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Governing Board Room*

*District Safety Team continues joint observations of school lock down drills*

*Administrators attended a Mathematical Practices Professional Development on February 18, 2016*

*Coronado Home Tour, Sunday, February 28, 2016*

*March 24, 2016 governing board meeting cancelled.*

## **D. Community Communications**

### 1. Community Communications

*Mr. John Kain commented on AzMERIT test and gave examples of how an equation editor is not aligned and is inconsistent with the video tutorial as well as other problems with the online test. Mr. Kain provided a link to view more examples of why not to use AzMERIT online test at [bit.ly/3azmerit](http://bit.ly/3azmerit).*

## **E. Board Reports and Requests**

### 1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

*Dr. Marston reminded the Governing Board that the school district will be turning 145 years old this spring, but we plan to have a 150th celebration very soon.*

*Both Dr. Angel Pennell and Mrs. Susan Benjamin supported looking into bringing IB schools into our school district, and Mrs. Benjamin said that she made this request several meetings ago.*

### 2. Board Reports

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

### 1. Receive and Discuss Curriculum & Instruction Update

*Taken out of order before item E*

*Mr. Tom Lind and the C&I Team members Nadine Gofonia, Jill Andrews, Gail LaGrander, Rosanna Hidalgo, and Kim Hertzog presented an update on the following topics:*

*Family Engagement*

*District Leadership Teams*

*Math 20/20*

*June 6-8 Administrator Summit*

*HS night*

*Parent Volunteer recognition event (2nd annual)*

*Mrs. Benjamin asked for information on which schools have student advisory councils and how is success measured for the Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APPT).*

*Ms. LaGrander replied that data has been gathered and growth will be calculated, as well as the parent survey will be revised to ask questions to provide actionable data and report back to the families.*

*Dr. Angel Pennell asked if and how data from previous parent workshops was used.  
Mr. Lind said the information was gathered on parent questions about transition to High School.*

*Dr. Marston made several recommendations on how to involve parents; invite parents to Read across America; the importance of reading at home; the book storm program donations of books (1000 books).*

*Mr. Lind: Public thanks to Rosalinda Ramirez for coordinating Read Across America*

*Mr. Dan Gunitskiy attended the parent volunteer event last year and stated what incredible work Ms. LaGrander and the Parent Engagement Liaisons are doing. He also asked about the scope of the parent survey, commented that it is hard to get parent perspectives and requested information on the survey and the process.*

*Tom Lind: We received the 1st update from ADE on ESSA. It will be a time of transition again for 17-18 school year.*

*Mrs. Rosanna Hidalgo related the "story of now" is connected collaborative planning with the end in mind to have a consistent message and we are all on the same page and how to use different protocols for talking structures.*

*Mrs. Kim Hertzog discussed how we align instruction to today's higher standards with user friendly professional development for principals and teachers. The board was engaged in an exercise: Practice on Most Important Point protocol on the topic of assignments related to standards research.*

*Each board member was given a passage to read and asked to derive a key point with the sentence stem provided. Findings across the district will be analyzed at the schools using this strategy.*

*Tom Lind shared map of city of Phoenix with 2015 Spring AZ Merit data and that there are 57 school days left for assessments. All schools are ready for AZMerit Computer Based testing format (CBT) - some schools changed from Pencil based testing (PBT) to CBT and 70% of schools across the state are using the CBT.*

*Mr. Lind shared the AIR study appendix I.3 and summarized the results were very comparable between CBT and PBT.*

*Mrs. Hertzog shared how MACRO(Math program from Rodel foundation) home school collection has a new iteration - MATH 20/20 – and a focus of the training is to align to standards and best practices for Math instruction.*

*Mr. Lind summarized the cycle of the work and said he looked forward to the June administrative summit. Mr. Lind also added that they needed to reflect on their work and establish priorities for a guaranteed and viable curriculum; a focus on the growth mindset and more on the co-teaching model for Special Ed; as well as school safety.*

*Mr. Lind said that the spotlight schools' focus is to refine our collaboration skills to provide a consistent message so our teachers will feel empowered, and want to stay with us and increase student achievement.*

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

**1. Request Approval of Multi-Term Determination of RFP 008-1516 Time & Attendance Systems**

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board determine RFP 008-1516 be a multi-term contract.*

**Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Susan Benjamin.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

**H. Adjournment**

**1. Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted by*

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**Dr. Louisa Stark**

**Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1**