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Elementary School District #1

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Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
April 14, 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
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. Louisa Stark

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Herrera Student, Gerardo Tamez

Mr. Gerardo Tamez led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Student Musical Performance - Herrera Panther Guitar Ensemble - 1) Evening by Juan Antonio Muro 2) La Malaguena by Ernesto Lecuona 3) Tierra Mestiza by Gerardo Tamez - Teacher - Dr. Ricardo Reyes Paz

Mrs. Benjamin congratulated the boys for their hard work and excellent improvement throughout the year.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for February 11, 2016, February 25, 2016 and March 10, 2016

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

3. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip

4. Approval Renewal Memorandum of Understanding with the International Rescue Committee
5. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$4,157,862.84 and Expense Vouchers \$1,826,550.51 in the total amount of \$5,984,413.35
6. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Sagebrush Restoration LLC for the Sealing / Weatherproofing of the Gym at Whittier School
7. Request Approval of Sole Source Determination for Spinitar as the only authorized provider of Varitronics' VariQuest Software in Arizona.
8. Request Approval of Award of RFP 007-1516 for Flexible Spending (FSA) and COBRA Administration.
9. Request Approval of Award of RFP 006-1516 for Basic Life, Voluntary Life and Short Term Disability Insurance
10. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
11. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
12. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
13. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences
14. Request Approval/Ratification of Emergency Actions (if necessary)
15. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of consent agenda

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

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

1. Awards and Recognitions

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized our March S.T.A.R. Award Winners J Rosa Alvarez, Office Manager- Dunbar and also nominated was Andrea Plicque-Shores, Media Specialist- Dunbar and Alicia Lepro, Office Manager- Whittier and Amy Teilborg, IEIS- Whittier. Dr. Roa-Reifers said a few words as to why they were nominated.

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized our Herrera Choir received a Superior Rating.

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized our Salon Des Enfants.

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized our Lowell School who received the 2016 Gold PBISAz Achievement Award for Tier 1/2/3 PBIS Fidelity and Outcomes Mr. Lind added that they received a 100% on their implementation - other schools also.

Dr. Pennell and Mr. Gunitskiy added that it was a great big deal to win the gold medal.

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized Herrera for their performance at the Choral Music Festival.

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized our Volunteer Luncheon on April 14, 2016 hosted by Gail LeGrander at Kenilworth.

Ms. Gail LaGrander thanked the Governing Board and Cabinet for being present and supporting the student and the schools at the Volunteers luncheon.

2. Announcements

Mr Lind spoke about the the 2016 8th grade promotion schedule which was presented as a handout to the Governing Board.

Dr. Roa-Reifers recognized the 100 Phoenix Elementary 8th grade students who would be attending the 7th Annual Dare 2 Dream conference on Saturday, April 30th at Phoenix College. Field trip arranged by 7th and 8th grade teachers, who also attend with their students.

www.dare2dreamaz.com

3. MCESA / REIL Update

4. Adjourn to Executive Session

Adjourned to executive session at 6:30pm

Executive session suspended until after all other items 8:07 P.M.

Executive session resume at 9:30pm

D. Executive Session

1. Receive and Discuss Meet & Confer for 2016-2017

2. Resume to Regular Session

Regular session resumed 10:10 P.M

E. Community Communications

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F. Board Reports and Requests

1. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
2. Discussion of May 26th Board Meeting

G. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of Three Year Calendar Recommendations for Magnet Traditional School

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Mr. Lind stated that Magnet Traditional stakeholders were in agreement with a gradual reduction in calendar days.

Dr. Pennell asked where the Desegregation funding money goes since the days decreased.

Dr. Myriam Roa-Reifers stated that they would reallocate it to other areas.

Administration recommends the approval of the three year calendar recommendations for Magnet Traditional School for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.

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. Receive and Discuss, with possible action, a Pilot Program to Relocate Preschool Programs to the Faith North Campus for the 2016-2017 School Year

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Ms. Mara Carrasquillo a preschool at Emerson voiced her support to the move of preschool to the Faith North Campus.

Ms. Mara Carrasquillo explained there big concerns that they have because the preschools are separated in standalone teaching environments.

Mr. Sam Thornton psychologist for child find program explained the large benefit of centralizing the preschools and child find location.

Ms. Mara Carrasquillo stated that they are better preschool teachers at Emerson School because they have the support of other nearby preschool teachers.

Mr. Lind stated the budget for the preschools would transfer from their campuses to the new campus. Dr. Myriam Roa-Reifers added that the teacher stipends would transfer.

Mrs. Benjamin stated that it was a great idea and the parents and children would benefit a lot to be able to see where they will be attending and also to be able to meet the teachers at the campus.

Dr. Marston asked that consider two things 1 Emerson would have space for 8th graders and maintenance would be kept at a high level.

Mr. Gunitskiy asked that the District take action right away.

Administration recommends the Governing Board receive and discuss, with possible action, of a pilot program to phase-in the relocation Preschool classrooms and Child Find to the Faith North campus beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Request Approval of the Memorandum of Understandings for the Lead Guitar program at Edison and Lowell Schools for the 2016-2017 School Year

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends the approval of the Lead Guitar Memorandum of Understandings for Edison and Lowell Schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

H. Business Services - Larry Weeks, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of the 2016-2017 ESPA Meet and Confer Recommendations

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the 2016-2017 ESPA Meet and Confer Recommendations

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

2. Request Approval of the 2016-2017 PECTA Meet and Confer Recommendations

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez came before the board to advocate on the behalf of the teachers. Ms. Ramirez expressed her and her coworker's frustration and concerns.

Mrs. Benjamin stated that she would like to see that the District continue to find the funds to give the teachers a raise. Mrs. Benjamin stated that teachers work hard and deserve to continue to be compensated for their great work with our students.

Dr. Stark added that she would vote for this item and asked that they find more way to continue to compensate all of our employees.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the 2016-2017 PECTA Meet and Confer Recommendations

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

3. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss Departmental Reorganizations and to Approve Job Descriptions

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Dr. Marston asked that cabinet bring a budgetary salaries are being offered to the jobs and could only approve the federal program job discretion.

Dr. Myriam Roa-Reifers stated that any jobs not filled would be frozen.

The Governing Board asked for more time before they vote on this item due to the lack of information.

Mr. Weeks stated that they would bring back item H.3 with a budget report attached at a later meeting.

The Governing Board Members asked to withdraw item H.3 but approved the federal program job description as stated.

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 Approval of Issuing Work Agreements for Support Staff and Professional Staff Contracts for the 2016-2017 School Year

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends the Governing Board approve the Issuance of 2016-2017 Support Staff Work Agreements and 2016-2017 Professional Staff Contracts.

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Ruth Ann Marston.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to ADM Group for Architectural and Engineering Design RFP – 002-1314 for Site Security and Access Control at Seven Schools

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Dr. Marston asked that the Board receive updates on these projects.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the issuance of a purchase order to ADM Group for Architectural and Engineering Design for Site Security and Access Control at Seven Schools

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. Receive and Discuss, and take Possible Action to approve Management Information Systems Technology Upgrades

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Dr. Pennell congratulated the team for this great proposal. Dr. Pennell asked if this computer change be a good change for the users.

Mr. Gunitskiy stated that this would be a good benefit to show positive improvement to their work environment.

Administration recommends the Governing Board Receive and Discuss, and take Possible Action to approve Management Information Systems Technology Upgrades.

Motion by Angel Pennell, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. Request Approval to Purchase Technology Hardware Inventory Application from Hayes Software Systems.

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the purchase of Hayes Software Systems TIPWeb-IT inventory management program at a cost of \$35,070.00.

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

8. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Pueblo Mechanical & Controls, Inc. 1GPA #13-80 for Capitol School Chiller Replacement.

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the issuance of a purchase order to Pueblo Mechanical & Controls, Inc. for Capitol School Chiller Replacement

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

I. Adjournment

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Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Dr. Louisa Stark

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1