

**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
January 12, 2017**

Dr. Louisa Stark presided over the PESD No. 1 Governing Board Meeting in the Governing Board room at Emerson Court, 1817 N. Seventh Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85006

Other Board Members present were:

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston Mrs. Susan Benjamin Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy Ms. Lynné Almy

Also present were:

Mr. Larry Weeks Chief Executive Officer	Mr. Tom Lind Assistant Superintendent	Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo Assistant Superintendent	Jovanny Cervantes Board Secretary
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A. Regular Session - 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - Dr. Louisa Stark

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance- Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo

Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo led us in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Nomination and Election of the Governing Board President

Dr. Stark asked for nominations to the Governing Board Presidency

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy thanked Dr. Stark for her term as Board Member.

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy nominated Mrs. Susan Benjamin as the Governing Board President.

Dr. Marston Nominated Dr. Stark for the Governing Board President.

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy added that it would be beneficial to the Governing Board to switch among the members the presidency every year to ensure a stronger Governing Board.

Mrs. Benjamin also stated that it is very important to rotate the presidency [annually] to help create a stronger board.

All members cast their vote for Governing Board President.

Mrs. Benjamin was Elected Governing Board President

Ms. Susan Benjamin began serving on the District Governing Board in January of 2013. Raised in Virginia, she has lived in the City of Phoenix for over 30 years, and prior to retirement was the Director of Special Education in the Madison Elementary School District.

A career educator, Ms. Benjamin has taught at schools in Virginia and Arizona, including Carl Hayden and Shadow Mountain High Schools in Phoenix. She has served as Principal of Roadrunner School in the Paradise Valley Unified School District and as Assistant Director of Special Education in the Paradise Valley district. Ms. Benjamin has worked extensively on early intervention for all students in her tenure as an administrator, focusing specifically on Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) along with Reading and Math Intervention. She has served on a state-wide committee for implementation of PBIS.

Ms. Benjamin has a Masters in Educational Administration and Supervision from George Mason University and a BS from James Madison University. Ms. Benjamin and her husband Paul have two grown sons and two granddaughters.

Mrs. Benjamin gave her acceptance speech as the New Governing Board President, and indicated she would serve a one year term.

Mrs. Benjamin gave a warm welcome to Ms. Lynné Almy for first day as the Governing Board Member

B. Board Reports and Requests

1. Governing Board 2017 Meeting Dates and Times

Mrs. Benjamin asked for a Motion to approve The Governing Board Dates and Times with changes to the summer dates.

Motion by Ms. Lynné Almy, second by Ruth Ann Marston.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Ms. Lynné Almy, Louisa Stark

The Governing Board approved their meeting schedule and changed three June and July dates to 9:00 AM.

2. Board Retreat

Mrs. Benjamin asked for a motion to approve the Board Retreat on January 31, 2017 at BTW from 9am to 12pm.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Ms. Lynné Almy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Ms. Lynné Almy, Louisa Stark

3. Board Reports

4. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)

Dr. Marston asked that District history be placed back onto The District website.

Mrs. Benjamin added a comment about the social media information.

Mr. Lind Informed the Governing Board that the District Spelling Bee would be held on January 27, 2017 in the Governing Room at 10am.

C. Discuss if necessary and Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for December 8, 2016

2. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip

3. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$2,442,819.22 and Expense Vouchers \$1,874,206.75 in the total amount of \$4,317,025.97

4. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds as listed for November 2016

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

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

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

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

9. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Ms. Lynné Almy, Louisa Stark

D. Chief Executive Officer's Report - Larry Weeks

1. Awards and Recognitions
2. Announcements
3. Post MCESA / REIL Update

Mr. Weeks spoke about the future updates coming to the board.

E. Community Communications

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Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez congratulated Mrs. Susan Benjamin, thanked Dr. Stark and shared with the board how much she looks forward to working with them in the New Year. Ms. Ramirez also congratulated and welcomed Ms. Lynné Almy as new member of the Governing Board.

F. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of Clinical Practicum Agreement with California State University Northridge (CSUN) for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Student Interns Action

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends the approval of a clinical practicum agreement with California State University Northridge for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Student Interns.

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Ruth Ann Marston.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Ms. Lynné Almy, Louisa Stark

2. Request Approval of Agreement with the Hope Career and Readiness Academy to Place High School Student Interns in District Schools during the 2016-2017 School Year

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Administration requests approval of the agreement with Hope Career and Readiness Academy to place high school student interns in district schools during the 2016-2027 school year.

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Ms. Lynné Almy, Louisa Stark

G. Business Services - Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo, Assistant Superintendent

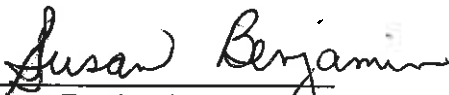
H. Adjournment

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Mr. Weeks stated that he was pleased to work with Dr. Stark last years and looked forward to working with Mrs. Benjamin this year. Mr. Weeks added that it was a very interesting group being that all members of the board have all been previous educators.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Mrs. Susan Benjamin

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1