

**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting
April 13, 2017**

Mrs. Susan Benjamin 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 **Dr. Louisa Stark** **Ms. Lynné Almy** **Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy**

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 - Mrs. Susan Benjamin
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Clare Okyere

Mrs. Clare Okyere led us in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Awards and Recognitions

Mr. Weeks Congratulated the March STAR Award Winners, who are:

- *Lori Nielsen, Instructional Coach - Dunbar Elementary*
- *Maria Botello, Lead Custodian - Dunbar Elementary*
- *Julie Robbins, Social Worker - Whittier Elementary*
- *Latesha Reed, Instructional Assistant IV - Whittier Elementary*

Mr. Weeks said a few words as to why they were nominated.

Mr. Lind spoke a little about The Chorale Music Festival which was held on April 12th.

Mr. Weeks announced that the Salon des Enfants was held on Friday, April 7th.

Mr. Weeks announced that AzMerit Testing is underway.

4. Adjourn to Executive Session

Mrs. Benjamin asked for a motion to go into executive session.

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Meeting was adjourned into executive session at 6:05p.m.

B. Executive Session

1. §38-431.03.5 - Discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body

2. Receive and Discuss Meet & Confer, Salaries, Jobs and Budget Impact

3. Resume Regular Session

Regular session was resumed at 7:00p.m.

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval for Out of State Travel

2. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip

3. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$2,091,410.34 and Expense Vouchers \$2,218,508.09 in the total amount of \$4,309,918.43

4. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds as listed for March 2017

5. Request Approval of Multi-Term Determination of RFP 006-1617 for Recess Management and Youth Development Services

6. Request Approval of Future GPLET Donation Agreement with Clark Street Holdings

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

8. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences

9. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the issuance of work agreements for 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. Chief Executive Officer's Report - Larry Weeks

1. Announcements

Mr. Weeks gave a thanks to all of those who attended the barbecue today to gather donations for the Parra and James Families.

E. Community Communications

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Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez came before the Governing Board and presented the recommendations by PECTA.

Ms. Rosalinda presented the Governing Board with a video of the Cat in The Hat event.

F. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of Agreement with Seattle University for the Placement of a Psychology Intern in the District for the 2017-2018 School Year

Mr. Lind spoke to the issue.

Administration requests the approval of an Agreement with Seattle University for the Placement of a Psychology Intern in the District for the 2017-2018 School Year

Motion by Lynné Almy, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

1. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Skyline Builders and Restoration, Inc. (Tempe SAVE Contract 14-21-18) for Painting Exterior of Garfield and Bethune Schools

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve issuance of a purchase order to Skyline Builders and Restoration, Inc. (Tempe SAVE Contract 14-21-18) for the painting of exterior of Bethune and Garfield School.

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Ruth Ann Marston.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Request Approval to Receive, Discuss and Take Possible Action on 2nd Read of Governing Board Policy GBI-Staff Participation in Political Activities

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

The Governing Board put forth the motion to take action on the second reading of Policy GBI-Staff Participation in Political Activities.

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Request Approval of the 2017-2018 PECTA Meet and Confer Recommendations

The Governing Board thanked PECTA for all they do.

Mrs. Hidalgo thanked PECTA.

Motion by Lynné Almy, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. Request Approval of the 2017-2018 ESPA Meet and Confer Recommendations

The Governing Board thanked ESPA for all they do.

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Request Approval of Issuance of Work Agreements for the 2017-2018 School Year

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the issuance of work agreements for 2017-2018 school year.

Motion by Daniil Gunitskiy, second by Louisa Stark.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. Request Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Phoenix Elementary School District #1 and Maricopa County Education Service Agency (MCESA) to Participate in the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) 5 Grant

Dr. Hidalgo and her team gave a presentation on how the TIF 5 Grant was started.

The Governing Board thanked Dr. Zehrbach and Ms. McGloughlin for the hard work.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Phoenix Elementary School District #1 and Maricopa County Education Service Agency (MCESA) to participate in the Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) 5 Grant.

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Lynné Almy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. Board Reports and Requests

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Dr. Marston requested the calendar for the 8th grade promotion ceremonies. Mr. Lind distributed it to the Governing Board Members.

2. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Gunitskiy requested a study session be conducted on Restorative Justice.

3. Request Approval for the Governing Board to Receive, Discuss and Possibly Approve a Resolution

Mr. Weeks spoke to the issue.

Mrs. Benjamin opened this item for discussion.

Mrs. Benjamin read the following ASBA resolution regarding ESA's and asked for a motion.

GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION OPPOSING

EXPANSION OF EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS (SB1431)

The Arizona Legislature recently passed, and Governor Ducey signed, Senate Bill 1431 which expands Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) program to any student in Arizona. This resolution opposes this expansion for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, the Legislature is charged under the Arizona Constitution to provide for "the establishment and maintenance of a general and uniform public school system" (Art. 11, Sec. 1);

WHEREAS, the Legislature is charged under the Arizona Constitution to "make such appropriations, to be met by taxation, as shall insure the proper maintenance of all state educational institutions, and shall make such special appropriations as shall provide for their development and improvement" (Art. 11, Sec. 10);

WHEREAS, the Arizona Constitution prohibits any "tax shall be laid or appropriation of public money made in aid of any church, or private or sectarian school, or any public service corporation" (Art. 9, Sec. 10);

WHEREAS, "the general conduct and supervision of the public school system shall be vested...in such governing boards for the state institutions as may be provided by law" (Art. 11, Sec. 2)

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks 48th in school funding (Education Week, Quality Counts, 2017), with Arizona teachers receiving the lowest salaries in the nation (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Morrison Institute, 2016), the third highest class sizes in the country (National Center for Education Statistics, 2015) and a growing teacher shortage crisis due to low pay and unacceptable working conditions;

WHEREAS, the cost of ESAs is covered exclusively by our state's general fund hurting the ability to fund our public schools and other programs;

WHEREAS, it has been shown that most of those using ESAs are the affluent who may have chosen to attend private school, even absent an ESA;

WHEREAS, the so-called cost savings and accountability measures contained in SB1431 do not safeguard the state's general fund enough and ESA proponents have already vowed to repeal them;

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that the school district governing board of the Phoenix Elementary School District, made up of locally elected and accountable school governing board members representing our community oppose the passage and signing of SB1431 into law and urge its reconsideration and repeal.

Adopted by the governing board at a meeting held on April 13, 2017.

Signed,

Board President, Governing Board

**Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Lynné Almy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries by Acclamation**


The Governing Board approved an ASBA resolution regarding ESA's by acclamation.

I. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Mrs. Susan Benjamin
Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1