

**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting  
April 27, 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**  
Vice President

*Also present were:*

<b>Mr. Larry Weeks</b> Chief Executive Officer	<b>Mr. Tom Lind</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo</b> Assistant Superintendent	<b>Jovanny Cervantes</b> Board Secretary
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**A. Regular Session - 6:05 p.m.**

1. Call to Order – Mrs. Susan Benjamin

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Kenilworth Students, Maximus Mejia and Sarai Chavez

*The Kenilworth Students led us in the pledge of allegiance.*

3. Musical Presentation - Shaw Montessori - A Kyrie for our Time by Don Besig, words by Nancy Price And La Musica by Jay Althouse; Teacher Ms. Katherine Merrill

*The Governing Board thanked the Shaw Montessori students for their musical performance.*

4. Awards and Recognitions

1. Kenilworth Etiquette Club Presentation - Greece and Rome Trip- Ms. Ford and Ms. Martinez

*Students Max Mejia, Sarai Chavez and Jacob Aceves came before the governing board to speak about their experiences spent on their travels to Rome.*

*Andria Estrella came before the Governing Board to thank them for giving the opportunity to the*

*Kenilworth students for their trip to Rome.*

2. Officer Jason Groen, Bethune SRO - 2017 Law Related Education Officer of the Year Award Presentation on June 15, 2017 at La Paloma Resort in Tucson at the State Bar of Arizona Convention

3. School Safety Grant - Submitted April 13, 2017 Requesting 11 SROs - Diane Wray

*Officer Jason Groen, Bethune SRO was recognized as 2017 Law Related Education Officer of the Year.*

*Mr. Lind asked to recognize Diane Wray for her outstanding work in writing the School Safety Grant.*

*Dr. Marston congratulated Mrs. Wray and her team for all their hard work.*

4. McKinney Vento Sub Grant Monitoring - Sara Sims

*Ms. Sara Sims was recognized for grant monitoring completed by Arizona Department of Education that showed no negative findings in the management of the McKinney Vento Sub Grant – an annual grant awarded to the district for the past three years.*

*Mr. Lind recognized the Federal Programs Team for all their hard work in assisting the McKinney Vento Students.*

*Ms. Sara Sims shared with the Governing Board what the McKinney Vento Program is and what the program does to assist students.*

*The Governing Board gave a big thanks to Sara Sims and the Federal Programs team.*

5. Installation of Playground Equipment at Edison School

*Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo shared a quick story about the students' reactions to the new playground equipment.*

*Dr. Marston asked for the opportunity to go check out the new playground equipment.*

*Dr. Hidalgo shared with the Governing Board a check donated to Phoenix Elementary School District in the amount of \$70,000 from the Foundation of The Orthopedic Clinic Association (TOCA).*

*Ms. Almy shared a quick statement from Ms. La Grander.*

## **B. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for March 9, 2017, March 23, 2017 and March 28, 2017
2. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip
3. Request Approval of Wednesday Early Release Calendar for the 2017-2018 School Year
4. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$2,118,181.83 and Expense Vouchers \$2,218,508.09 in the total amount of \$489,781.47
5. Request Approval to Apply for a CTDS (County number, Type number, District ID number, School Site ID number) number from the Arizona Department of Education for Faith North Early Childhood Learning Center
6. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
7. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
8. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
9. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

*Recommend approval of consent agenda*

**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**

## **C. Superintendent's Report - Larry Weeks**

1. Announcements

*Mr. Weeks announced that a letter was going to be sent to the City of Phoenix in opposition to a coffee shop being built at 7th Street & Palm Lane.*

## **D. Community Communications**

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*Dr. Angel Pennell came before the Governing Board to speak in support of appointing Mr. Weeks as the Superintendent of Phoenix Elementary School District for the continuing years.*

*"Madame President, Mr. Weeks, Members of the Governing Board and Cabinet.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of appointing Mr. Larry Weeks as Superintendent of Phoenix Elementary School District #1.*

*I think we can all agree that an uncomplicated, straight-forward definition of a trait of string leader is that they treat people the way they want to be treated. Strong leaders are extremely ethical and believe that honesty, effort and reliability form the foundation of success. An effective leader embodies these values so overtly that no employees doubt their integrity even for a minute. In my opinion, this describes Mr. Weeks to a tee.*

*During my tenure on the board, I had the opportunity to observe Mr. Weeks, first as an Associate Superintendent and later as CEO, where he actively served as a role model for the PESD team. The reality is, it's very difficult for a single person to make a really great impact by themselves. Mr. Weeks is a community builder, who knows that he cannot implement the Districts vision alone. Mr. Weeks is always trying his best to motivate and enable his team to achieve greatness together. He works diligently at being the kind of leader that pushes people to be the very best they can be but still makes people feel safe because it starts with the heart. Mr. Weeks understands that high-functioning teams are essential; he realizes at a visceral level, as any good leader should, that a healthy community (for both student and staff) will contribute to stability, retention and investment in our District.*

*Finally, in closing, since we are at Emerson Court, I will leave you with a Ralph Waldo Emerson quote-*

*"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be.*

*I believe Larry Weeks can Provide that inspiration."*

*Ms. Susan Engdall and all the Principals came in support of Mr. Weeks' nomination as Superintendent of the Phoenix Elementary School District.*

#### **E. Business Services - Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo, Assistant Superintendent**

##### **1. 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 to executive session at 6:58p.m.*

## **F. Executive Session**

1. The Governing Board may recess into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03.A.3 and A.4. for the purpose of consultation for legal advice from the attorney for the public body regarding the Superintendent's Contract and provide direction to the attorney.

2. Resume to Regular Session

*Regular session resumed at 7:38p.m.*

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

1. Request Approval of Superintendent's Contract

*Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the Superintendent's Contract.*

**Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.**

**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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*Mrs. Benjamin asked the Governing Board request a review of the summer board meeting schedule to avoid conflict with Ms. Almy's work schedule.*

*Mr. Daniil spoke about his ride along experience with the Phoenix Police Department where he learned about the District and its surrounding community.*

*Mrs. Benjamin spoke about the changes made at Faith North and gave a shout out to Mrs. de Ocampo.*

2. Future Agenda Items

*Dr. Marston requested the board to direct the Superintendent to schedule one or more work study sessions to consider the Strategic Plan and the Curriculum Audit prior to setting the Superintendent's goals and prior to the end of August.*

## **I. Adjournment**

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*Meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted by*

X *Susan Benjamin*

***Mrs. Susan Benjamin***

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