Minutes of Regular Public Meeting  
May 25, 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  Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy

Also present were:
Mr. Larry Weeks  Mr. Tom Lind  Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo  Jovanny Cervantes  
Superintendent  Assistant Superintendent  Assistant Superintendent  Board Secretary

A. Regular Session - 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Mrs. Susan Benjamin

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Magnet Traditional Student, Joaquín Gómez

Joaquín Gómez led us in the pledge of allegiance.


4. Awards and Recognitions

Mr. Weeks announced that the 8th grade promotion ceremonies were a great celebration of student achievement and that Magnet Traditional’s would be held May 30th.
Mr. Weeks announced that many school field trips took place this year to extend classroom learning. A few of those places included California and the Colorado River.

Mr. Weeks announced that the summer work schedules on our campuses begin next week.

Mr. Weeks spoke about the End of Year Convocation.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for April 13, 2017 and April 27, 2017

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

3. Request Approval to Renew Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Washington Elementary School District for Title I Services to Private School Children

4. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll $2,139,260.58 and Expense Vouchers $848,853.26 in the total amount of $2,988,113.84

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 of Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda was approved with changes to the minutes for April 27th on item A.5.

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark

C. Superintendent's Report - Larry Weeks

1. Announcements

Mr. Weeks announced that the Leadership Summit would be held on May 31 – June 2.

Mr. Weeks announced that Summer School and PEER start next week, and that the Chinese Cultural Camp would begin on June 26th.

Mr. Weeks spoke about the Summer Maintenance and Continuation of Bond Projects.
Mr. Weeks announced that the June 8 board meeting would be held at 9:00 a.m.

2. Post MCESA / REIL Update

D. Community Communications

1. Community Communications

**Statement made by Gail Lagrander**

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Re: Revisions to Policies AC and GBA

Good evening. I am addressing you this evening in my role as a member of the executive board of the Phoenix Elementary Education Support Professionals Association or ESPA.

We support the proposed revisions to Policy AC, Nondiscrimination / Equal Opportunity, and Policy GBA, Equal Employment Opportunity, and the specific inclusion of “sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.”

In January of this year, it was brought to our attention that the existing language in both policies was inadequate. I am proud to state that ESPA took responsibility for immediately elevating this issue by drafting a proposal for discussion during the Meet & Confer process, which started on Jan. 31. ESPA submitted revised policy language and also requested that the proposed changes to the policy be brought before the Governing Board in an expedited fashion. The proposal was, in fact, discussed early in negotiations, and your bargaining team and ours came to agreement on both points.

We stand alongside Superintendent Weeks, his Cabinet, and you in affirming the importance of creating a climate and culture throughout Phoenix Elementary that guarantees a safe, welcoming and affirming environment for all, across the wide spectrum of human diversity.

And while the approval of the revised policy language is important and foundational, we also want to state our commitment to be partners in operationalizing this policy, both individually and as part of a collective focus on reaching the goal of educational equity throughout the Phoenix Elementary School District.

Thank you.

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Receive and Discuss a Report on the A-F Accountability Plan, including a Sample Calculation for a Demo School
Mr. Lind spoke to the issue and Ms. Kathi Marston provided a power point on the A-F Components.

Ms. Marston stated that on April 26, 2017, the State Board of Education adopted the A-F School Accountability Plan for grades K-8 and 9-12.

Ms. Marston stated that the plan included the following Categories/Components for K-8 schools:

Proficiency: AzMERIT ELA & Math plus AIMS Science
Growth: Student Growth Percentiles on AzMERIT ELA & Math
Student Growth to Target on AzMERIT ELA & Math
English Language Learners: Proficiency on AzELLA
Growth on AzELLA
Acceleration/Readiness: Grades 5-8 High School AzMERIT Math
Decrease Grade 3 ELA minimally proficient students
Decrease chronic absenteeism
Inclusion of students with high incident & low incident disabilities in general education
Improved growth of subgroups

The Governing Board and Cabinet expressed their appreciation and thanked Ms. Marston for all her hard work.

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

1. Request to consider, discuss, amend if desired, and act on a resolution ordering and calling a Special Budget Override Election to be held in and for the District and declaring the deadline for submitting arguments "for" and "against" the ballot question to the Maricopa County School Superintendent by August 11, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. (A copy of the Proposed Resolution is on file with the District).

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

Ms. Ericka Coombs and Mr. Bob Casillas came before the Governing Board to provide a presentation on the Special Budget Override Election.

*Board President stepped out of the meeting due to emergency*
Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy was appointed acting Vice President to continue the meeting.

Administration recommends the Governing Board consider, discuss, amend if desired, and act on a resolution ordering and calling a Special Budget Override Election to be held in and for the District and declaring the deadline for submitting arguments "for" and "against" the ballot question to the Maricopa County School Superintendent by August 11, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. (A copy of the Proposed Resolution is on file with the District).
Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Danil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Louisa Stark
Not Present at Vote: Susan Benjamin

2. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss 1st Read of Governing Board Policy AC-
   NONDISCRIMINATION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

3. Request Approval to Receive and Discuss 1st Read of Governing Board Policy GBA EQUAL
   EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

Mr. Weeks announced that Ms. Almy was in full support of the changes and had no additional
changes.

4. Receive, Discuss and Possibly Adopt Board Policy DGD - Credit Cards

Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue.

Dr. Marston thanked Dr. Hidalgo for her great work.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board receive, discuss and possibly adopt Policy
DGD-Credit Cards.

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Danil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Louisa Stark
Not Present at Vote: Susan Benjamin

G. Board Reports and Requests

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Mr. Gunitskiy gave the District a shout out for their great Promotion Ceremonies.

2. Future Agenda Items

H. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by

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