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**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**  
Superintendent

**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

*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.*

3. Musical Presentation - Magnet Traditional and Herrera Students - Magnet Bulldog Guitar Ensemble-6th graders (Joaquín Gómez, Iliana Kronlund, Paul Montoya, Allyson Jenner and Samuel García) Music pieces: Chanson Russe, Allemande I by Tielman Susato; Herrera Panther Guitar Trio-8th graders (Anthony Meza, Nicolás Segundo, Edwin Bejarano) Music Pieces: Tango by Matthew Hinsley, Malagueña by Ernesto Lecuona. Mariachi Herrera-5th, 7th and 8th graders (Quetzalia Moya, Anthony Meza, Alejandro Galindo, Ramón López, Damian Tapia, Jesús Bustamante) Music Pieces: Las Mañanitas, De Colores; Teacher Dr. Ricardo Reyes Paz

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 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*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 \*\****

*Governing Board meeting*

*May 25, 2017*

*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: Daniil 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: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Louisa Stark**

**Not Present at Vote: Susan Benjamin**

## **G. Board Reports and Requests**

1. Board Reports and Requests

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

2. Future Agenda Items

## **H. Adjournment**

1. Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted by*

X Susan Benjamin

*Mrs. Susan Benjamin*

*Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1*