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**Minutes of Regular Public Meeting**  
**July 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**

*Also present were:*

**Mr. Larry Weeks**  
Superintendent

**Mr. Tom Lind**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

**Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo**  
Assistant  
Superintendent

**Monica Ortiz**  
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 6:00 p.m.*

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Gina Millsaps

*Due to Gina's absence, Larry Weeks led us in the pledge of allegiance.*

3. Awards and Recognitions

*Larry Weeks recognized the appointment of Gina Millsaps as Principal of Dunbar School and wishes her well.*

*Larry Weeks also mentioned what a fantastic convocation we had. There was a full house of about 600-700 people in attendance, and a great speech by Dr. David Garcia.*

4. Adjourn to Executive Session

*Mrs. Benjamin asked for a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.*

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

***Final Resolution: Motion Carries***

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

**B. Executive Session**

1. The Governing Board may recess into executive session pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A)(7) for the purpose of discussion with designated real estate representatives of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct the representatives regarding the East Lake community

2. Resume to Regular Session

*Regular session resumed at 6:53 p.m.*

**C. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Request Approval of Governing Board Minutes for June 22, 2017

2. Request Approval of Renewal Agreement with Blueprint Education for Educational Services for Students during the 2017-2018 School Year

3. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$833,585.19 and Expense Vouchers \$829,286.64 in the total amount of \$1,662,871.83

4. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds as listed for June 2017  
Resolution: Administration recommends the Governing Board Approve the Student Activity Funds as listed for June 2017

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.*

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

***Final Resolution: Motion Carries***

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

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

### **1. Announcements**

*Mr. Weeks announced that Perry Monge Salon will be coming to the District on July 31<sup>st</sup> to offer free haircuts and manicures to all teachers and staff. The event is sponsored by ADM, and McCarthy Construction.*

*Dr. Hidalgo introduced Jason Hammond to share information regarding teacher staffing. Jason spoke to the issue and stated that he takes it very seriously to fill our positions and provide effective teachers for our students. The competition has really grown in recent years with compensation and limited number of candidates. We have hired 56 new teachers, 17 of which have no previous teaching experience. Mr. Hammond also mentioned that 2 new teachers are international hires. We also hired 7 support positions. Jason congratulated his HR team for their efforts.*

*Dr. Hidalgo gave her thanks to the Curriculum and Instruction team adding that they are a vital part in this process. She also thanked the Board for approving the contracts early so that we can get the process started earlier, and said it's been a team effort.*

*Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue of Student Enrollment. Last year at this time, we were down by 600 students before school started. Right now we are about 203 students down. We are doing weekly updates on enrollment making sure that the sites are entering their student's information so we can keep count, and we've put an emphasis that there are no waiting lists. We are doing everything possible to encourage everybody to do their best to recruit students. Dr. Hidalgo also mentioned that our marketing team sent out 112,000 post cards, went out to the library, and used Facebook and Twitter as marketing tools, just to name a few.*

## **E. Community Communications**

### **1. Community Communications**

*There were no community communications.*

## **F. Curriculum & Instruction - Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent**

*There are no agenda items for Curriculum & Instruction.*

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

### **1. Request Approval to Issue Retention Stipends during SY 17-18**

*Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue and mentioned we have new stipends that are coming forward with opportunity that we had from MCESA with the TIF 4 Grant. All these funds are reimbursed by the grant. It looks like we are getting 1.7 million dollars, and this is an opportunity we can't pass up.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve issuance of the MCESA Stipends as described in the Rationale.*

***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. Receive, Discuss and Take Possible Action of a delegate and alternate for the ASBA delegate assembly September 9, 2017

*Dr. Hidalgo opened this item up for discussion. Dr. Marston mentioned she has attended and it is worth attending at least once. Lynné Almy will be the delegate, and Dr. Stark will be the alternate.*

3. Discuss and take possible action on the District Board's statement in favor of the District's Maintenance and Operations Override Election

*Dr. Hidalgo spoke to the issue. She mentioned she submitted the voter informational pamphlet to the Maricopa County Elections Department that included the change in the language as suggested by Dr. Marston.*

*Additionally, the Pro Statement, which is due to the Maricopa County Elections office by August 10<sup>th</sup>, was looked at and changes were made on the "Arguments for" section. Dr. Hidalgo asked board members if there were any additional changes before it gets submitted. Dr. Stark had some questions and suggested a few changes.*

*Administration recommends the Governing Board discuss and take possible action on the District Board's statement in favor of the District's Maintenance and Operations Override Election.*

***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***

4. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Don Sanderson Ford (AZ SPO17-166123) for Purchase of Eight (8) White Fleet Vehicles

*Anthony Parra, Director of Plant Services spoke to the issue and went over a power point presentation for the purchase of 8 White Fleet vehicles. Mr. Parra mentioned that he used the same purchase strategy as he did for the purchase of the buses, and chose what was best for the District such as which type of vehicles as well as make and ton chassis. Anthony gave examples of how the current fleet is starting to break down.*

*Dr. Marston agreed that the purchase will be the best use of our community's money. Other board members had questions in which Anthony answered.*

*Administration recommends that the Governing Board Approve Issuance of Purchase Order to Don Sanderson Ford for the Purchase of Eight (8) White Fleet Vehicles using Arizona State Contract (AZ SPO17-166123) for an amount of \$220,400.00.*

*Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Daniil Gunitskiy.*

*Final Resolution: Motion Carries*

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

5. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Auto Safety House (AZ SPO15-083767) for Purchase of Eight (8) White Fleet Vehicle Accessories.

## **H. Board Reports and Requests**

### **1. Board Reports and Requests**

*Mr. Gunitskiy thanked everyone for a great convocation and had a consistent message and theme from each speaker. He said there was great customer service in the parking lot, with everything working well.*

*Daniil mentioned he and Mrs. Susan Benjamin attended the opening of the MTSS conference at Herrera and enjoyed it. He appreciated the opportunity to be there, and thanked those who put the conference together. He thinks it's a really important conversation that we are pushing in the District in terms of what does equity look like for all of our students.*

*Susan commented that she received a flyer in her mail that needs to be addressed and looked at. The flyer is a marketing tool from The American Federation for Children Growth Fund, and resembles Phoenix Elementary District #1 and used the same colors as our District also.*

*Susan mentioned there was a retreat and talked about having a calendar of what's happening and requested an electronic copy to plan accordingly. Mr. Weeks said there will be a presentation calendar to get us organized and will be presented to the Board.*

### **2. Future Agenda Items**

*Mrs. Benjamin brought up the subject of how the school board might complete a yearly self-evaluation and thinks it's important for the District's board to discuss. Susan gave Mr. Weeks a board policy example. Larry Weeks agreed and said he will bring it back to the table soon, especially since we are planning a board retreat around October of this year.*

## **I. Adjournment**

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*Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted by*

X Susan Benjamin

*Mrs. Susan Benjamin*

*Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1*