

Minutes of Regular Public Meeting April 12, 2018

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy 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 Mrs. Susan Benjamin

Also present were:

Mr. Larry Weeks

Mr. Tom Lind

Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo

Jessika Orona

Superintendent

Assistant

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Board Secretary

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

- 1. Call to Order Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy 6:03 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Adrian Walker
- 3. Awards and Recognitions The Business Partners Luncheon was held on April 5, 2018. The Health and Wellness BBQ was held on April 7, 2018. "Someone Who Shines at Phoenix #1" Nominee was Jennifer Sumida, Teacher at Lowell School. Salon de Enfants was held on April 6, 2018.

B. Superintendent's Report - Larry Weeks

- 1. Youth Advisory Council Update The Youth Advisory Committee members Gustavo Perez Emerson School & Lheonhardo Carvajal Magnet Traditional School, spoke about what they like about the program and where they see themselves going in the future and discussed plans for high school.
- 2. Announcements Last night there was a community forum, (4/11/18) and there were healthy conversations about the culture of the district; listening more, showing what is needed and wanted and listening to student voices.
- 3. Phoenix Elementary Hero Dr. Marston spoke about the hero, William A. Hancock.

C. Approval of Consent Agenda

- 1. Request for Governing Board to Approve out of State Travel
- 2. Request Approval for Out of District Field Trip
- 3. Request Approval of Renewal Intergovernmental Agreement with the Greater Phoenix Education Management Council (GPEMC)
- 4. Request Approval of Ratification of Payroll \$2,015,051.01 and Expense Vouchers \$2,092,491.22 in the total amount of \$4,107,542.23
- 5. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations, and Grants as listed from October through December 2017
- 6. Request Approval of the Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds as Listed for March 2018
- 7. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
- 8. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
- 9. Requests Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements

(Per Mrs. Benjamin) - "I would like to speak to C9 and I am requesting that my full statement be included in the Board minutes.

There are 3 staff that were non-renewed several weeks ago and show up in this consent agenda. Two are on the RIF list and one has resigned at the end of his contract. I will vote in favor of this item because of my need to fiscally act responsible. But after 2 staff were previously non-renewed to add to the 3 on the agenda this evening, I have some real concerns and questions related to the process that led to these decisions.

To cite the Curriculum Audit, "To allocate or reallocate resources without a comprehensive evaluation of the districts learning systems ignores the opportunity to strategically re-establish PESD learning goals. Without a curriculum based budget system in place, as recommended by the Curriculum Audit, systems for learning priorities and goals."

So in the Board's desire for transparency and integrity and I personally want to prevent last minute staffing changes that don't allow long term staff to seek other positions in a timely manner, I am requesting some information. I also want to increase our salaries for teachers and support staff, reduce class size especially in the primary grades and of course remain fiscally sound. All these things are ultimately in support of teaching and learning which will provide better educational outcomes for our students.

I am requesting the following be presented at a board meeting no later than May 10th with a reasonable amount of time for discussion allotted. I am also requesting that the information that will be presented be fully included in the Board book on the Friday before our meeting.

Here are my questions:

- 1. What are current budget shortages and what is the cause of these shortages?
- 2. What is the full plan to meet those financial issues?

As the PESD Board, we need to begin to understand the budget process based on the Curriculum Audits Recommendation 7-

- 1. Where are we going with this recommendation?
- 2. What details do you as the administrative team have in place now?
- 3. What needs to be done next?
- 4. What is the timeline for accomplishing a budget process that provides the Board with no surprises and begins to allow us some choice in where adds or cuts happen to achieve greatest educational returns for our boys and girls?

Thank you, Susan Benjamin - 4/12/18

- 10. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences
- 11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Susan Benjamin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. Community Communications

1. Community Communications

Rosalinda Ramirez, Cindy Martin, Jay Barbuto, Tara, Jeopardy La Rue, and Manuel Blanco all spoke regarding #REDFORED and stated their own personal opinions on what was going on and what they hope to gain from it.

E. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request Approval of RFP 010-1718 Curriculum Management Plan Consulting Services to Curriculum Management Solutions, Inc. for a Total Cost of \$9,250.00

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

2. Receive and Discuss Presentation from Magnet Traditional Principal – Principal from Magnet Traditional spoke about the ongoing activities at their school. He also discussed the S.A.F.E PowerPoint presentation.

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

1. Receive, Discuss and Take Possible Action on a Resolution regarding #RedforEd Mr. Gunitskiy spoke about the #RedforEd movement, and how we can improve salaries for schools and employees. The board discussed the movement and what the goal is for red for ed. Mr. Gunitskiy opened up about how hard it is for teachers and is hoping for progress. Ms. Almy asked for a soft copy to be shared and Mr. Weeks agreed to share it.

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Request Approval to Renew Health Insurance Providers for 2018-2019

Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Ruth Ann Marston

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Request Approval of Issuance of Purchase Order to Pueblo Mechanical & Controls (Mohave #14-GPMAC-0903) for \$2,102,355.63 for HVAC Upgrade at Herrera Elementary School per attached detailed scope of work

Motion by Louisa Stark, second by Susan Benjamin.

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 Play it Safe Playground and Park Equipment (AZ ROC #294843) in the Amount of \$168,320.83 for Play Structure at Magnet Traditional School

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

5. Request Approval for Univision Arizona to be determined and classified as a sole source provider for school year 2017-2018

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. Board Reports and Requests

- 1. Board Reports and Requests
- 2. Future Agenda Items

H. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy

Board President, Phoenix Elementary School District #1