Governing Board Meeting - Notice of Public Meeting -- Notice of Regular Session (Thursday, August 23, 2018)
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Location: Phoenix Elementary School District, 1817 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006

Governing Board Members present
Danill Gunitsky, Ruth Ann Marston, Louisa Stark, Lynne' Almy

A. Regular Session - 6:00 p.m.
1. Call to Order - Mr. Danill Gunitsky
   Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Dirk Olmstead
   Mr. Dirk Olmstead led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Student Performance - Emerson School - Piano Performance - Ivan Sesmas, 4th grade: "Sonatina and Spanish Caballeros" and Rebecca Fuller, 6th grade: "Claire de Lune and TBD"

4. Awards and Recognitions
   Dr. Denise McGloughlin said former Heard School student, Edmond Dong, who is now a Phoenix Union High School student was one of four Bio Science students who attended the WCPEC Conference in Hilo, Hawaii over the summer. These students were engaged in a year long research experience with ASU's Quantum Energy and Sustainable Solar Technology. Edmon was chosen to share his research at the conference. He is a first generation American, raised by his mother who speaks very little English, and placed great importance on education. Edmon was very goal driven, and very humble with a great sense of humor. He served as Tech Support at Heard when he was a student there.

   Mr. Larry Weeks said the Taipei Chinese Cultural Summer Camp was a fantastic event. The PEER students really enjoyed their cultural activities. Dr. Marston gave some comments, and said we are the only school district in the state of Arizona that works with Taipei on an on-going basis to help PESD students become familiar with the culture so that they are more easily accessed for future business and artistic opportunities later in life. PESD works with them throughout the year.

   PESD's first District-wide Collaborative Team Meeting was held on August 22nd. Dr. Denise McGloughlin spoke to the issue and watched teachers get together to talk about standards, assessments, next steps in lesson planning to name a few. Dr. McGloughlin also shared some positive comments made by teachers through email. They all had a great experience, and made great connections. Mr. Larry Weeks thanked Dr. McGloughlin for all her hard work.

   Our Business Partner Luncheon was held on August 15th coordinated by Ms. Sara Bresnahan. Mr. Gunitsky said it was the best luncheon that the business partners have attended. Ms. Bresnahan said Ms. Sairi Puri, a Junior in High School is our newest and youngest business partner. Sairi raised enough money through Rainbow Pack Donations to provide school supplies and backpacks to every student at Dunbar School.

   Support Staff Convocation was held today at Herrera. It was for those who didn't have the opportunity to attend our first one in July. It was well-attended, and very celebratory. Mr. Larry Weeks, and Mr. Danill Gunitsky said that our Support Staff is very much appreciated.

B. CEO/Superintendent's Report - Larry Weeks
1. Announcements
   Session 1 of Leadership Development Cohort Series at the DLTM was held on August 14th.

   New Principals will complete the LOI Qualified Evaluator Training on August 24th.

   Training for Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Educators will be held on September 10th. Mr. Tom Lind said we have a partnership with ASU to bring 9 educators from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to co-teach with teachers in 3 of our schools. They have joined us for new teacher orientation, attended Convocation, attended a Professional Development at their assigned schools, and are scheduled to begin full-time work in our school district on September 10th.

   Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo gave a student enrollment update. We are down about 122 students from last school year on the 100th day. From the last day of school, we were down 148 students. She spoke of the changes that had to occur as a result, and mentioned some of the things being done to help in the recruitment process. Daily, there are new students that enroll. Hopefully those numbers will increase.

   Mr. Tom Lind spoke about the Strategic Plan Cohort, which will be held on August 29th. Teams will lead meetings that will include Curriculum Writing, Technology, Assessment Cadres, New Teacher Support, Equity Cohort, Policy Cohort and Organizational Development Cohort to be held on August 30th and 31st.

   The ASBA Law Conference will be held on September 6th and 7th.

   The aimswebPlus, AZELLA (for new students) Galileo pre-assessment, and Unique Learning Systems Alternate Benchmark are in process.

2. Phoenix Elementary Hero
   Dr. Ruth Ann Marston spoke of Isaiah Mays; our hero this month. Isaiah was born into slavery in Virginia, earned the
Congressional Medal of Honor, and also became a Buffalo Soldier. The United States sought to solve the “Indian Problem,” and moved 75 - 80% of its standing army, into the Arizona Territory, where the officers were all white at that time. His specialty was protecting the settlers from robbers, and bandits, and guarding the border between the United States and Mexico. Mr. Mays was among the troops attacked in the Wham Paymaster Robbery. All were injured, and nobody died, but the payroll was taken. Isaiah Mays who had been shot in both legs managed to crawl to the Cottonwood Ranch for help two miles away. All suspects were identified by name, and were acquitted by an all-white jury. A painting of the Wham Robbery later sold for a little over five-million dollars.

C. Approval of Consent Agenda
1. Request for Governing Board to Approve Out of State Travel
2. Request Approval of Out-of-District Field Trip
3. Request Approval of Renewal Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Phoenix Police Department, for the continued support of School Resource Officers in three of our schools.
4. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll $2,171,799.89 and Expense Vouchers $3,179,042.50 in the total amount of $5,350,842.39
5. Request Approval of renewal of Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Policy Service Agreement Subscription
6. Request Approval of Designated Administrators as Qualified Evaluators of Certificated Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year
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. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
10. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences
11. Request Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of consent agenda

Motion by Lynne' Almy, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Louisa Stark, Lynne' Almy

D. Community Communications
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There were no community communications.

E. Curriculum & Instruction - Dr. Denise McGloughlin, Chief Academic Officer

F. Business Services - Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo, Chief Operations Officer

1. Request Approval of Letter of Agreement between Phoenix Phabulous Experience and Phoenix Elementary School District #1 for Space to Display the Phoenix Phabulous History Mural to Complement the District’s 150-year Commemoration and Celebration

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston shared some of the murals by a slide show, and said there will be sixteen 3x6 ft. hanging canvases that will be displayed inside the Governing Board Room.

Administration recommends that the governing board approve the Letter of Agreement between Phoenix Phabulous Experience and Phoenix Elementary School District #1 for space to display the Phoenix Phabulous history mural to complement the District’s 150-year commemoration and celebration

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2. Receive and Discuss the "Change in Central Phoenix" Report by Dan Hunting, ASU Morrison Institute

Mr. Dan Hunting presented a slide show of Phoenix’s geography, housing changes, district enrollment, demographic changes, and the population of children and voters. A detailed report can be found at morrisoninstitute.asu.edu/

G. Board Reports and Requests
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2. Future Agenda Items

H. Adjournment
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Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy, Board President

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