

**Governing Board Meeting - Notice of Public Meeting -- Notice of Regular Session -- REVISED AGENDA: September 12, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. (Thursday, September 13, 2018)**

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Location: Phoenix Elementary School District, 1817 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006

**Governing Board Members present**

Daniil Gunitskiy, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark, Lynne' Almy

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

1. Call to Order - Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Youth Advisory Council Student

YAC student, Elandra Gamez, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Awards and Recognitions

Mr. Larry Weeks mentioned the following awards and recognitions:

- The first ELA and Math Curriculum Cadres under the Student Success Action Team was held on August 28th.
- New teachers participated in their first New Teacher Support Session on August 28th.
- The Equity Action Team launch was held on August 28th.
- The Policy Action Team started their work on August 28th.
- The Organizational Development Action Team participated in Performance Based Budgeting Training on August 30th and 31st, which consisted of a variety of stakeholders, several support staff members, classroom teachers, and all District Administrators.
- Two of our current YAC students have been asked to participate in the 2018-19 Kids Voting Leadership Council through the Arizona Bar Association.

Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy mentioned that Garfield Garden had a dedication, and the students were able to make sushi out of all the vegetables that they planted.

**B. CEO/Superintendent's Report - Larry Weeks**

1. Youth Advisory Council

Ms. Shayne Sotelo mentioned some upcoming events. On September 26th, the YAC will be trained by Phoenix Union High School to lead the way in presenting High School information to the 6th through 8th grade PEER's at their school sites. They will attend ASU for 8 sessions where they will interact with state of the art technology such as digital textbooks, and robots. The YAC will also be able to see and participate in the design process of new technologies that could impact them and their peers in the future. They will provide ideas and work as docents for the upcoming High School Night on October 24th at Herrera School.

Three Youth Advisory Council students came up to speak. Breanna Hernandez from Shaw Montessori said she is looking forward to making change for, not only herself, but for her fellow peers and faculty who have to deal with the community on a daily basis. This year, the middle school plans to, not only leave the school better for future generations, but to push themselves and expand their minds towards their education and other programs that they have going on. They will be reading the book: The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens. This book shows the challenges and obstacles teen face, and can supply guidance on how to get through them. Breana brought up sports and said there isn't always fair play, and is disappointed that there are only 2 co-ed sports available throughout the district. She said there are many girls who would want to play basketball.

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston asked Breanna how she thinks we can go about fixing the co-ed sports issue. Breana responded and said in the past the coaches and players were able to work it out, and doesn't see a reason why they can't do it again. Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy said the board will ask more questions on this issue, and do a follow-up.

Yolanda Gamez from Lowell Elementary came up to speak about change in her school. She wants to encourage students to be more involved in their school, and to let them know their voice will be heard. She also would like to convince her principal to implement a uniform policy so that students will not feel judged, or get bullied. Yolanda mentioned that the cafeteria food this year tastes better than last year, and noticed that the trays are recyclable. She thanked the board and the district for their help with those changes.

Ariza Meza, the voice of Whittier, spoke about changes in her school. She requested an open door policy for her principal since she noticed students are needing to speak to someone about certain issues. Ariza also wants the students to know they can speak with the school psychologist, which some students weren't aware there was one on campus. Ms. Susan Benjamin asked about the "No Place for Hate" at Whittier. Ariza said it's a project that started in 2015, and wants to plan another one with 3 activities that includes a school-wide project, and a community-wide project.

2. Announcements

Mr. Larry Weeks made the following announcements:

- ASBA Law Conference was held on September 6th and 7th
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Educators began September 10th at Herrera, Kenilworth and Edison
- IEIS's will participate in their first Leadership Academy Session on September 18th

3. Phoenix Elementary Hero

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston spoke about this month's Phoenix Elementary Hero, Frederick Remington. Mr. Remington came with, and spent weeks with the Buffalo Soldiers, who also painted the picture of the Payroll Robbery which sold for over five million dollars. He was an artist whose work inspired many other artists. He was also a photographer. Mr. Remington brought to the attention of many Americans the issue of lack of equity for slaves, and Native Americans through his illustrations of people of different colors helping each other.

**C. Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Request for Approval of Governing Board Minutes for August 9, 2018
  2. Request Approval of the Renewal Agreement with Arizona State University's America Reads Tutoring Program for the 2018-2019 School Year
  3. Request Approval of the Agreement between Gabriel's Angels and Phoenix Elementary School District #1 for the 2018-2019 school year
  4. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll \$2,173,401.63 and Expense Vouchers \$3,189,918.61 in the total amount of \$5,363,320.24
  5. Request Approval of Gifts, Donations and Grants as listed through July 2018
  6. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
  7. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
  8. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
  9. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absences
  10. Request Approval of Consent Agenda
- Recommend approval of consent agenda

**Motion by Susan Benjamin, second by Louisa Stark.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

#### **D. Community Communications**

##### **1. Community Communications**

Carlos Ortiz spoke on the issue of ASU Prep and said PESD has indicated that ASU Prep is not a school, but rather a commercial property. He wanted to emphasize it is a school, in a vibrant community. Mr. Ortiz mentioned the success rates of ASU Prep, and said it's good to see the diversity there. Carlos asked PESD to put on the family hat, and to think about the kids, and the population that it's serving. He said he wants a school like ASU Prep to stay around.

Cobie Oja spoke to the issue of ASU Prep, and asked if the parents and students of ASU Prep who have been speaking to our board have been in front of their own board since negotiations have started. She said it will be ASU Prep that will be making the decision about their future, not PESD. ASU Prep is not one of the 13 schools in our District. She said that for every student of ASU Prep that they want the district to sacrifice for, we have 6 students that we have to think about. Previous contracts with ASU Prep were supposed to be partnerships, and asks what has ASU Prep brought to that partnership? Cobie's job is to work with the District, providing utilities that we need, and to make sure the district doesn't spend one penny more than that. She heard on the news today that ASU Prep can't afford a rent increase. She also challenged the media to cover both sides of the story.

Giles Glithero spoke on behalf of his two daughters who attend ASU Prep, and who is also a teacher there. He said the property on Fillmore was described as just a property. He said it is a high achieving school, and a second home for the students. ASU Prep is a school of choice. Mr. Glithero understands we would want to shut down a school that is failing, however, ASU Prep is not failing. He wants to have a partnership of discussion re-opened.

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

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

###### **1. Request Approval of State Tutoring Coordinator Stipend**

Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo said 3 of our schools are eligible to receive funds from the Arizona Department of Education. The purpose of this is to oversee the tutoring program, and is in coordination with our Federal Programs Department.

Administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the State Tutoring Coordinator Stipend.

**Motion by Lynne' Almy, second by Louisa Stark.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

###### **2. Request Approval of State Tutoring Coordinator Job Description**

Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo stated a correction on the recommended action. The verbiage should read, "Approve the State Tutoring Tutor Job Description" instead of "Approve the State Tutoring Coordinator."

The job description applies to the tutors, which is a new position, therefore it needs Governing Board approval.

**Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Lynne' Almy.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Carries**

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

#### **G. Policy and Strategy - Mr. Tom Lind, Assistant to Superintendent**

##### **1. Receive and Discuss the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Policy Review Process**

Mr. Tom Lind and his team members from Action Team 3 spoke to the issue, and shared information on the Policy Review process. They discussed purpose, process, results, and the next steps. The Policy Review was conducted in the District on July 16-17, 2018. David DeCaboote, ASBA Policy Consultant, facilitated the review. Action Team 3 held its first meeting on August 29th for their initial look at the results of the review process. The very first Curriculum Audit recommendation gave 6 items that were designated for the Governing Board. They are to review and adopt the policies; to ensure that there is a line of authority from the board to the Superintendent; that we have an on-going process to review policies; and to ensure that our stakeholders understand the policies that the Governing Board adopts; and that we have organizational charts and job descriptions that reflect the needs of the school district, and a high quality instructional program; and that we have direction to the Superintendent to implement regulations and exhibits.

Mr. Tom Lind assured the board that policies which already have been approved will be updated with the current language.

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston thanked Mr. Tom Lind and complimented the committee for all their efforts.

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

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Ms. Susan Benjamin asked about the Performance Based Budgeting regarding the calendar. Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo said once the AFR is complete, it will give us a better idea of where we are, and will be able to give the board a report within the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Susan Benjamin asked if the District Team has met regarding the Safety of the campus. Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo said her and Cobie Oja will be visiting school sites on the different types of safety concerns, including the arrival and dismissal process on each campus. She will also submit goals.

Ms. Susan Benjamin also mentioned the overlay of the LOI and spoke of the Preschool severe delay. She had concerns, and wants to make sure the children are served as they should be. Dr. Denise McGloughlin will take these concerns back to Ms. Diane Wray, Director of Special Education, as well as to Preschool Principal, Ms. Diane Salazar and will follow-up with Ms. Susan Benjamin.

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

#### **I. Adjournment**

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Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted by

  
Mr. Daniil Gunitskiy, Board President