Governing Board Meeting - Notice of Public Meeting – Notice of Regular Session (Thursday, October 25, 2018)
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Location: Phoenix Elementary School District, 1817 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85006

Governing Board Members present
Danii Guritskky, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark, Lynne’ Almy

A. Regular Session - 6:00 p.m.
1. Call to Order - Mr. Danii Guritskky
   Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Emerson Student
   Two students from Emerson School led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Student Performance - Emerson World Drummers - Middle school students from Emerson School directed by Dr. Music (aka Dr. Dianne Anderson-Nickel)  

4. Awards and Recognitions
   Mr. Larry Weeks recognized Ms. Meleika Wadley. She was recognized by Arizona Central as 1 of 21 educators shaping Arizona's next generation.

Mr. Larry Weeks and the Board Members presented certificates to the September Star Award Winners. They were:
   Dorothy Contreras, Custodian from Herrera
   Carmen Gore, Kindergarten Teacher from Herrera
   Stephanie Glossbrenner, PEER Lead from Kenilworth
   Molly Martin, 2nd Grade Teacher from Kenilworth

B. CEO/Superintendent's Report - Larry Weeks
1. Announcements
   Mr. Larry Weeks mentioned there are 15 additional teachers who received the Highly Effective Performance classification.

   The PBIS Awards for Bethune, Lowell and Emerson will be presented at the BET-C Conference on November 8th. Lowell and Bethune received Gold, and Emerson received Silver.

   The last group of 4th graders from Dunbar and Garfield will attend Tonto Creek Camp on October 29-31st.

   One regular board meeting is scheduled for November 8th and the Board Retreat is scheduled for November 29th.

C. Approval of Consent Agenda
1. Request for Approval of Governing Board Minutes for September 6, 2018
2. Request Approval or Ratification of Payroll $2,163,986.29 and Expense Vouchers $1,024,664.46 in the total amount of $1,024,664.46
3. Request Approval of Renewal of Easement Agreement with T-Mobile for a Cell Tower at Faith North School
4. Request Approval or Ratification of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Support Staff
5. Request Approval or Ratification of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
6. Request Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Replacements
7. Request Approval of Uncompensated Leave of Absence
8. Request Approval of Consent Agenda
   Recommend approval of consent agenda

Motion by Lynne’ Almy, second by Louisa Stark.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Danii Guritskky, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark, Lynne’ Almy

D. Community Communications
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   Kristina Lopes, Address: 2027 E. Monte Vista Rd., Phe 85006 spoke to the issue of the ASU Prep Lease negotiations, and said she understands the property will now be looked at by other tenants. She feels the parents have been pacified by ASU, ASU Prep and the School District. She doesn't feel represented or that anyone's voices are heard. She wants to have collaboration, but it's becoming a big challenge. Kristina read a letter from her daughter.

   Tracie Lopes spoke to the issue of ASU Prep and said she is angry, in disbelief, bewildered, confused, and furious. She feels that there's been no resolution. She feels disrespected as a parent by PESD, and that good faith went out the window when there was no timely response from the October meeting. Ms. Tracie Lopes said it's clear to her that it's not going anywhere, and it's time to walk away.

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

F. Business Services - Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo, Chief Operations Officer
1. Request Approval to Receive Information and Discuss Bond and Overrides Annual Update
   Dr. Rosanna Hidalgo shared the expenditures to date, and gave some figures for FY 17-18. This bond will go out to the community, and it will show how we will use the funds. To date, we have expended $23,247,090.00. The 2014 Capital Override went to the community for a vote. The total amount was for $21 million, which is for 7 years. Dr. Hidalgo explained how the funds were dispersed.

G. Policy and Strategy - Mr. Tom Lund, Assistant to Superintendent
1. Request Approval of Governing Board Policy JL - Student Wellness - as a Second Reading
   Mr. Tom Lind spoke in regards to Policy JL - This was submitted to the board as a 1st reading on September 27th. The recommendation for change is the guidance for student recesses in grades K-6, including two recess periods during the school day. This policy will provide guidance for Nutrition Guidelines, provide guidance for Nutrition Education, and provide guidance for Physical Activity/Recess.

   Administration recommends approval of Policy JL - Student Wellness - as a second reading.

Motion by Ruth Ann Marston, second by Susan Benjamin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Danii Guritskky, Ruth Ann Marston, Susan Benjamin, Louisa Stark, Lynne’ Almy
2. Receive and Discuss Policy IHB - Special Instructional Programs - as a First Reading
Mr. Tom Lind spoke to the issue of Policy IHB. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) requires that Governing Boards approve Policy IHB - Special Instructional Programs prior to January 1, 2019. The recommendations for change is to ensure compliance with Arizona Special Education Standards for public agencies providing educational services - R7-2-4-1. The purpose will ensure services for Special Education students to be consistently provided, and is an ADE requirement. The impact will provide documentation for staff and families regarding Special Education guidelines.

3. Receive and Discuss 2025 Strategic Plan
Mr. Tom Lind spoke to the issue of the 2025 Strategic Plan with a slide presentation. Mr. Tom Lind and his team gave the plan goals, and shared the 1st quarter summary of the four action teams which are Student Success, Equity, Policy & Strategy, and Organizational Development. Second quarter projections were given, along with the Curriculum Audit reporting recommendations for each area. Mr. Tom Lind mentioned there will be a community newsletter coming out in the next few weeks that will have references to the Strategic Plan. A portion of our board retreat will focus on the Strategic Plan as well.

Dr. Rose Owens West and colleague Ms. Angela Julian spoke before the board to give some comments on Equity. Dr. West said it's going well under the guidance of Superintendent Larry Weeks, Mr. Tom Lind and Ms. Melika Wadley. They've had the opportunity to work with each of them and all the team leads. The team really embraced the concept of equity as something that's a through-line for all of the work, and not just a stand-alone. Dr. Rose West commended the staff on the selection of the team, and said they are all highly committed to the work. Everyone was engaged and purposeful in working with her, and she is thankful for that.

H. Board Reports and Requests
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Susan Benjamin asked for a report on attendance for this year. She also asked for the safety report.

Mr. Dimitri Guintalsky had the chance to attend the Arizona Education Foundation, Teacher of the Year Luncheon. He said it was a heartening event because it really was a celebration of the teachers with great video montage of students.

I. Adjournment
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Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by

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Mr. Dimitri Guintalsky, Board President