



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Regular Public Meeting – Regular Session – Study Session  
January 21, 2010

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD #1 Governing Board Meeting in the Dunbar Elementary School's Media Center.

Other Board Members present at the meeting were:

Mr. Doug Allsworth

Ms. Susan Bliss

Ms. Liz Meza

Dr. Louisa Stark

*Also present were:*

Ms. Myriam Roa  
Superintendent

Mr. Tom Lind  
Assistant Superintendent  
For Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Kenneth Baca  
Assistant Superintendent  
for Business Services

Mr. Randy Dickason  
Executive Director for  
Human Resources

Ms. Eleanor Moyza  
Board Secretary

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**A. Study Session – 8:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Loraine Payton

(Item C was discussed out of the order of discussion)

**C. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent**

1. Receive and Discuss 2010-2011 Budget Considerations
2. Receive and Discuss Facilities Update:
  - a. Dunbar
  - b. Herrera – Performing Arts Center

**B. Community Communications**

- Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez, President of PECTA expressed her opinion regarding budget cuts and reductions in salary.
- Mr. Rinaldo Perez, a teacher, expressed his opinion regarding class size and teachers' salaries.

**D. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent**

1. Request to Approve Out of State Travel  
*Ms. Bliss moved for approval but the motion died for lack of a Second and the Board suspended out of State travel. Mr. Allsworth and Dr. Stark each stated that if the out of state travel is necessary or if it's for accreditation it should be alright, but the budget does not allow it in these times. Dr. Marston stated that the Board needs direction in terms of comments and asked if the Board is suspending out of state travel, generally speaking, since Board Members have suspended it for themselves. Dr. Stark stated that at one point the Board agreed that until the economy is better and the financial situation as a school district was better, there would **not** be out of state travel for staff, in general. Dr. Stark asked Mr. Lind if this out of state trip is for accreditation and Mr. Lind stated that it isn't and that it's an optional out of state travel. Ms. Roa asked Mr. Dickason to remind the Board of what has been approved for out of state*

travel and Mr. Dickason stated that they have three out of state recruiting trips that were previously shared with the Board and were approved and also stated that he wants to make sure that people don't interpret it as though they were cancelled. In general, out of state travel is suspended. Previous out of state travel is still approved and future out of state travel may be considered on a case by case basis, especially if it is for certification purposes.

2. Receive and Discuss Strategic Plan Update  
The Board deferred this item until the next Board Meeting
3. Receive and Discuss PEER Update  
The Board deferred this item until the next Board Meeting

**E. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director**

1. Receive and Discuss Recruitment and Retention:
  - a. Teacher Turnover
  - b. Teacher Retirement 07-08/08-09
  - c. New Teacher Project
  - d. Exit Interviews

**F. Board Reports and Requests**

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix (UPSP)  
No update was given and this item will be on the agenda for February 11, 2010.  
The Board will need to vote for a representative by February 11, 2010 and they will need to have an agenda on this item to consider who should represent the District at UPSP School Council. Dr. Marston stated that if anyone else has questions so that the Board can discuss what the new representative should be considering for the coming year, she would appreciate it if these can be given to Ms. Roa so that she can forward them to the Board Members so they can get the information for their discussion on February 11, 2010.
2. **Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)**  
None
3. **Board Report**  
None

Dr. Stark stated that she appreciates Ms. Roa and the Assistant Superintendents for all the work they're putting into this and hopefully in good part, because of all they're doing, we will get through this one way or another and she thanked them.

**G. Adjournment**

The Study Session adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston  
Board President

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