Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1

Regular Public Meeting/Regular Session/Executive Session
February 11, 2010

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston presided over the PESD #1 Governing Board Meeting in the Phoenix Elementary School District Governing Board Room.

Other Board members present at the meeting were:

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| Mr. Doug Allsworth | Ms. Susan Bliss (Absent) | Ms. Liz Meza | Dr. Louisa Stark |

*Also present were:*

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| Ms. Myriam Roa<br>Superintendent | Mr. Tom Lind<br>Assistant Superintendent<br>for Curriculum and Instruction | Mr. Kenneth Baca<br>Assistant Superintendent<br>for Business Services |
| Mr. Randy Dickason<br>Executive Director for<br>Human Resources | Ms. Eleanor Moyza<br>Board Secretary | |

## A. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ruth Ann Marston, President
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Tom Lind

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

## F. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

Phoenix Elementary School District held a Spelling Bee on January 28, 2010 and Ms. Roa gave recognition to the three winners.

- First Place Winner: Samihan Muppirala, a 3rd grader at Faith North School.
- Second Place Winner: Julia Nevarez, a 6th grader at Kenilworth School and
- Third Place Winner: Octavio Rodriguez, a 7th grader at Heard School

Phoenix Elementary will send two spellers to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on 2/18/10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Murphy School District Education & Health Center located at 1340 W. Buckeye Rd, Phoenix, AZ.

- Ms. Roa gave recognition to Ms. Sue Brash, Ms. Nancy Clark and Ms. Karen Henderson of the Assistance League of Phoenix for their generous donations to our students and teachers.
- *The LEARN Program/Book Gifts Project* donated 459 books to the 8th grade students and Language Arts Teachers at eight of our schools. The estimated retail value of the books is $4,126.41.
- *Operation School Bell* donated Clothing Packages for 397 students at 12 of our schools and 92 students received items of clothing from the Emergency Bag given at the beginning of the year. The estimated retail value was $31,785.

• Volunteers from the *Dictionary Gift Project* visited 4 schools and presented the 6th grade students and their teachers with a new edition of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary/Thesaurus. A total of 293 copies were donated at an estimated retail value of $2,930. Ms. Roa thanked them for their generosity and for making a big difference in our students' lives.

2. Announcements
   None
3. Information Items
   None

**B. Call for Executive Session**

1. Receive and discuss advice from counsel regarding Governing Board Policy GCO; the Regulation GCO-R; and the Exhibit GCO-E, Evaluation of Professional Staff Members, GCQA and the Regulation GCAQ-R; Professional Staff Reduction in Force and any other recommendations from ASBA regarding policy advisory issued in November 2009 or regarding the implementation of House Bill 2011.

A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3. Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, a public body may hold an executive session but only for the following purposes: Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body.

2. Discussion to obtain legal advice and to direct attorney for the public body pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3.and A.4 regarding concerns pertaining to the University Public Schools, Inc. (UPSI) collaboration agreement and regarding negotiations for potential contract modifications.

A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3.and A.4. Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, a public body may hold an executive session but only for the following purposes: Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body. Discussion or consultation with the attorneys of the public body in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the public body's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation.

Attorney Ms. Jennifer MacLennan informed the board that with respect to the Executive Session, there are two Executive Sessions. The first one is under A3 and she doesn't have any comments with respect to that. With respect to the 2nd Executive Session, it's noticed that under both A3 and A4, that A4 is to give direction to the attorney for the Public Body if certain instances are at issue and she noted that on the board's agenda they have an Action Item separately in the agenda which would allow the board to provide the attorney with direction. She suggested that when the board moves into Executive Session that they just move under A3 and not under A4 as listed on the agenda.
*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval to move into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38.431.03.A3 in accordance with the recommendations of counsel. Dr. Stark seconded the motion.*
*For the 2nd Executive Session, Mr. Allsworth amended his motion to say for the reasons specified in the agenda, which Dr. Stark accepted as an amendment. The board approved the motion and the amendment by 4-0 and adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 6:15 p.m.*

3. Adjourn to Regular Session

**C. Resume Regular Session**

The board resumed the Regular Session at approximately 7:13 p.m.
(Item G3 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

**G.** 3. Request Approval of option to Renew, Terminate or seek Modification of the Collaboration Agreement between Phoenix Elementary School District and University Public School, Inc. (UPSI)
*Board President Dr. Ruth Ann Marston stated that the board has received legal advice on this and asked for a motion.* M*r. Allsworth moved that the board postpone consideration of Item G3 for at least two (2) weeks and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and it was passed.*

## D. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Board Minutes: December 4, 2007
   December 10, 2009
   January 14, 2010
   January 21, 2010
2. Ratification of Payroll $3,908,391.67 and Expense Vouchers $2,435,807.08 in the total amount of $6,344,198.75
3. Approval of Financial Reports for Student Activity Funds for November 2009 and December 2009
4. Request for Approval of Gifts and Donations
5. Request for Approval of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff and Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments
6. Request for Approval of Separations of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
7. Request Approval of Interim Director of Special Education as a Qualified Evaluator of Certificated Staff of the 2009-2010 School Year

*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of the Consent Agenda and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and the Consent Agenda was passed.*

## E. Community Communications

None

## G. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. Receive and Discuss Budget Information and Considerations
2. Authorization to Issue a Request for Proposal for Energy Conservation Consulting Services

*Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item G2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item G2 was passed.*

## H. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Receive and Discuss Partnership Opportunity with ASU College of Teacher Education and Leadership Teacher Advancement Program (TAP)

Ms. Betsy Fera spoke to the board about TAP, gave them information and showed some slides of the program. *Dr. Marston stated that she would like a lot more information in a Board Update and also stated that she'd like to know if this is an opportunity, potentially, for collaboration with UPSI as a training opportunity.*

2. Request for Award of Request for Proposal #007-0910 to Class Travel LLC for Student Field Trip to San Francisco, CA

Mr. Lind stated that Items H2 and H3 are related and that Capitol School originally submitted an Out of State Field Trip Request for students for a June trip and their estimated cost exceeds the Procurement Guidelines which prompted the RFP to be issued under Item H2. Mr. Lind stated that administration recommends that the Governing Board approve the RFP Award 007-0910 to Class Travel LLC for Capitol School's Student Field Trip to San Francisco in June not to exceed the $35,374 limit based upon the RFP. Dr. Marston asked Mr. Lind if they have already raised the money or if the board's motion needs to be conditional upon their having the money. Mr. Lind stated that Capitol School is actively raising the money but he doesn't know if they have all $24,000 in the bank, but he knows that they're well on their way. Dr. Marston stated that they will need a conditional motion because they can't approve something if the funding is not there. *(see Item H3 for motion)*

3. Request to Approve Out of District Field Trip

Mr. Allsworth moved approval of Item H2 and Item H3, not to exceed $35,374 and only if Capitol School is successful in raising the funding and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item H2 and Item H3 were passed on a conditional motion.

4. Request for Approval of Agreement with Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) for a College Student service learning Program

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item H4 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and it passed.

5. Request to Approve Out of State Travel – Dallas

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item H5 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item H5 was passed.

6. Request to Approve Out of State Travel - Long Beach

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item H6 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item H6 was passed.

7. Request Approval of Appointment of Phoenix Elementary School District Board Member to University Public School Phoenix (UPSP) School Council

Dr. Stark nominated Ms. Meza to serve as representative to the University Public School Phoenix (UPSP) School Council and Ms. Meza accepted the nomination. Mr. Allsworth stated that he would be happy to continue to serve. Dr. Stark stated that her understanding of this was that this should be rotated and there would be a different member of the board who would be serving every year and Dr. Marston agreed and stated that it had been discussed earlier. Ms. Meza seconded the motion and the board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item H7 was passed.

## I. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Receive and Discuss Governing Board Policies GCB, Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation; GCBA, Professional Staff Salary Schedules; GCCE, Professional/Support Staff Conferences/Visitations/Workshops; GCF, Professional Staff Hiring; and GCMF, Professional Staff Duties and Responsibilities, as First Reading

Mr. Dickason stated that if these policies are approved as a Second Reading, they would go into effect for the 2010-2011 School Year. *Dr. Marston stated that it's important for the board and staff to know about this*.

Ms. Rosalinda Ramirez, PECTA President expressed her opinion about the policies.

Mrs. Ginger Baron, a teacher expressed her opinion about the policies.

2. Receive and Discuss Governing Board Policies DKB, Salary Deductions; GBEB, Staff Conduct; Policy Exhibit GCF-EC, Professional Staff Hiring, and Policy Exhibit GBEB-E, as a First Reading

## J. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix (UPSP) - None
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary) - None
3. Board Report – None

## K. Adjournment

Mr. Allsworth moved for approval to adjourn the board meeting and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

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Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

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