



Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1
Regular Public Meeting/ Regular Session
June 10, 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:

Mr. Doug Allsworth
(Arrived at 6:30 pm)

Ms. Susan Bliss
(Absent)

Ms. Liz Meza

Dr. Louisa Stark

Also present were:

Ms. Myriam Roa
Superintendent

Mr. Tom Lind
Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Kenneth Baca
Assistant Superintendent
for Business Services

Mr. Randy Dickason
Executive Director for
Human Resources

Ms. Eleanor Moyza
Board Secretary

A. Regular Session – 6:00 p.m.

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

(Item E5 was discussed out of the order of discussion)

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

5. Request Approval of a Resolution Amending the Resolution Adopted May 13, 2010 Which Ordered and Called a Special Bond Election to be Held In and For Phoenix Elementary School District No. 1 of Maricopa County, Arizona, on November 2, 2010
Mr. Rosenfeld spoke to the board regarding the reason and the need to be able to amend that resolution so it can accurately reflect what needs to be stated both on the resolution and on the ballot. Mr. Rosenfeld stated that there was a legislative change that unfortunately they did not pick up when it was adopted to call the election, however, if we can amend that resolution to have a maximum and minimum period and allow the bonds to be refunded, if they're refunded, they may have an average life that's less than 75% of the average life of the bonds. He stated that he doesn't suspect that either will present a problem but those need to be in there due to legislative changes and he apologized for not getting them in the first time. Dr. Marston stated that just as long as we have time to do it and thanked him.
Ms. Meza moved for approval of Item E5 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 3-0 and Item E5 was passed.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes: April 22, 2010
2. Ratification of Payroll \$2,064,565.39 and Expense Vouchers \$2,129,774.80 in the Total Amount of \$4,194,340.19

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3. Request for Ratification of Voucher #1104 for Purchase of School Bus Engine in the Amount of \$14,073.29
4. Request for Approval to Renew the Arizona Nutrition Partnership Agreement through the 2011-2012 School Year
5. Request Approval for the Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Tobacco Use Prevention Program (MACTUPP) for the 2010-2011 School Year
6. Request for Approval of Employment of Administrative, Certified and Classified Staff
7. Request for Approval of Employee Contract/Work Agreement Adjustments for Changes in Position
8. Request for Approval of Separation of Employment, Resignations and Retirements
9. Request for Approval of the Listed Individuals as Hearing Officers/Investigators
Ms. Meza moved for approval of the Consent Agenda and Dr. Stark seconded the motion and stated that she has a question about Item B4 and Item B5 of the Consent Agenda. Dr. Stark asked who the supervisor is of these programs as far as Phoenix Elementary School District #1 is concerned. Mr. Baca stated he would answer the question regarding Item B4 and will defer Item B5 to Mr. Lind. Mr. Baca stated that regarding the Arizona School Lunch Program Partnership Agreement with ADE, the person in charge and who oversees that agreement is our Director of Child Nutrition, Michelle Burkhart .
Mr. Lind stated that similarly concerning Item B5, the supervision of the Tobacco Grant is facilitated through our Director of Special Education, specifically through our School Social Workers.

Ms. Stella Garcia of ESPA submitted a Speaker Card and spoke to the board concerning Item B7. Dr. Marston thanked Ms. Garcia for her efforts with Prop 100 and for being out there in the heat doing what needed to be done and stated that the board really appreciates it.
The board approved the motion by 3-0 and the Consent Agenda was passed.

C. Community Communications

None

D. Superintendent's Report

1. Awards and Recognitions

Ms. Roa gave recognition to Mr. Kenneth Baca and his team and stated that the Phoenix Elementary School District #1 is pleased to announce that the District has received the ASBO Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International and the award represents a very significant achievement and reflects the District's commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting. The award, the highest recognition for school district financial operations offered by ASBO is only conferred to school systems that have met or exceeded the standards of the program. She stated that we are extremely proud of our financial team under the leadership of Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Mr. Kenneth Baca and Ms. Magda Nunez, Director of Budget and Finance for this award. Their leadership, hard work and due diligence have certainly paid off. This award represents our excellent stewardship in managing our tax payers' dollars. Ms. Roa thanked them for their hard work.



Mr. Baca gave recognition to the Budget Committee and stated that he'd like to recognize someone who doesn't always get recognized and it's her tireless efforts to ensure that on a daily basis she works with teams of folks throughout the District and that is Ms. Magda Nunez. Ms. Nunez added that although only two names have been mentioned there are a lot of players that are on the team and they all work together and that it's a joy working with everyone.



Ms. Roa stated that she'd like to introduce a person that will be very well-known very soon to all of our employees in the school district. As part of the District's Energy Management Plan the position of an Energy Education Coordinator was established for the first time and the District was fortunate to have many qualified applicants for this position and the District has been praised by our energy education consultants for having such a large pool of talented employees, although we are not surprised. Ms. Roa asked everyone to join her in welcoming Hae Rim Kathy Halifko as the new Energy Education Coordinator. She stated that Kathy has been with the District for over four years and was most recently a Math Interventionist at Bethune School and earned her BA in Elementary Education from Loyola University and her Master's in Instructional Technology and Media from Columbia University Teachers' College. Ms. Roa stated that Phoenix Elementary was fortunate to recruit Kathy after an unfortunate event, Hurricane Katrina. She is tri-lingual, English, Spanish, Korean and as a daughter of a diplomat was raised throughout South America and Europe. Kathy will be responsible for establishing a system of accountability for energy consumption at every level in the District, including Mr. Baca's office. Ms. Halifko stated that she is very fortunate to be here and wants to thank everyone who has given her the opportunity to be the Energy Education Coordinator for our District. She stated that she truly believes that energy education will make a huge difference for our schools and our district as a whole, but also more importantly for her and her opinion, we are going to be able to make a contribution to the conservation and protection of our environment which she feels is very necessary and the right thing to do. She thanked everyone again and stated that she looks forward to coming to everyone and reporting all the successes we're having.



Ms. Roa asked Mr. Tom Lind to share with us his progress on the work towards celebrating the Centennial for the State of Arizona. Mr. Lind stated that they have begun preliminary planning for our Centennial Project, where schools will begin to study their history. He thanked Sara Bresnahan for beginning to organize a team who will provide that preliminary planning and he believes the first meeting is scheduled when people come back from vacation toward the end of the month. He stated that they have also ventured down into the basement to recover some of the artifacts and it's really amazing what they have found and they look forward to sharing that information not only with the governing board but our schools as well. He stated that Pamela Harris from our ALPS Program has stepped up and expressed her interest in continuing to work with this project.



Mr. Baca stated copies are available in the back of the Board Room of an Arizona Republic Column that was published by our Distinguished Superintendent, Ms. Myriam Roa this past Sunday. He stated that Ms. Roa was a guest columnist and articulately and accurately expressed the District's commitment to planning for the future despite the budget cuts we faced. She made it clear that we would not be distracted in our mission to provide students a quality, well-rounded education in an environment that is supportive of their needs. In highlighting the District's Strategic Plan and Blueprint for Students' Success, Ms. Roa conveyed the input of District Staff, students, parents and the business community in working together to ensure, and he quoted, "that each and every student is successful today and in the future". (end quote). Mr. Baca asked that everyone join him on behalf of her Cabinet in recognizing Myriam Roa for her stellar representation of Phoenix Elementary School District #1. Ms. Roa stated that it has been an honor to represent Phoenix Elementary School District and she reminded her administrative team that they all have to pause and celebrate their successes. Ms. Roa has been invited by Arizona School Administrators to come and talk to the new superintendents on July 15 as part of their workshop to go over the article and our Strategic Plan and she will be happy to do that.

E. Business Services – Kenneth Baca, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval of the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget and Advertisement for Truth in Taxation Notice

Ms. Meza moved for approval of the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget and Advertisement for Truth in Taxation Notice and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 3-0 and Item E1 was passed.

2. Request for Approval of Changes at Herrera School's Performing Arts Center (PAC) for Placement of Solar Panels

Mr. Ben Barcone of the ADM Group introduced two people who are part of the Herrera PAC Project: Jill Angel, the Design Project Manager on this project and Tim Terrell, one of the partners of Ry-Tan Construction who have been doing a fabulous job of constructing the new performing arts theater. Mr. Barcone described the Site Plan to the board members and stated that as part of the project it includes a little over 400 square feet of solar panels that they had planned to put on the new Performing Arts Stage roof which is approximately 50 feet above ground but the solar panels add a lot of weight to the roof so in order to minimize any additional weight and additional cost, they decided to use a peel 'n stick application of solar panels where the film is peeled off the back and adhered to the roofing material. However, when the Solar Sub Contractor went up on the roof, he found out that a foam roof was being installed and the solar manufacturer stated that they would not warranty the peel 'n stick application to a foam roof. After hearing this, they immediately started looking for alternate solutions which are:

Option #1- It's called a Solar Tree which is about 20 feet off the ground and it's mounted on a pole and the cost of it is about \$61,000. He stated that right now they have in their budget \$54,000 for the solar panels that were going up on top of the roof and this would exceed their budget by about \$7,000, not to mention the fact that it's industrial-looking, calls a lot of attention to itself, etc., etc.

Option #2- Can be accomplished within the budget they had for the solar panels on the roof, at \$54,000 and it's a 2-post ramada that's approximately 22 ft. x 20 ft. dimensionally and it slopes so at the highest point, it's 12 feet off the ground and at the lowest point it's 10 feet off the ground. He stated that it gives us a slope to the South and allows us to take advantage of the sun as it rotates around.

Option #3- Is a 4-post ramada and it too has dimensions of 22 ft. x 20 ft. and the same dimensions 12 feet on one side and 10 feet on the other, but it truly looks like a ramada out there. He stated this would kind of act like a shade canopy out on the perimeter of the playground and adjacent to the fire line. Mr. Barcone asked for approval of one of the options so they can proceed with ordering the panels and get it done in time for a mid-July completion. *Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Option #3 in Item E2 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item E2, Option #3 was passed.*

3. Receive and Discuss New Board Policy ECF, Energy Management and Conservation, as a First Read

Dr. Stark moved approval to Receive and Discuss New Board Policy ECF, Energy Management and Conservation, as a First Read (Item E3) and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. Dr. Marston stated that it is her understanding that the regulation is administrative and is included for board information but that's not included in the board's approval. Mr. Baca informed Dr. Marston that she is correct. Dr. Marston clarified to the other board members that the board approves the policy and administration creates the regulations. Mr. Baca informed Dr. Marston that it's the first two pages, front and back but the regulation is used as a guide to implement the policy that the board set.

4. Request for Approval of Partnership with Various Agencies for Promise Neighborhoods Planning Grant for Garfield Neighborhood

Dr. Robert I. Donofrio (Bob) stated that he is here to basically talk about submitting a planning grant for the Garfield and University Public School Phoenix areas and other areas. Dr. Donofrio introduced Ms. Noreen Bellows, who gave information to the board. *Dr. Stark moved that we do not enter into this agreement and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. Dr. Stark expressed her concerns about entering into this agreement. The board members who voted on the motion not to participate in the Garfield Neighborhood Promise Grant were Dr. Stark, Ms. Meza and Dr. Marston. Mr. Allsworth abstained from voting. Item E4 was not passed*

F. Curriculum & Instruction – Tom Lind, Assistant Superintendent

1. Request for Approval and Adoption of Family Life Education Instructional Materials
Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item F1 and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F1 was passed.
2. Request for Approval of Reservation Commitment with Blueprint Education for Kids at Hope Alternative Education Program for the 2010-2011 School year
Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item F2 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F1 was passed.
3. Request for Approval of Reservation Commitment with Blueprint Education for Kids at Hope for 100 Days for Short Term Placement for Students with 9 Days or Less of Out-of-School Suspension
Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item F3 and Ms. Meza seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F3 was passed.
4. Request for Approval of Public Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 to Discuss the Potential Closure of ACE Elementary School
Mr. Lind informed board members that there are no students enrolled, and no teachers or administrators have been assigned to work at ACE Elementary School. Mr. Lind requested that the governing board consider following the guidelines per Arizona Revised Statute to discuss the potential closure of the school. He stated that the timeline is purely projected and informed the board that he calculated days on the calendar and feels that we are able to legally comply with the guidelines should the board move to do so. *Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item F4 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. Dr. Marston stated that closing a school requires a meeting on the school site, but this school has not had a site for some time, and asked Mr. Lind if we can do this as part of the regular board meeting on July 13, 2010. Mr. Lind replied that it would be his recommendation that the public hearing could be held at any District location and since there is no school site. Dr. Marston asked for affirmation that we can hold a hearing within a board meeting and Mr. Lind agreed that we can. Mr. Lind informed the board that the request this evening is not to close the school but it's to enter into the process to discuss the possible closure of the school. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item F4 was passed.*

G. Human Resources – Randy Dickason, Executive Director

1. Request for Approval of Teacher on Assignment Staffing Model for 2010-2011 School Year
Mr. Dickason stated that this would be subject to schools with 650 or more Pre School to 8th Grade students. He stated that this was a recommendation that initially was discussed with PEAA during their informal Meet and Confer with them and they also consulted with PECTA and they're both very much in agreement because they really are teacher positions and it involves bringing additional teachers back from RIF. He also stated that they also built up a contingency recognizing that if the staffing enrollment is down that they would be able to utilize these teachers in other capacities if it turns out they can't support this. Ms. Roa stated

there's flexibility in how that might work at each school but it might be that the Teacher on Assignment (TOA) would go back in the classroom if the enrollment dropped down to below 650 and especially as she experiences from time to time, vacancies due to long term leave, sick leave from other teachers or they could use the person to be a substitute. Ms. Roa clarified that there are three different things that could be done; one is to either have the TOA become a substitute that would offset the school's need to hire someone to come in when someone is out or to have the TOA actually go back in the classroom in case there is a long-term sub already there and then the third one is to leave it up to the site council to propose how they would balance having the excess capacity. *Dr. Marston stated that there's one other thing about this item that she'd like to be sure to get on the record and stated that Mr. Dickason alluded to the fact that it's Pre School through 8th Grade and in the past we have not counted Pre School for this particular kind of staffing.* Ms. Roa noted that it was brought up within the discussion as we moved in our Strategic Plan from K-6 to Pre K-8 adding Preschools we had not addressed supporting the extra grade. *Mr. Allsworth moved for approval of Item G1 and Dr. Stark seconded the motion. Mr. Allsworth asked Mr. Dickason if this is in lieu of the Assistant Principals for the schools that would qualify for both and Mr. Dickason stated that schools would not have both and added that if they were to qualify for the Assistant Principal at the 750 level, then they would have an Assistant Principal, otherwise, this is in lieu of. Mr. Allsworth clarified that it would really be schools between 650 and 750 unless they didn't want an Assistant Principal. Ms. Roa supported Mr. Allsworth's statement and reiterated that it would be between 650 and 750. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item G1 was passed.*

2. Request for Approval of Employment of Shaw Principal for the 2010-2011 School Year

Administration recommends the governing board approve the request for employment of Nadine Gofonia as Shaw Principal for the 2010-2011 School Year at a salary of \$82, 683 with an effective date of July 1, 2010.

Dr. Stark moved for approval of Item G2, the employment of Nadine Gofonia as Shaw School Principal and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion. The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item G2 was passed.

3. Request for Approval of Employment of Herrera Principal for the 2010-2011 School Year

Administration recommends the governing board approve the Request for Employment of Gareth Zehrbach as Herrera School Principal for the 2010-2011 School Year at a salary of \$84,750 with an effective date of July 1, 2010.

Dr. Marston stated that before motions are made she would like to request bios of both principals by the next board update. *Dr. Stark moved approval for the employment of Gareth Zehrbach (Gary) as Herrera School Principal and Mr. Allsworth seconded the motion.*

Ms. Ruby Caldwell submitted a Community Speaker Card and thanked the board for allowing her to express her desires as a parent of students of Herrera School. She stated that she would like to see the new principal work with Dr. Taylor for some time at the beginning of the school year because Dr. Taylor has done a great job during the time that she has been there with the students and parents and she would like to see a continuation of the work that she has been doing on the safety, the Dual program and the Arts for the students and parents.

Ms. Roa stated to Ms. Caldwell that the new principal has a PhD in Dual Language he is very excited to work with us. She stated that Dr. Taylor is available to transition the new principal through August so they'll be able to address her concerns.

The board approved the motion by 4-0 and Item G3 was passed.

2. Consideration of July Board Meeting for Budget Adoption and Truth in Taxation Notice

The proposed budget will be *discussed at the Study Session on July 13, 2010 at 8:30 am*. Dr. Marston asked Ms. Moyza to call Ms. Bliss and ask her if she will be able to attend the Study Session on July 13 at 8:30 am

H. Board Reports and Requests

1. Update on University Public School Phoenix (UPSP)
Dr. Stark stated that the promotions were wonderful and she is always pleased to see kids taking their graduation so seriously.
2. Board Direction to the Superintendent (if necessary)
None.
3. Board Report
None

I. Adjournment

The board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully,

Dr. Ruth Ann Marston
Board President

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