

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
January 30, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Peru Public Schools District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Library at Washington School, 1325 Park Road, Peru, IL, by Board President Jyll Humpage, on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 4:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Humpage led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Cynthia Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Jim Renk, Vice President Bob Etheridge, and President Jyll Humpage. **ABSENT:** Member Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Secretary Julie Brown, Lori Madden, Sherri Pannier, Jake Been, Cliff Bender, Jeff Dankert, and Jennifer Nagle.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Etheridge, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the special meeting agenda of January 30, 2008. **ROLL CALL VOTE – AYE:** Etheridge, Kampwerth, Gustat, Pillai, Renk, and Humpage. **ABSENT:** Lamboley. **NAY:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Mark Cross distributed a letter from Healy, Bender & Associates describing three roofing systems for the Board to consider for the new school and a letter from Yerges Acoustics summarizing their recommendations for the gymnasium, cafeteria, stage, band, and choral presentation rooms.

Mr. Cross also reported the following:

- There will be a second meeting with the Food Service Design Consultant on Tuesday, February 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Washington School. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a follow-up meeting with MEP Building Services to discuss building mechanicals for the new middle school.
- A Special Board Meeting will be scheduled on February 27 or March 5, 2008 to approve the final construction bid documents. Bidder responsibility criteria documents are currently being reviewed by the district's attorneys and will be turned over to the architects to be worked into the final bid documents prior to the special meeting. Although the architects are not able to attend the next regular Board of Education Meeting on Wednesday, February 20, they will schedule another special meeting if necessary to discuss the 95% construction document phase prior to the Board's approval of the construction bid documents.

Member Lamboley arrived at the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW SCHOOL PROJECT DESIGN

- District architect Cliff Bender presented two new design options for the Board to consider of the outside end walls of the academic wings based on suggestions made at the December 19, 2007 meeting. The consensus of the Board was an option which featured a horizontal and vertical glass block design on each side of the entry into the wing.
- Architect Jake Been presented three options for the Board to consider for roofing systems for the new school. The Board decided to go with the Modified Bitumen system, which was described as a very good roof, very repairable, and middle-of-the-road in terms of cost. The roofing system was also chosen for its expected life span of 20 to 25 years.
- Jake Been reviewed the letter from Yerges Acoustics and pointed out major areas of concerns and recommendations for improving acoustics in the gymnasium and cafeteria areas. It was decided that the floor in the gymnasium will be a wood playing surface; therefore, the ceiling and the walls need to provide as much acoustical absorption as possible.
- Jake Been reported the latest kitchen plans have been completed, including specs for all of the equipment, based on the last meeting with the Food Service Design Consultant. Cafeteria Manager Diana Pattelli is reviewing the plans prior to the upcoming meeting with the consultant on February 5.
- The architects informed the Board that a future 600 seat auditorium will increase the size to 13,000 square feet and have implications on the building site that will necessitate a change in the driveway configuration. The architects presented two options and the Board chose option two, which had a radius more similar to the original configuration.
- Architect Cliff Bender discussed the bidding process and the purpose of alternate bids. He said that alternate bids can be an insurance policy by giving the district more choices, but he noted you don't want to include too many alternate bids as bidders will resist that. Terrazzo flooring, landscaping, and plastic lockers are some examples of possible alternate bids for the district to consider.
- After a discussion of the nine potential names still under consideration for the new school, the Board eliminated five more of the names. The Board will still consider new names that are submitted along with the four remaining names, and will have a final name selected by groundbreaking around May 1, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Etheridge, seconded by Member Lamboley, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.
AYE 7; NAY 0. The motion carried 7-0.

Jyll Humpage, Board President

Julie Brown, Board Secretary