

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
JUNE 9, 2010, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of June of the Board of Education of Peru Public Schools District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Jyll Leonatti, on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Cynthia Gustat, Jim Renk, Jeff Sheppard, and President Jyll Leonatti. **ABSENT:** Simon Kampwerth, Mark Lamboley, and C G Pillai.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, and Melissa Bosnich.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of June 9, 2010. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Gustat, Sheppard, Renk, and Leonatti. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you notes were received by the Board from Linda Gift, Julie Brown, and Kathy Billard for the retirement gifts they received during the recent staff recognition breakfast. A thank you note was also received from the family of Julie Brown and Shelley May expressing their appreciation for the Peace Lily sent in memory of Julie's husband and Shelley's father, Bret Brown.

PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ON STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT DATA ANALYSIS

Due to the absence of members Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai, the student assessment and data analysis will be postponed until the next regular monthly meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Renk, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- May 19, 2010 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 19, 2010 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- May 25, 2010 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Sheppard, Leonatti, and Gustat. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Treasurer's Report

There was no scheduled Treasurer's Report for the month of June.

Principals' Reports

Mrs. McDonald updated the Board on preschool enrollment. Currently 76 of 80 slots have been filled. This includes 23 three year olds and 53 four year olds. She is concerned the numbers may decrease due to schedule requests which could not be met, and the fact that some families will be required to pay tuition this year.

Mrs. Bosnich reported 240 students who attained 4th quarter Accelerated Reader points were able to participate in water balloon games. Next school year there will be reading intervention blocks per grade level. This will help minimize the time those students needing extra help will be out of the classroom.

Ms. Madden reported she heard many positive comments about the first graduation ceremony at Parkside School. She also spoke about the new reading support program (SRA Corrective Reading) for next year. Ninety-one students will qualify to receive reading assistance in 45 minute blocks.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross commended and thanked the building principals for the success of this school year's building transitions. He added that while it was hectic, they made sure things kept rolling as normal. On June 15 a group of twenty teachers and administrators will meet to discuss the new district-wide positive behavior program. The intent of this new program is to make sure behavior plans are the same throughout each building and grade level.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of IESA Membership and Fee Payments for 2010-11

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the IESA membership and fee payments for 2010-11. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Renk, Leonatti, Sheppard. NAYS: None ABSENT: Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining FY10 District Bills

Mr. Cross recommended that the Board authorize the prepayment of any FY10 bills received before the end of the current fiscal year so that they may be paid in the fiscal year intended. These will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Renk, to authorize the prepayment of remaining FY10 district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti, Gustat. NAYS: None ABSENT: Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund

Mr. Cross reported that the Working Cash Fund is abolished on an annual basis so that all of the money in the fund can be transferred to the Education Fund in the current fiscal year. The Working Cash Fund will then be re-established in July for FY11.

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Renk, and Leonatti. NAYS: None ABSENT: Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule

Mr. Cross presented the Prevailing Wage Resolution and June 2010 Prevailing Wage Schedule for LaSalle County which must be approved on an annual basis.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution and the LaSalle County Prevailing Wage Schedule for June 2010 as presented. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance for FY11

Mr. Cross reviewed the renewal summary with the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for the district's Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation insurance, which actually saw a slight reduction in the premium for FY11.

MOTION: Moved by Vice president Renk, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation insurance renewal with the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for FY11 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Gustat, Leonatti, and Sheppard. NAYS: None ABSENT: Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Agreement for 2010-11 Physical and Occupational Therapy Services

Mr. Cross presented the staffing agreement for physical and occupational therapy services with Hillmann Pediatric Therapy. They have provided these services to district students as needed for several years.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the agreement for 2010-11 physical and occupational therapy services provided by Hillmann Pediatric Therapy. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Gustat, Leonatti, and Renk. NAYS: None ABSENT: Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC for District Fund Investment Management for Fiscal Year 2011

Mr. Cross reviewed the contract between the District and Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC for district fund management of assets and investments. This has been discussed several times previously and is recommended by Mr. Cross and the Finance Committee for FY11.

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC for district fund investment management for fiscal year 2011. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Renk, Leonatti, Sheppard. NAYS: None ABSENT: Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Approving the Contract for Regular Transportation Services for the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 School Terms

Mr. Cross told the Board that a contract with Illinois Central School Bus was reviewed by the district's attorney after the company earned the lowest bid for services. The contract will be good for three school terms.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adopt a resolution approving the contract for regular transportation services for the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 school terms. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti, and Gustat. NAYS: None ABSENT: Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2010-11 Student Handbook Revisions

Principals Bosnich and Madden highlighted student handbook revisions for next year. The handbook committee was comprised of teachers, administrators, parents and one board member.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the recommended 2010-11 student handbook revisions. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no motion to enter into Executive Session.

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, to accept the resignation of Alicia Vezzetti as Special Olympics coach. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, to accept the resignation of Natalie Windy as Boys Track coach. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Gustat, to accept the resignation of Dinelle Wood as Spring Musical co-director. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve Chris Goodman as Webmaster at Northview School for the 2010-11 school year. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Requests for Leave of Absence

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the leave of absence request under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for Katie Budnick, Alexis Rebholz and Sarah Wick. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Aye 4, Nay 0, Absent 3. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Jyll Leonatti, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary