

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
JULY 21, 2010, 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of April 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, July 21, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Eric Heagy and Jeff Dankert.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve the meeting agenda of July 21, 2010. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you notes were received from Kathy Ellerbrock expressing her appreciation for the plant sent in her father's memory, along with a note from Denise Soberalski thanking the board for the retirement gift she received.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- June 9, 2010 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 25, 2010 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Sheppard, Leonatti, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy presented reports for the end of the fourth quarter and the end of Fiscal Year 2010. He reported there is currently \$4.2 million in the district's cash management accounts with a weighted average rate of return of .71% and there is \$2.25 million invested in certificates of deposits with a weighted average rate of 1.42%. In the brokered accounts there remains \$288 thousand in the bond proceeds account and \$1.1 million with Vezzetti Capital Management earning a combined 1.08% in interest. Overall, the district's total cash and investments at the end of the fourth quarter total just under

\$8 million with an average rate of return of just .96%. Mr. Heagy reported that interest rates will likely remain low for some time.

FY10 Financial Report

Mr. Cross presented a budget update through the end of FY10 and reviewed actual revenues, expenditures, and final fund balances. Mr. Cross also provided a comparison of the final balances of all the district's funds from FY05 to the final balances in FY10. The report shows the district has increased its Education Fund by 29.03%, the Operations and Maintenance Fund by 25.39%, and the Transportation Fund by 95.94% since that time. Mr. Cross noted that these fund balances will be needed with the upcoming financial crisis impacting local school districts.

FY10 Food Service Report

Mr. Cross reported the Food Service Program broke even this year, even though there was an increase in salaries and other expenses due to the addition of the Breakfast Program. The average participation in the Breakfast Program was about 15%. Mr. Cross would like to see an increase in this number next year.

Summer 2010 Maintenance Report

Mr. Cross reviewed the summer maintenance projects along with those projects still under consideration or postponed. In addition to those projects listed, Mr. Cross will look into getting the entrance at Northview power cleaned. There was discussion regarding a possible window or camera to be put in the principal's office at Parkside. Mr. Cross will e-mail the Board some pictures of the Starved Rock Conference banners for the Parkside gymnasium. He added that there has been pretty minimal summer maintenance work this year compared to years past.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reminded Board members to return their Master Board Summaries to the district office. He informed the Board there will be some changes in the filing procedures for the upcoming April 2011 School Board Election. Transportation will now be provided for 5th and 6th grade students from Parkside to Washington School to participate in the YMCA before and after school program. It should not be an additional cost to the district, and is greatly appreciated by parents.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Final Summer 2010 Maintenance Projects

A schedule of Final Summer 2010 Maintenance Projects was presented to the Board.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the final summer 2010 maintenance projects. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Sheppard, Renk and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Peru Public Schools Teacher Evaluation Plan

The Peru Public Schools Teacher Evaluation Plan is approved yearly. Mr. Cross told the Board a committee will be reviewing and updating the plan for the 2011-12 school year.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Peru Public Schools teacher evaluation plan. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Leonatti and Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution for Appointment of Authorized IMRF Agent

Mr. Cross explained this resolution is necessary to have Jeanine Sonnenberg, bookkeeper, who replaced Julie Brown as of July 1, be the authorized IMRF agent.

MOTION: Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt a resolution for appointment of authorized IMRF agent. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti and Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution

This resolution is required yearly by the Illinois Department of Transportation. School boards are no longer required to send a copy of the resolution to the State Superintendent of Education. However, this resolution should remain on file in the district for audit purposes.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation findings for Northview, Washington, and Parkside schools. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai, Renk and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Re-Establishment of the Working Cash Fund

Mr. Cross explained the Working Cash Fund is re-established at the beginning of each fiscal year after being abolished in June when the funds are transferred to the Education Fund.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Lamboley, to adopt a resolution authorizing the re-establishment of the Working Cash Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti and Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti, Kampwerth, Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:39 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Abby Salomone as a part-time special education teacher at Washington School for the 2010-11 school term. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Sheppard, to employ Kaitlin Kubasiak as a fourth grade teacher at Washington School for the 2010-11 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Consideration of Approval of Release of Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to continue to keep both the written and verbatim Executive Session minutes closed due to the continued need for confidentiality. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Lamboley, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jyll Leonatti, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, District Secretary