

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of September of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Jim Renk, on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Jeff Dankert, Alison Bryant, Jane Charbonneau, Tara DeFosse, Brian Gillmann, Krista Harlow, Ashley Konczak, Dawn Ladzinski, Stephanie Miller, Christine Mitchell, Kay Raineri, Beth Rich, Jim Schaefer, Heather Smigel, and Ashlei Viereckl.

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of September 21, 2011. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Lambole, Renk, Kampwerth, and Pillai. ABSENT: Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received from Superintendent Patrick Martin of District 150 for a double door freezer which was donated by our district after it needed to be replaced. Also, a thank you note was received from Beth Coutré for a plant she received in memory of her father. Dr. Pillai shared a story with the Board and audience about a retired Superintendent in California who continued working for free to help save his former district money.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. Cross reported that Peru Elementary School District 124 hired seven new faculty and staff members for the 2011-12 school term and those present were introduced by either their principal or mentor. Mentors at Parkside School introduced the four new teachers in that building. There were introductions from Tara DeFosse for 5th grade teacher Ashlei Viereckl, Heather Smigel for 7th grade social science teacher Brian Gillmann, Beth Rich for 8th grade special education teacher Dawn Ladzinski and Kay Raineri for 7th grade science teacher Alison Bryant. From Washington School, Principal Bosnich introduced new special education teacher Christine Mitchell and 2nd grade teacher Stephanie Miller. Also, Jane Charbonneau introduced her student teacher Krista Harlow. Principal McDonald of Northview School introduced new teacher aide Ashley Konczak. All of the new staff members spoke briefly about their backgrounds before coming to Peru Schools.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2012 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124. ROLL CALL,

VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, and Pillai. ABSENT: Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mr. Cross presented the final Fiscal Year 2012 budget and highlighted the changes from the tentative budget which was presented at the August 17, 2011 hearing. The Education Fund will see a deficit of \$570,693, slightly less than anticipated last month. Mr. Cross explained the decrease in local property taxes is having the biggest impact, along with low special education and Title I reimbursements. General state aid and categorical payments are also being prorated and therefore reduced. Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes will be lower than originally anticipated which will impact the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The district will be operating on an \$11.2 million dollar budget this year.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2012 for Peru Elementary School District 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Gustat, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- August 17, 2011 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- August 17, 2011 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- September 8, 2011 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, Pillai, and Sheppard. ABSENT: Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Athletic Trainer Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital

Physical Therapist Jim Schaefer of Illinois Valley Community Hospital explained to the Board the free Certified Athletic Trainer services the hospital would like to provide for Parkside athletes and coaches. Services include being at Parkside once a week consistently to consult with coaches and students, being at home tournaments, and assistance in developing off season conditioning programs. Athletes will be evaluated by the trainer if necessary. Mr. Schaefer feels these services are important to keep student athletes healthy.

Principals' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The PTC sponsored a Pro Kids Assembly featuring comedian Tim Hanning on Tuesday, September 20. There was a daytime assembly for students and then a Pro Kids family night later that evening at Washington School. The assembly worked around the PBIS theme of Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. The event was well attended and enjoyed by parents and students alike.
- PBIS continues to work well at Northview School.
- Intervention Blocks have just begun following Aimsweb assessments. The students are grouped for reading and writing support.

Washington School

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Students at Washington School enjoyed the Pro Kids Assembly.
- Lunch with the Principal was recently held at Washington Park. The reward was for those students who completed a summer reading program at the Peru Public Library. Jane Charbonneau, Sarah Krich, Melissa Cass, Gayle Yepsen, and Tracey Jaegle were commended for the time they spent this summer reading to the children at the library.
- A data wall is being used to track students' assessment results for intervention blocks. The students receive the appropriate additional instruction on different reading skills based on the results of the assessments.
- Teachers will be working at McDonald's on Shooting Park Road in Peru on Tuesday, September 27 to earn extra funds for their PBIS account.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- A Student Council leadership workshop was held for students and sponsors this past summer. The Student Council members will focus on their leadership skills with other students and promote a unity with all school activities. Mrs. Cary and Ms. Smigel were commended for taking the Parkside Student Council to a higher level.
- A Hooked on Facebook assembly was held recently. The focus was on cyber bullying and what students should and should not put on their Facebook profile.
- Students and staff enjoyed a video and presentation by Dr. Michael Barratt, a NASA astronaut on Monday, September 19. A question and answer period was held at the end of the presentation. The event was sponsored by Maze Nails.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Many parents and staff members enjoyed the new format of our district wide Open House. The less formal Open House replaced the Meet the Teacher night and was very well received by parents, students and staff. All three principals noted higher participation levels in each building. They feel the casual walk throughs created a more welcoming atmosphere.
- Pre-conference workshop selections should be reported to the Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti by the end of the week.
- Some legislators are pushing school consolidations in Illinois. Mr. Cross feels this should be a local decision and not forced by the state government.

2010-2011 Enrollment Report

Mr. Cross reported the enrollment numbers are still down from his August report. The official enrollment numbers will be reported in October after the official September 30 enrollment numbers are in. He expects this number remain about the same.

2010-11 Transportation Report

Mrs. McDonald reported on the district's bus transportation. She explained that while there are more students on the Parkside routes the bus rides are much shorter than the Washington and Northview routes. Approximately half of the students who are on one Northview afternoon bus route participate in the After School Program sponsored by the YMCA. Mr. Cross reported he and Mrs. McDonald met with a representative from Illinois Central Bus Company to work out some changes in routes and the time it is taking to complete some routes. He also broke down the costs for the special transportation routes.

Building and Grounds Committee Report

There are major infrastructure concerns at Washington School including the plumbing, old wiring and life safety and ADA compliance issues. The district is due for a ten year Health Life Safety plan in 2013. Mr. Cross would like the Board to approve architect Healy Bender & Associates to do a facility review for future planning on the needs at Washington and Northview schools to help anticipate some of these needs and develop a long-term facility plan for both Washington and Northview. The study could begin in a couple of weeks and be finished by spring. There was some discussion involving the timing of doing the survey.

Education Foundation Development Report

Mr. Cross reported on the Education Foundation met on September 6. Along with Mr. Cross, attending the meeting were Board representatives Cindy Gustat and C.G. Pillai, community members John McCormick, Eric Heagy, Bob Etheridge, Kurt Rimmele and Cindy Kurkowski will join at the next meeting. The committee will have 9 voting members, a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Treasurer/Secretary. There will be a 3 year staggered membership. Ex-officio membership will include 2 Board members, 1 teacher, and the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee will be the recording secretary. None of the ex-officio members will have voting privileges. The group will meet again on October 4 and will be working on by-laws, the name and mission of the foundation, and the 50(c)(3) forms required for the formation of the foundation.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2012 Budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, and Renk. ABSENT: Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools

Mr. Cross reported that the Application for Recognition of Schools must be approved by the Board on an annual basis prior to being sent to the Illinois State Board of Education.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded Member Pillai, to approve the 2011-12 ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools for Parkside, Washington, and Northview Schools. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Illinois Valley Community Hospital Employee Wellness Clinic

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the 2011-12 Illinois Valley Community Hospital Wellness Clinic for employees of Peru Elementary School District 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, and Kampwerth. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Athletic Trainer Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve a 2011-12 Athletic Trainer Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Proposal from Healy, Bender and Associates to Provide a Master Facility Plan for Northview and Washington Schools

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve a proposal from Healy, Bender and Associates to provide a master facility plan for Northview and Washington Schools. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Gustat. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to appoint Member Sheppard as Delegate and Member Pillai as Alternate for the Illinois Association of School Boards Resolution Committee at the 2011 Joint Annual Conference. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Employment of Recommended Extracurricular Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve Bill Twardowski as the 5th grade boys intramural basketball coach for the 2011-12 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Requests for Leave of Absence

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the leave of absence request under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for Mindy Davis. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the leave of absence request under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for Sarah Wick. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary