

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
NOVEMBER 3, 2010, 6:00 PM**

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 Conference Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Jyll Leonatti, on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Leonatti led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Jyll Leonatti, Members Simon Kampwerth, Jeff Sheppard, Mark Lamboley and C.G. Pillai

ABSENT: Vice President Jim Renk, Member Cynthia Gustat

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Principals, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald and Melissa Bosnich

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the special meeting agenda of November 3, 2010. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING SESSION

After reviewing the progress that had been made on the plan so far, Mr. Cross presented the "Our Beliefs" section of the Strategic Plan draft. The Board very much liked the list and added several suggestions. The Board then went through each of the strategies to accomplish the two broad goals set forth in the plan, made suggestions and discussed general philosophy.

The Board also discussed finding a way to better measure the Board's and District's progress toward the goals and strategies. Mr. Cross said he would devise a better system and present this at a later date. The Board and administrators discussed a number of methods to engage parents in the schools. Also discussed was the district's communications system, the idea of reinstating a district newsletter possibly to go out with utility bills through the city, and the process of starting an Education Foundation.

Mr. Cross will try to have an update ready for further discussion at the November 17 Board of Education meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Renk, to adjourn the special Board of Education meeting at 8:32 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jyll Leonatti, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary