

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MARCH 2, 2011, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School 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, March 2, 2011, at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Leonatti led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the special meeting agenda of March 2, 2011. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai, Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING SESSION

Mr. Cross briefly reviewed the previous progress with the Strategic Plan and provided the Board of Education with an update on the plan, based on the previous planning session. The Board proceeded to work through each section of the plan, including the belief statements, two main goals, and the strategies to achieving those goals.

The Board discussed fine tuning some of the belief statements to simplify the list. The Board continued to retain the mission statement and two main goals, and focused its effort on finalizing the strategies and timelines to achieve the district goals. Much discussion focused around how to get parents more actively involved in the education of their children, how to make parents and guests feel more welcome at school and how to better use technology to communicate with parents and the local community.

The Board directed Mr. Cross to finalize the draft, review this with the building and administrators and seek their feedback, bring the document back to the Board for review on March 16. Then, the final draft can be presented to the faculty and staff for their feedback and consideration before final adoption by the Board of Education on April 13.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn the special Board of Education meeting at 7:56 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jyll Leonatti, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary