

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124  
DECEMBER 14, 2011, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of January 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, December 14, 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 Cindy Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, Jyll Leonatti, C. G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lamboley, and President Jim Renk.

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the meeting agenda of December 14, 2011. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, Leonatti, and Sheppard. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several thank you notes were received from staff members for the recent luncheon they were served in recognition of American Education week.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- November 16, 2011 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Presentation of the Recommended 2011 Tax Levy**

Mr. Cross presented the final 2011 tax levy and stated that the only changes from the tentative levy presented at the November 16, 2011 meeting was the adjustment in the amount levied in several funds to offset any increase in the tax rate resulting from the re-issuance of the 2003 series debt. The final 2011 levy is still based on net assessed valuation of \$184,000,000, with the final estimated extension based on \$181,900,000. The overall estimated resulting tax rate remains unchanged at approximately \$3.05 per 100 dollars of assessed valuation.

## **Principals' Reports**

### **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Chapman's Mechanical is in the process of investigating a sewer smell in the area which stores copy paper. They hope to have the problem fixed within the week.

### **Washington School**

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Board Member Simon Kampwerth and fellow Rotarians distributed dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Washington School.
- Third grade students recently participated in a Jr. Achievement program.
- MAP testing will begin shortly after the winter break.

### **Parkside School**

Ms. Madden reported:

- In an effort to increase school breakfast participation, free breakfast was offered one day to each grade level. Mr. Cross added that breakfast numbers at Parkside have risen somewhat and have remained steady at Northview and Washington Schools.
- The winter programs recently held at Parkside School were a huge success.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- The Project Success bus initiated last winter has been a big success. Due to the free transportation, there has been a significant increase in student participation in the after school program. The addition of a bus monitor on the route has proven to be successful also.
- Institute Day will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Teachers will be updated on information from the new Senate Bill 7. There will also be a speaker presenting on Common Core Standards.
- Member Kampwerth reported an Open Meetings Act training session will be held at Ottawa High School on Tuesday, February 28 for all Starved Rock Division members of IASB. Those unable to attend will have the opportunity to complete the mandatory training online.

## **Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policy Changes and Opportunity for Public Input**

Mr. Cross presented the final draft of Board policy numbers 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150 to the Board for approval. There were no comments regarding policy changes.

## **Reports and Information from the 2011 Joint Annual Conference**

Mr. Cross and the Board members shared information from the 2011 Illinois Association of School Boards Joint Annual Conference they recently attended in November. Mr. Cross shared on several workshops. Member Sheppard shared information on the NED Show. The assembly promotes positive attitudes, better behavior & academic achievement in school. Member Kampwerth reported he is the new Vice President and Karen Fisher is the new Director of the IASB Starved Rock Division.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Resolution for Approval of the 2011 Tax Levy**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to adopt the Resolution for approval of the 2011 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, Leonatti, Pillai, and Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Adoption of Recommended Board of Education Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt recommended Board of Education policies as presented for policy numbers: 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Final Project Design, Estimated Budget and Bid Documents for School Energy Efficiency Grant Projects at Northview and Washington Schools**

There was no action taken this month.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Leonatti, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Leonatti, Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Jim Renk, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary