

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JUNE 8, 2011, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of June 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, June 8, 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, Jyll Leonatti, C. G. Pillai, Vice President Mark Lamboley, and President Jim Renk. ABSENT: Member Jeff Sheppard.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of June 8, 2011. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Kampwerth, Leonatti, Pillai, Renk, and Gustat. ABSENT: Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you notes were received from Leian Breuning and Rose Riva for the gift they each received from the Board in recognition of their retirement.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 18, 2011 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 18, 2011 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Principals' Reports

Northview School Principal

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- A picture of students at Northview School who participated in Jump Rope for Heart last year will be featured in a calendar created by the American Heart Association. Physical education teacher

Tony Cerveny submitted the aerial view photo of students standing in the play yard in a heart shape formation.

- Sixty-seven percent of students recommended for Jump Start have committed to participation in the summer school program. Numbers are slightly higher in the upper grade levels this year. Bus numbers have increased from 27 students last year to 32 this year.

Washington School Principal

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Washington School 3rd grade students all reached their fourth quarter Accelerated Reader goals and therefore enjoyed watching their principal sit on the roof of the school for half an hour. She was proud that of the 100% who reached their goal, 80% of them passed the comprehension.
- Fun Day/Fun Run was organized by physical education teacher Carolyn Bryant and 2nd grade teacher Emily Graham. Students raised over \$2,000 for the event which promoted physical activity. Ms. Bryant and Ms. Graham presented a \$1,000 donation for the Peru Pool to the Peru City Council at its recent meeting.

Parkside School Principal

Ms. Madden reported:

- Many interviews were conducted for the 8th grade special education and 7th grade science positions and have now been completed. Ms. Madden appreciated the team of teachers who gave of their free time to help conduct those interviews. Recommendations for these two positions will be made during the Executive Session portion of the meeting.
- Last week's 8th grade graduation went extraordinarily well. Ms. Madden thought the students and audience showed extreme respect throughout the entire procession. Due to the large crowd this year, some ideas were shared regarding the number of people who can attend the event.
- iPads were distributed to 5th and 7th grade teachers allowed to take home over the summer to become familiar with. A training was held on June 7 on how to use the iPad and search for educational applications.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- A calendar of professional development activities was provided to the Board. The addition of 2:15 p.m. dismissals in the 2011-12 school year will provide more time for the administration and faculty to collaborate on a wide range of professional development activities which align district and building goals. The Professional Learning Community (PLC) format will replace the traditional faculty meetings on early dismissal days as well, and allow administrators and staff to study and share on a specified topic for professional growth.
- Mr. Cross was very proud to report an extraordinary successful school year was completed this year by a very hard working and dedicated staff.

Summer Maintenance Update

- The garage project at Parkside School is near completion with several details scheduled to be finalized in the next two weeks.
- Johnson Controls will be replacing 2 of the 4 univents at Northview School and 3 of the 6 fintubes at Washington School. If the district receives a \$50,000 energy grant next year, the rest of the univents and fintubes could be replaced. Because of the cost of replacing these items in the future, Member Pillai thought it would be appropriate to have a representative from Johnson Controls come to the Board meeting to explain their recommendation for the work they would be doing. Mr. Cross said he would arrange this at a future date.

- Additional mural options for the Parkside School gymnasium were presented to the Board. After eliminating options 3 and 4, the Board settled on several modifications to Option 2. The mural will be funded mostly through donations from the Washington School graduating classes of 2007 and 2008. Both classes left money for a gift for Parkside School. The mural will be installed prior to the start of the new school year.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining Fiscal Year 2011 District Bills

Mr. Cross recommended that the Board authorize the prepayment of any FY11 bills received before the end of the current fiscal year in order for them to be paid in the fiscal year intended. These bills will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to authorize the prepayment of remaining FY11 district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leonatti, Lamboley, Renk, and Gustat. ABSENT: Sheppard. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund

Mr. Cross reported the Working Cash Fund is abolished on an annual basis so that the full balance in the fund can be transferred to the Education Fund in the current fiscal year. The Working Cash Fund will then be re-established in July for FY12.

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Leonatti, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Leonatti, Pillai, Lamboley, Renk, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Sheppard. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Capital Projects Fund

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Capital Projects Fund, with remaining funds to be transferred to the Debt Service Fund as required. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, and Leonatti. ABSENT: Sheppard. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule

Mr. Cross presented the Prevailing Wage Resolution and June 2011 Prevailing Wage Schedule for LaSalle County which must be approved on an annual basis.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution and the LaSalle County Prevailing Wage Schedule for June 2011 as presented. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Property & Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance

Mr. Cross reviewed the renewal summary with the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for the district's Property & Casualty and Workers' Compensation insurance for FY12.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Property & Casualty and Workers' Compensation insurance renewal with the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for FY12 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leonatti, Lamboley, Renk, and Gustat. ABSENT: Sheppard. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Authorized Investment Depositories and Investment Managers for Fiscal Year 2012

Mr. Cross recommends the district continue with the banking services of Peru Federal Savings Bank for our checking account and money market fund and with Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC for the district's brokerage/investment account.

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Vice President Lambole, to continue the district's checking account and money market fund with Peru Federal Savings Bank and its brokerage/investment account with Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2011-12 Student Handbook Revisions

The principals reported on student handbook revisions for the 2011-12 school year. The handbook committee is comprised of faculty, administrators, parents, a board member and current students.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lambole, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2011-12 student handbook revisions. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the IESA membership and fee payments for 2011-12. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Gustat, Leonatti, Pillai, Lambole, and Renk. ABSENT: Sheppard. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Establishment of Date, Time and Location for a Hearing Seeking a Waiver to Hold School on Certain Legal Public School Holidays

The Board will need to have a hearing next month to consider permanently waiving certain school district holidays to continue the district's past practice of having the option of holding school or other district activities on certain days. In the past, school districts were required to have a hearing every five years, but this time the waiver would be permanent.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Lambole, to establish Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the choral room of Parkside School as the date, time and location for a hearing seeking a waiver to hold school on certain legal public school holidays. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Leonatti, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and to discuss information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Leonatti, Pillai, Lambole, Renk, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leonatti, to approve the resignation of Lori Turczyn as special education teacher at Parkside School at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Requests for Reduction in Employment Status

Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve a voluntary request from Beth Derango to move from full-time to part-time teaching status for the 2011-12 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Vice President Lambole, to employ Dawn Ladzinski as 8th grade special education teacher at Parkside School for the 2011-12 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leonatti, to employ Alison Bryant at 7th grade science teacher at Parkside School for the 2011-12 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Recommended Extracurricular Assignments for 2011-12

Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the recommended extracurricular assignments for the 2011-12 school year as presented. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to employ Justin Sullivan as athletic director for the 2011-12 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leonatti, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary