

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124**  
**APRIL 21, 2010, 5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of April of the Board of Education of Peru Public Schools District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Jyll Leonatti, on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Sherri Pannier, Eric Heagy, Mike Vezzetti and Jeff Dankert.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the meeting agenda of April 21, 2010. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Renk, Leonatti, Kampwerth, Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Sheppard. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Member Sheppard entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRESENTATION BY VEZZETTI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Mike Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management presented information to the Board regarding services his company could offer the district to manage assets and improve on our investment returns. The presentation included VCM's spending and investment policies along with samples of fiscal year end review, performance and current account structures of a current school district client. After some discussion, the Board directed Mr. Cross to investigate how this has worked in other districts, and how it would work with the current investment policy of the district.

Member Renk left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- March 17, 2010 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 17, 2010 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- March 24, 2010 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 24, 2010 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- April 8, 2010 Technology Committee Minutes
- April 12, 2010 Building and Grounds Committee Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report

- District Bills

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

## **REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Treasurer's Report**

District Treasurer Eric Heagy reviewed the Quarterly Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2010. Mr. Heagy reported a total fund balance of just over 9.8 million dollars with a total average rate of return of 1.21% on all deposit accounts. The investment concentration continues to be at Centru Bank because of higher yields in the money market account.

### **Technology Committee Report**

Cindy Gustat, Technology Committee Chairperson, reported on the recent committee meeting. The focus of the meeting involved the three year plan to keep technology up to date. Sherri Pannier, District Technology Coordinator, provided the committee with a proposed list of technology purchases for each building. Due to the uncertainty of state funding and how it will impact our district, the committee requested an "Option B" which would be less expensive. Ms. Pannier and Mr. Cross shared with the Board "Option B". Because of the increase in classroom utilization of computers for RtI Intervention and the new literacy series and the future math series, there is a fear if the district doesn't upgrade the computers due to be replaced it may end up costing more money in the future. Parkside purchases may still be spent out of the current Bond fund. The Board agreed it would be best in the long run to stay with "Option A".

### **Building and Grounds Committee Report**

A list of recommended summer maintenance and renovation projects for each school was presented to the Board. Building and Grounds Committee Chairperson Simon Kampwerth highlighted some of the more costly projects at each building and the importance of those projects. At Northview those projects include improving the drainage in the playground at the north side of the building and routing blacktop crack seal and pothole repairs in the main drive and parking lot. Washington School projects include the repair of roof seams on all flat roofs and replacing fin tube radiators in six different locations. The summer work at Parkside will be paid out of the Bond fund. Mr. Cross reminded the Board that the costs are just estimates and he will proceed to secure quotes with contractors. Mr. Cross said he and his fiancé and any volunteers will fill the planters with flowers at Parkside.

### **Principals' Reports**

The Northview Principal's Board Report included information on "The Northview Reading Diner", The Spring Book Fair, a recent "Shine Like Stars" assembly, an update on the Bright Starts preschool enrollment and the kindergarten enrollment.

Melissa Bosnich reported that the bike rack in front of Washington School has been dismantled and hauled away. A new bike rack will most likely be housed between the space at the south entrance and kitchen. She also commented on some activities taking place in celebration of Earth Day on Thursday, April 22.

Ms. Madden was asked about a current field trip in which approximately 350 students participated. The trip to the Kane County Cougars baseball game was an incentive for those students reaching a certain percentage of Accelerated Reading points. Mr. Cross reported that he and the principals are researching the value of field trips to our curriculum and making sure we avoid any unnecessary duplication in the future while making certain the trips are all educationally relevant.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross shared a letter from the Illinois Association of School Boards expressing their gratitude to Peru Schools for hosting the recent spring Starved Rock Division meeting at Parkside School. Because of the large amount of information in this month's Board packet, the administrators will give their student assessment and data presentation at a later Board meeting. Lastly, the Illinois Valley Garden Club is donating a tree to Parkside School for Arbor Day. Representatives of the club will be here on Friday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. for the tree planting ceremony.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Authorization to Bid Transportation Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve the authorization to bid transportation services. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval to Host L.E.A.S.E. Preschool Autism Program for 2010-11**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve to host the L.E.A.S.E. Preschool Autism Program for 2010-11. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Gustat, Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard and Leonatti. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Law Enforcement Reciprocal Reporting Agreement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the Law Enforcement Reciprocal Reporting Agreement. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of 2010-11 Bid for Milk Products**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the recommended 2010-11 bid for milk products. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Sheppard, Leonatti, Gustat, Kampwerth and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of 2010-11 Bid for Bakery Products**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2010-11 bid for bakery products. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai, Leonatti and Gustat. ABSENT: Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Recommended 2010-11 Technology Purchases**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the recommended 2010-11 "Option A" technology purchases. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Leonatti, Gustat and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Recommended Summer 2010 Summer Maintenance Projects**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the recommended summer 2010 summer maintenance projects. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Leonatti, Kampwerth, Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Establishment of Date, Time and Location for Board of Education Strategic Planning Session**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to establish Tuesday, May 25, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the library at Parkside School for Board of Education Strategic Planning Session. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of

employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lambolely, Pillai and Leonatti. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

#### **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **Approval of Resignations**

Moved by Member Lambolely, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the resignation of Melissa Johnson effective at the conclusion of the 2009-10 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

##### **Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Pillai, to employ Sue McKnight as an administrative assistant at Parkside School for the 2010-11 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to employ Rita Strickler as an administrative assistant at Parkside School for the 2010-11 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lambolely, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Holly Buczkowski, Lore Jones, Diana Pattelli, Sharon Strauch and Wes Miller (part-time) as summer 2010 custodial personnel. **Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Lambolely, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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Jyll Leonatti, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary