

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 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, C. G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lamboley, and President Jim Renk. ABSENT: Member Jyll Leonatti.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Rachel Pett, Lexy Rebholz, Mike Vezzetti, and Kevin Caufield.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of August 17, 2011. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received from Tara Duncan for the plant received after the birth of her son.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- July 27, 2011 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- July 27, 2011 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124 FISCAL YEAR 2012 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Cross presented the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 and reviewed the various funds represented in the budget. The Education Fund, which is the largest fund, will be impacted the most even though the district is projected to spend only slightly more than the previous year. Due to lower reimbursements from the state, lower federal funding along with a decrease in property tax revenues, the Education Fund could see a deficit over \$600,000 in FY12. The Operations and Maintenance Fund will also have a deficit. Mr. Cross explained the other funds are in not too bad of shape. The Capital Projects Fund is holding the Energy Efficiency Grant money received last May. The Transportation Fund will

likely see a deficit due to a higher number of special education students being transported this school year. Mr. Cross said the budget will become clearer by the time the final budget is presented for a hearing a adoption on September 21.

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Vezzetti Capital Management Investment Fund Performance Report

Mike Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management LLC provided the annual investment report for Peru Elementary School District 124. He reported for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. The account balance was \$5,528,032 and there were contributions of \$6,063,952 and distributions of \$1,698,000. The average monthly distribution was \$141,500. The account had an investment gain of \$55,981. He discussed the current markets and future performance benchmarks.

2011 Jump Start Summer School Report

Mrs. McDonald introduced preschool teacher, Lexy Rebholz and 7th grade teacher, Rachel Pett. As part of their internship for their Administrative Degree classes, the two teachers shadowed Mrs. McDonald during the Jump Start program. They each gave a report on the summer school program. There were 63 of 103 students referred who attended the program. The program was housed at Parkside where teachers took advantage of the Smartboards and iPads made available to them. A teacher survey at the conclusion of the program included suggestions such as having separate referral forms, computerized progress reports and changing the class times a little bit. The overall attendance rate for the summer school program was 83%.

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

Mr. Cross presented the final draft of Board policy numbers 1:10, 2:10, 2:140, 2:250, 3:10, 3:60, 3:70, 4:15, 4:170, 5:40, 5:50, 5:125, 5:150, 5:200, 5:285, 5:300, 6:100, 6:150, 6:160, 6:190, 7:260, 7:280, 8:95, 8:110 to the Board for approval. Member Pillai had a question regarding policy 8:110. It was clarified that the policy change was in the wording of the title from Public Suggestions and Complaints to Public Suggestions and Concerns. There were no further comments regarding policy changes.

Member Pillai left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

FY11 Report of Salary, Compensation and Benefits

Mr. Cross reported the Salary, Compensation and Benefits report is required to be posted on the district's website by October 1 of each year, and the district is in compliance with this requirement. This information is also reported to the Illinois State Board of Education and the Regional Office of Education.

FY11 Report of Contracts Exceeding \$25,000

Mr. Cross explained that this report is also required to be posted on the district's website annually. It lists all contracts over \$25,000 and also those contracts the Board enters into with local bargaining units.

2011 Student Registration and Preliminary Enrollment Report

Mr. Cross reported that the preliminary K-8 district enrollment is at 934 students and the total enrollment is 1,017. This is a decrease of 46 students from the Fall 2010 enrollment. The Official Fall Enrollment Report is based on student enrollment as of September 30 of each year.

Principals' Reports

Northview School Principal

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The LEASE Autism program housed at Northview School will begin on August 18.
- There are 617 students riding buses this year in our district. The largest amount of students potentially on one bus is on a Parkside route which has 64 students.
- The Project Success bus will begin on September 19.
- There are 26 preschool students on the morning route and 24 preschool students on the afternoon bus route.

Washington School Principal

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- The PBIS team has been working on this year's theme as it gets ready to implement the program school and district wide.
- Because of the loss of 17-18 students and one section of fourth grade, some students had to be moved into different homerooms after registration.

Parkside School Principal

Ms. Madden reported:

- She, along with other staff members, attended several Literacy trainings this summer.
- She also attended 3 Common Core Standards workshops this summer. She reported that ISAT won't fully change until 2014 and most of the focus is on Math. She said the philosophy is to teach a smaller range of skills but teach them in more depth.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The district would like to begin implementing and aligning with the Common Core Standards even though it could impact rising ISAT scores. The new statewide assessment is to begin in 2014.
- The IASB Starved Rock Division Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Senica's Oak Ridge.
- On August 22, a staff breakfast will be held at Parkside School at 8:00 a.m. There will be a 15 minute presentation by members of the PBIS team.
- Some changes are being made to the entry level students in the GATE program. Mrs. Bosnich explained students would not be identified as gifted until 5th grade. Students in 3rd and 4th grade will see the same enrichment time and will do more higher level reading and math activities. This will also allow for more students to participate.
- Fiscal Year 2011 state payments are \$131,312 short. The FY11 Education Fund deficit is \$108,000. Mr. Cross expects this to be worse a year from now for FY12 payments.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Peru District 124 Fiscal Year 2012 Tentative Budget

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the Peru District 124 Fiscal Year 2012 Tentative Budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Gustat, Kampwerth, Sheppard, and Renk. ABSENT: Leonatti and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Establishment of Date, Time, and Location for the Fiscal Year 2012 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to establish Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parkside choral room as the date, time, and location for the Fiscal

Year 2012 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary School District 124. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board of Education Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 1:10, 2:10, 2:140, 2:250, 3:10, 3:60, 3:70, 4:15, 4:170, 5:40, 5:50, 5:125, 5:150, 5:200, 5:285, 5:300, 6:100, 6:150, 6:160, 6:190, 7:260, 7:280, 8:95, 8:110.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, to adopt the recommended Board of Education Policies as presented for policy numbers: 1:10, 2:10, 2:140, 2:250, 3:10, 3:60, 3:70, 4:15, 4:170, 5:40, 5:50, 5:125, 5:150, 5:200, 5:285, 5:300, 6:100, 6:150, 6:160, 6:190, 7:260, 7:280, 8:95, 8:110. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Sheppard, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Renk. **ABSENT:** Leonatti and Pillai. **The motion carried 5-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Lamboley, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Renk, and Gustat. **ABSENT:** Leonatti and Pillai. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the resignation of Kaitlin Kubasiak as fourth grade teacher at Washington School. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Resignations

Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the resignation of Jamie Peel as part-time Spanish teacher and part-time teacher aide at Parkside School. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to employ Ashley Konczak as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2011-12 school year. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary