

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124  
AUGUST 18, 2010, 6:00 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, August 18, 2010, at 6:00 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, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Jim Renk and President Jyll Leonatti.

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the meeting agenda of August 18, 2010. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti, Gustat and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- July 21, 2010 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- July 21, 2010 Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE PERU DISTRICT 124 FISCAL YEAR 2011 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

The Fiscal Year 2011 Tentative Budget was presented and reviewed by Mr. Cross. The largest of the district's nine funds, the Education Fund, is projected in the tentative budget to have a deficit of more than \$600,000. Part of the projected deficit is due to the uncertainty of state funding sources, as well as the loss of high-yielding returns from investments due to very low interest rates in the current markets. Budgeted expenditure are also up slightly in the Education Fund, but Mr. Cross said that the final budget will likely reflect a smaller deficit.

The Operations and Maintenance Fund showed a much smaller deficit of \$40,750 in the tentative budget, and most other funds also have deficits projected for FY11. The Capital Projects Fund, established for the

construction and equipping of Parkside School, shows the next largest deficit of slightly over \$286,000 as expenditures related to this project wrap up this year. Mr. Cross pointed out that any money remaining in the Capital Projects Fund will be turned over to the City of Peru per the Intergovernmental Agreement.

The total tentative budget shows expenditures of \$11,281,951 and revenues of 10,264,795, resulting in a budget deficit of \$1,017,156. If this budget held true, the deficit would leave a remaining fund balance of \$6,945,422. Mr. Cross emphasized that this is a tentative budget and that next month's final budget to be recommended for adoption on September 22 should more accurately reflect the planned revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year.

### **PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ON STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT DATA ANALYSIS**

The Board enjoyed a power-point presentation by the principals on the district's assessments and data analysis. The district uses two formative assessments, AIMSweb and MAP. These instructional practices provide the teachers information to help students achieve. AIMSweb is given to students at every grade level three times a year in Reading and Language Arts. Based on these results, students receive help at three different tier levels based on their individual needs. The reports are sent home three times a year with report cards and explanations are also given at Parent Teacher Conferences. MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) is given in fall and winter to students in grades 2-8 in Reading, Language Arts, and Math. It helps teachers and administrators determine where each student is performing in relation to local and state standards.

The Board had some discussion with the principals about the paper results not always being easy for parents to understand. The administrators assured the Board that the verbal results given at Parent Teacher Conferences are explained by the teachers, but that it would be emphasized with staff to make certain the date and test information is more easily understood. The Board commended the administration for continuing to work hard to provide the best assessment and data-driven instruction for the students in our district.

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

#### **Student Registration and Preliminary Enrollment Report**

Mr. Cross reported that registration day went very well and the district again has seen growth in its enrollment. The district's fall housing enrollment will likely be a little 1,000 students, but the highest it has been in many years, and well over 1,000 students with the preschool program in place. The LEASE primary autism program is currently housed at Northview School and employs a full-time teacher and part-time speech pathologist, and students will begin enrolling later in the fall.

#### **Bright Futures Preschool Program Report**

Mrs. McDonald reported the Bright Futures Preschool Program has the maximum 80 students enrolled with a waiting list. This year's tuition sees 31 students at the Tier 1 level, 16 at Tier 2, and 33 at Tier 3. Tier 1 students pay the least tuition while Tier 3 pay the most. Mrs. McDonald will provide a more detailed report in the preschool program in September.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported on a district-wide Positive Behavior Program meeting today which comprised of 20 teachers and administrators. Mr. Cross reminded the Board of some upcoming dates. The district's opening day breakfast will be held on Monday, August 23. The IASB Starved Rock Division Fall dinner meeting will be on Thursday, September 9, at IVCC in the main cafeteria. Mr. Cross had Mrs. McDonald give a summary of the recent Jump Start summer school program. She reported 71 of the 100 students

referred for the program attended. Of the 71, there were 31 students who took the bus. There were 6 full-time teachers and 1 part-time special education teacher.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Approval of the Peru District 124 Fiscal Year 2011 Tentative Budget**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the final summer 2010 maintenance projects. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Sheppard, Renk and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Establishment of Date, Time, and Location for the Fiscal Year 2010 Public Budget Hearing**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Renk, to establish Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parkside School Choral Room as the date, time, and location of the Fiscal Year 2011 Public Budget Hearing. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

Although it was not on the agenda, the Board decided to establish a date, time and location for a strategic planning session.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to establish Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parkside School Library as the date, time and location for a Board of Education Strategic Planning Session. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel and information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:08 p.m.

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

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the resignation of Jeanine Kellen as technology instructor. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Vice President Renk, to employ Mary Knaub as technology instructor at Parkside School for the 2010-11 school term. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of Employee Health, Dental and Life Insurance Program**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve United Healthcare for the district's dental and life insurance plans and continue with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the district's health coverage. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Leonatti, Gustat and Lamboley. ABSTAIN: Kampwerth. VOTING NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-1-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Jyll Leonatti, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary