

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
AUGUST 25, 2010, 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Peru Public Schools District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Learning Resource Center at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board Vice President Jim Renk, on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, at 6:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Renk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: President Jyll Leonatti

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the special meeting agenda of August 25, 2010. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cross briefly shared with the Board of Education that the IVCC track will no longer be utilized for our junior high track program since the college is no longer going to maintain the track. There are very limited options in LaSalle-Peru for a rack, so Parkside track athletes will likely have all away meets from this point forward.

The State of Illinois was once again not selected as a Race to the Top choice by the U.S. Department of Education. The district had signed on to participate in the second round after choosing not to do so the first time around.

President Leonatti arrived at 6:44 p.m.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT BILLS

Mr. Cross explained that while district bills are normally approved only at the regular meeting, United Healthcare, our new dental provider for employees, required earlier payment to get the new insurance started by September 1. Mr. Cross recommended the Board approve the district bills as presented.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the special meeting agenda of August 25, 2010. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING SESSION

The purpose of the meeting is to continue the process of developing the district's strategic plan and goals. Mr. Cross reviewed the progress that was made at the May 25 special meeting and strategic planning session, in which the Board established the idea of two goals and a simple, straightforward mission statement.

After some discussion, the Board agreed that the proposed mission and vision statement will be, “To provide our students with a world class education.”

The two main goals are: (1) “To improve learning and academic achievement for all students” and, (2) “To actively engage our parents in their child's education and the community in our schools.”

The Board and Mr. Cross then discussed a wide range of strategies to achieve the two broad goals and also fulfill the district’s mission. Mr. Cross presented a draft listing of strategies and the Board discussed each of these in detail. The Board asked Mr. Cross to combine and consolidate some of the items and develop specific indicators and timelines for each strategy. These will then be reviewed at a later date, with a plan to approve the final Strategic Plan in September or October.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Renk, to adjourn the special Board of Education meeting at 8:32 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jyll Leonatti, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary