

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
August 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of August of the Board of Education of Peru Public Schools District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Library at Washington School, 1325 Park Road, Peru, IL, by Board President Jyll Humpage, on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Cynthia Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, C. G. Pillai, Jim Renk, Vice President Bob Etheridge, and President Jyll Humpage. **ABSENT:** Member Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Secretary Julie Brown, Melissa Bosnich, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Abby Stuart, Alika Kowalczyk, Taylor Gunia, Crystalynn Washkowiak, Dane Gonzalez, Austin Ploch, Neal Galletti, Cyndi Thurman, Laurie Gunia, Rosana Washkowiak, Rudy Galletti, Jennifer Nagle and Jeff Dankert.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of August 6, 2008. **ROLL CALL VOTE – AYE:** Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, Etheridge, and Humpage. **ABSENT:** Lamboley. **NAY:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Brown read a thank you note from Diana Pattelli and family for the memorial sent in Michael's memory; from Carolyn Bryant for the plant sent following the birth of her baby girl and from Stacie and Ed Jermenc for the plant sent following the birth of their twins.

PRESENTATION OF DONATION FROM THE CLASS OF 2008

Mr. Cross welcomed Washington 8th grade graduates and their parents who were present to donate \$1,500 that was left over from 8th grade graduation party funds to the Parkside School decorating fund. Arlette Martin, mother of 8th grade graduate Alika Kowalczyk, spoke on behalf of the parents and students in making the presentation. Mrs. Martin explained that 40 parents on the 8th grade graduation committee worked very hard on this year's club theme for the graduates. She presented a list of the committee's income and expenses and said the committee was able to donate \$1,500 to Parkside while still leaving a balance for next year's graduates to begin work on their party. The \$1,500 donation will be combined with \$1,000 that was donated by the class of 2007. The Board of Education and Mr. Cross thanked the parents

and students for their donation and promised to keep them advised of any future plans for use of the funds.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Cross pointed out the bill listings include all of the pre-approved bills through July, the August bills to date, and payment number 3 to Vissering Construction Company in the amount of \$586,697.54. Mr. Cross noted that due to the early August Board of Education meeting, the remaining August bills will be pre-approved for payment and again submitted for approval at the September meeting.

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

- Board of Education Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2008
- Board of Education Executive Session Minutes of June 18, 2008
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2008
- Board of Education Executive Session Minutes of July 29, 2008
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL VOTE – AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Pillai, Etheridge, Humpage, and Gustat.
ABSENT: Lamboley. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PRESENTATION OF THE PERU DISTRICT 124 FISCAL YEAR 2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Cross presented the FY2009 Tentative Budget for Peru District 124 and reviewed the various funds represented in the budget. Mr. Cross reported the district maintains a healthy but appropriate fund balance in the Education Fund, which is the largest of the district's nine funds. The second largest fund, the Operations and Maintenance Fund, which is used to run the buildings and pay custodial staff, has been built up over the past several years by putting more State Aide into the fund. Mr. Cross explained more money will be needed in that fund to cover upcoming expenses in the transition of moving grades 2-4 to Washington and K-1 to Northview. The district began FY2009 with approximately \$15.3 million in all funds and the tentative budget shows an ending balance of \$7.3 million. Mr. Cross explained the total budget is three times any budget in the district's history due to the Parkside School project, but will be back down to \$8-\$9 million after the project has been completed. The budget will be updated before the September Board of Education meeting to keep it as accurate as possible.

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Student Registration Report

Sara McDonald reported Kindergarten enrollment is up to 93 students after picking up twelve new students at registration. First grade currently has 90 students and second grade has 97 students enrolled. Melissa Bosnich reported that eighteen new students overall enrolled at Northview during registration. Lori Madden reported that Washington's total enrollment is up about sixteen students for the new school term. Seven new students were enrolled in grade six, five new students were enrolled in grade seven, and five new students were enrolled in grade eight. Mr. Cross noted that registration went very well and commended the staff for doing a great job. Mr. Cross will provide an updated district enrollment report at the September Board of Education meeting.

Member Mark Lamboleley arrived at the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Update and Discussion Regarding Parkside School Design Project

Now that most of the exterior scheme, including brick, windows, trim, and roofing, has been agreed on, Mr. Cross said the Board may need to hold a few special meetings for the interior of the school. The Board asked Mr. Cross to have the architects work up some renderings using floor tiles in various colors and pattern combinations.

Member Pillai distributed several articles related to science and technology to members of the Board for their review.

ACTION ITEMS

Re-Establishment of the Working Cash Fund for FY09

Mr. Cross explained the Working Cash Fund is re-established at the beginning of each fiscal year after being abolished in June when the funds are transferred to the Education Fund.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Etheridge, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to re-establish the Working Cash Fund for Fiscal Year 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE – Etheridge, Kampwerth, Lamboleley, Pillai, Renk, Humpage, and Gustat. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Accumulated Tort Immunity Funds to the Tort Immunity/Judgment Fund

Mr. Cross explained this is a new fund established for FY09. The auditors determined the balances left in the district's Education Fund and the Operations and Maintenance Fund that need to be transferred to the Tort Immunity Fund. Examples of expenses to be paid from this fund are liability insurance and certain legal fees.

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Lamboleley, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Accumulated Tort Immunity Funds to the newly created Tort Immunity/Judgment Fund. ROLL CALL VOTE – AYE: Gustat, Lamboleley, Pillai, Renk, Etheridge, Humpage, and Kampwerth. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Peru District 124 Fiscal Year 2009 Tentative Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Renk, to approve the Peru District 124 Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE – AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Etheridge, Humpage, Gustat, Lamboleley, and Pillai. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Establishment of Date, Time, and Location for the FY 2009 Public Budget Hearing

MOTION: Moved by Member Lamboleley, seconded by Vice President Etheridge, to establish Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Washington School Library for the Fiscal Year 2009 Public Budget Hearing. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Peru Public Schools Teacher Evaluation Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Renk, to approve the Peru Public Schools Teacher Evaluation Plan as presented. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining August 2008 District Bills

Due to the early August Board of Education meeting, Mr. Cross explained the necessity to authorize the prepayment of bills that will be due before the September 17, 2008 meeting. The August bill listing will again be presented for approval in September.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Etheridge, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the prepayment of any remaining August 2008 district bills. ROLL CALL VOTE – AYE: Etheridge, Kampwerth, Humpage, Gustat, Lamboley, Pillai, and Renk. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Motion by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; the discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining; and the semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes. ROLL CALL VOTE – AYE: Lamboley, Gustat, Humpage, Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, and Etheridge. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Renk, to return to Regular Session at 8:55 p.m. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Sarah Hurlburt as a third grade teacher at Northview School for the 2008-09 School Term. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Renk, seconded by Member Lamboley, to employ Deborah Story as a part-time food service employee for the 2008-09 School Term. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Consideration of Approval of Release of Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to continue to keep both the written Board of Education minutes and the taped Executive Session minutes closed due to the need for confidentiality. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2008-2011 Contract with Peru Public Schools Food Service Employees

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Etheridge, to approve the 2008-2011 Contractual Agreement with Peru Public Schools Food Service Employees, Local Union 138. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2008-2011 Contract with Peru Public Schools Custodial Service Employees

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Etheridge, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2008-2011 Contractual Agreement with Peru Public Schools Custodial Service Employees, Local Union 138. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Renk, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jyll Humpage, Board President

Julie Brown, Board Secretary