

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
September 17, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of September 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, September 17, 2008, at 6:01 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, Mark Lambole, Jim Renk, Vice President Bob Etheridge, and President Jyll Humpage. **ABSENT:** Member C. G. Pillai.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Secretary Julie Brown, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Lori Madden, Debbie Rounds, Brandy Cattani, Sally Kampwerth, Sarah Hurlburt, Tracey Jaegle, Rhonda Giachetto, Dinelle Wood, Pamela Cronkright, and Jeff Dankert.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Renk, seconded by Member Lambole, to approve the meeting agenda of September 17, 2008. **ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE:** Renk, Lambole, Gustat, Kampwerth, Etheridge, and Humpage. **ABSENT:** Pillai. **NAY:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

New faculty members of Peru Public Schools were welcomed and introduced by the principals of each building. Lori Madden introduced Washington's new staff members, including 6th grade math teacher Rhonda Giachetto, 8th grade language arts and literature teacher Dinelle Wood, and 7th grade language arts and literature teacher Pamela Cronkright. Melissa Bosnich introduced new Northview's new reading instructor Tracey Jaegle, and 3rd grade teacher Sarah Hurlburt. Sara McDonald introduced Brandy Cattani, student teacher working with Deb Rounds in 2nd grade at Roosevelt School. Each of the new staff members spoke briefly about their backgrounds before coming to Peru Public Schools. New choral music instructor Tom Foust and food service employee Deb Story were unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments and will be introduced at the October Board of Education Meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FY09 DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE: Kampwerth, Gustat, Lamboley, Renk, Etheridge, and Humpage. ABSENT: Pillai. NAY: None. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Cross presented the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget and pointed out changes that were made since the tentative budget was presented at the August 6, 2008 Board of Education Meeting. For example, Mr. Cross pointed out that the additional 10% city sales tax revenue that had originally been budgeted in the Operations and Maintenance Fund had to go into the Debt Service Fund.

Member C. G. Pillai entered the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Mr. Cross noted that State Aide and Title funding is down this year which hurt revenues somewhat, but overall the budget is in excellent shape and the district has healthy fund balances. Member Pillai questioned whether there was money budgeted for preschool and moving expenses. Mr. Cross said those expenses won't be reflected until FY2010. Next year the budget will be more back to normal after spending approximately \$18 million from the Capital Projects Fund due to the Parkside construction project. He also explained that the money to repay the bonds to pay for the new school will come out of the Debt Service Fund until that debt is paid off.

There were no questions or comments from members of the public during the Public Budget Presentation.

MOTION: Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE: Lamboley, Pillai, Renk, Etheridge, Humpage, Gustat, and Kampwerth. NAY: None. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Board of Education Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2008
- Board of Education Executive Session Minutes of August 8, 2008
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2008
- Board of Education Executive Session Minutes of August 18, 2008
- Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2008
- Board of Education Executive Session Minutes of September 3, 2008
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE: Gustat, Renk, Pillai, Etheridge, Humpage, Kampwerth and Lamboley. NAY: None. The motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Principals' Reports

Melissa Bosnich reported a great start to the new school year in her first year as principal at Northview School. Teachers have been involved in curriculum and instruction training in the areas of guided reading, technology, Rtl, and school improvement. Students have been assessed to determine reading levels and MAP assessment testing is also currently underway. Mrs. Bosnich also reported that Northview students are involved in the Ronald McDonald House Charity by collecting pop tabs.

Mrs. McDonald reported she sent home surveys to Roosevelt parents to promote our preschool program and determine how many children will be turning three or four-years old by next September. She said that she can write grants for an "At-Risk Preschool" and a "Preschool for All" program, which are programs for students who must meet certain criteria in order to attend. Mrs. McDonald said she thinks this is where we should start before offering a paid preschool program.

Lori Madden reported that Washington School received \$500 for our art program from Fairmont Minerals which commissioned art instructor Julie Jenkins to paint a commemorative Lincoln Top Hat in Ottawa in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. Ms. Madden also reported that Student Council elections are coming up. Each homeroom elects two representatives and one alternate. Judy Cary and Heather Smigel are sponsors of the Student Council which focuses on school and community activities throughout the year.

2008-09 Enrollment Report

Mr. Cross presented the Peru Public Schools 2008-09 Enrollment Report, which also includes enrollment figures for the previous eleven years for each grade level, district totals by building, and a twelve-year average. Currently, the total enrollment is 937, which is up by 16 students over 2007-08. Mr. Cross will present the complete enrollment report at the October Board of Education Meeting.

Jump Start Summer School Report

Sara McDonald presented the 2008 Jump Start Summer School Program Report. Mrs. McDonald reported that of the 82 students that were referred 46 students attended with an 86% overall attendance rate, which is very good for the summer. Mrs. McDonald noted that the entire summer school program, including bus service, is funded by the Title I program.

Update and Discussion Regarding Parkside School Project Design

Mr. Cross distributed a summary of recent Parkside design decisions and architect recommendations and reviewed them with the Board. The Board agreed with the color choices and manufacturer as recommended regarding exterior spandrel glass, music storage cabinets, bleachers and scoreboard. The Board also agreed with Vissering Construction's recommendation to use Janson Industries as the contractor for the stage equipment.

Mr. Cross also presented several variations from Healy Bender for the VCT floor patterns and locker colors in the academic hall corridors. There was no consensus on these items yet; however, the Board decided on a beige color or a custom red color for the lockers if the cost is not prohibitive. Mr. Cross will ask the architects to

continue working on a variation of Option 2B floor pattern that was previously presented to the Board at the September 3 Special Board Meeting, and will seek costs for custom colored lockers for the academic wing.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the Peru Public Schools District 124 Budget for Fiscal Year 2009. ROLL CALL VOTE - Gustat, Kampwerth, Renk, Etheridge, Humpage, Lamboley, and Pillai. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of ISBE 2008-09 Applications for Recognition of Schools

MOTION: Moved by Member Renk, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve the Illinois State Board of Education 2008-09 Application for Recognition of Schools for Washington, Northview and Roosevelt Schools. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Response to Intervention Consultant Services

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Etheridge, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ the services Sandy Beherns as a Response to Intervention Consultant. ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE: Etheridge, Kampwerth, Humpage, Gustat, Lamboley, Pillai, and Renk. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Resolution Committee

MOTION: Moved by Member Renk, seconded by Vice President Etheridge, to appoint Member C. G. Pillai as Delegate and Member Mark Lamboley as Alternate for the Illinois Association of School Boards Resolution Committee. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of IVCH Health Clinic

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the Peru Public Schools Employee Health Clinic with Illinois Valley Community Hospital. ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE: Gustat, Pillai, Renk, Etheridge, Humpage, Kampwerth, and Lamboley. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Service Agreement with Johnson Controls

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve the 2008-09 Service Agreement with Johnson Controls. ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai, Renk, Etheridge, Humpage, and Gustat. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Motion by Member Renk, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL VOTE - AYE: Renk, Pillai, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Etheridge, and Humpage. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to return to Regular Session at 8:40 p.m. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Renk, seconded by Member Lambolely, to employ Bill Twardowski as a sixth grade boys basketball coach for 2008-09 School Term. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. AYE 7; NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jyll Humpage, Board President

Julie Brown, Board Secretary