

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124**  
**JUNE 17, 2009, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of June of the Board of Education of Peru Public Schools District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Conference Room at Washington School, 1325 Park Road, Peru, IL, by Board President Jyll Leonatti, on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Julie Brown, and Jeff Dankert.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the meeting agenda of June 17, 2009. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Pillai, Kampwerth, Renk, and Leonatti. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Sheppard. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- May 19, 2009 Building and Grounds Committee Minutes
- May 20, 2009 Finance Committee Minutes
- May 20, 2009 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 20, 2009 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- June 3, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- June 3, 2009 Special Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Lamboley, Kampwerth, Renk, and Leonatti. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Sheppard. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Mr. Cross presented the following information from the Curriculum and Program Coordinator Report in the absence of Sara McDonald:

- Seventeen Peru teachers are attending a Literacy Seminar which is currently being conducted for K-5 teachers in the district.

- A breakdown on summer school attendance indicates that 81 students out of 138 students that were recommended will be attending the Jump Start Summer School Program which begins August 3. The Extended School Year Program is currently underway.
- Kindergarten registration is currently at 71 students, but Mrs. McDonald expects there are at least ten more students that are not yet enrolled.
- Mrs. McDonald commended members of Roosevelt's Final Fling Committee for their work in planning "Last Night under the Stars." This event, which included food, games, and Roosevelt memorabilia, was held for families, community members, and anyone who wanted to come to Roosevelt one last time before the doors closed.

Member Pillai asked if the American Flag had been replaced at Roosevelt School after there was a complaint from a community member about the condition of the flag. Mr. Cross said the situation has been corrected, and the flag has recently been replaced at Northview School as well.

### **2008-09 Food Service Program Report**

Mr. Cross reviewed the Food Service Program Report which shows a net profit of \$25,367 for FY09. He pointed out the large profit is somewhat misleading because the district received a larger federal lunch reimbursement than expected in the current fiscal year; however, the report showed a steady improvement since FY05 when there was a deficit of \$43,279. Mr. Cross also reviewed a five-year comparison of lunches sold in the district. The report indicated an increase of over 8,000 lunches served district-wide in 2008-09 from the previous school term.

### **Parkside School Construction Discussion and Update**

Mr. Cross provided a Parkside construction update, including progress on the terrazzo flooring and the installation of the audio visual equipment. A cleaning crew will start next week in the academic "B" wing and the following week in the "A" wing. Hopefully, our own custodial staff will be ready to start cleaning by early July. The furniture is scheduled to be delivered to Parkside the week of August 3. The administration and principal's offices will be set up first and should be ready to move in by August 5. Mr. Cross also reported the gym floor will be delivered and installed next week. He presented the latest architect's rendition of the gym floor showing the layout of the basketball court, volleyball court, and practice courts. He noted the practice court lines should be visible for the students on the floor but virtually invisible from the bleachers, thus keeping its usefulness for physical education classes and athletic practices while still maintaining the beauty and aesthetics of the gym floor.

### **Northview and Washington School Renovation Discussion and Update**

Mr. Cross reported that Phase I of the asbestos removal is completed at Northview and it is set up to begin Phase II. D. J. Sickley is following behind with the installation of new flooring, wiring, ceiling, and plumbing.

Mr. Cross recommended that the science tables in the middle of the two classrooms at Washington School be removed in order to make the classrooms more practical for the lower grade levels. He said if the science tables are removed it will be necessary to remove the asbestos tile in the classrooms. Midwest Environmental Consulting Services submitted a proposal for consultation on the additional project which totaled \$4,625, and Mr. Cross said the cost of the removal of the asbestos will not exceed \$15,000 once final quotes are submitted. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the project as proposed.

Mr. Cross also reported that H.B. Cabinet Co. proposed to do the cubbies in the hallway at Northview School for \$12,960, which is about one-third of what we expected to pay for the project. H.B. indicated they can complete the project in three days with about a one week notice. Member Kampwerth said we need to determine if the new floors need time to cure before the cubbies are installed. He said it is more important that the project is done right than it is to get it completed before the start of school. Mr. Cross will consult

with the architects and contractors before making a final decision on the timeline of the installation of the cubbies to make certain the floor is protected.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining FY09 District Bills**

Mr. Cross recommended that the Board authorize the prepayment of any FY09 bills received before the end of the current fiscal year so that they may be paid in the fiscal year intended. These will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to authorize the prepayment of remaining FY09 district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, Pillai, and Leonatti. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Sheppard. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund**

Mr. Cross reported that the Working Cash Fund is abolished on an annual basis so that all of the money in the fund can be transferred to the Education Fund in the current fiscal year. The Working Cash Fund will then be re-established in FY10.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, and Leonatti. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Sheppard. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution and LaSalle County Prevailing Wage Schedule**

Mr. Cross presented the Prevailing Wage Resolution and June 2009 Prevailing Wage Schedule for LaSalle County which must be approved on an annual basis.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Lamboley, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution and the LaSalle County Prevailing Wage Schedule for June 2009 as presented. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance for FY10**

Mr. Cross reviewed a renewal summary with the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for the district's Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation insurance. He explained the reason for the increase in the property/casualty premium is that the district is currently covering four buildings with the addition of Parkside School. The higher premium will be offset somewhat because it will not be necessary to renew the Builder's Risk policy for Parkside, and the premium will be reduced more when coverage on Roosevelt School is dropped after its sale is completed later this year.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve the Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation insurance renewal with the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for FY10 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Leonatti, and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Sheppard. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of Recommended Date for the Grand Opening of Parkside School**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve Tuesday, August 11, 2009, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for the Grand Opening Ceremony and Open House for Parkside School. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of IDOT Serious Safety Hazard Findings for Parkside School**

Mr. Cross presented the Serious Safety Hazard Findings for Parkside School which must be approved on an annual basis so that parents living less than 1.5 miles from the school can receive free bus transportation and

the district can receive reimbursement from the state. Serious Safety Hazard Resolutions for Washington and Northview Schools were approved at the May 20, 2009 Board of Education Meeting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution for Parkside School. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; to discuss information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining; and to discuss the potential purchase, sale, or lease of real estate, including the establishment of price for sale or lease of real estate. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Renk, Leonatti, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Sheppard. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:19 p.m.

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

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of teacher Pamela Cronkright at the conclusion of the 2008-09 school term. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

##### **Approval of Recommended Personnel**

There were no personnel recommendations presented for approval.

##### **Approval of Recommended Extracurricular Assignments for 2009-10**

Mr. Cross presented a list of recommended extracurricular assignments for 2009-10 and noted several positions remain to be filled.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the list of extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

##### **Approval of Principals' Employment Contracts**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Lamboley, to approve 2009-10 Principals' employment contracts and the 2009-10 Dean and Coordinators contract as presented. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

##### **Approval of Superintendent's Contract Addendum**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the Superintendent's contract addendum as presented. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Jyll Leonatti, Board President

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Julie Brown, Board Secretary