

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MAY 18, 2011, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of May of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Jim Renk, on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Dinelle Wood, Tim Nagle, Tristan Chapman, Aja Hughes, Abby Steinberg, Margaret Covert, Austin Riordan, Thomas Scholle, Heather Smigel, Judith Cary, Madison Cofoid, Jake Peruba and Jeff Dankert.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of May 18, 2011. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Sheppard, Leonatti, Pillai, and Renk. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Gustat and Lamboley. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you notes were received from the 3rd grade team, 6th grade team, Judy Hubbard, Tracey Jaegle, Heather Smigel, Lynne Smigel, and Gayle Yepsen for the donuts provided by the Board of Education during Teacher Appreciation Week. A thank you note was received from the Parkside staff for the recent staff get together at Cabin Fever. Greg Vaccaro sent a thank you note on behalf of the Police and Fire Commissioner thanking Mr. Cross for allowing them the use of Parkside School for the testing of future police officers. Member Pillai thanked the Board for the card he received following the loss of his sister.

Vice President Lamboley joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY THE PARKSIDE STUDENT COUNCIL ON THE IAJHSC CONVENTION

The Board enjoyed a presentation by the Parkside Student Council who recently attended the annual Illinois Association of Junior High Student Councils Convention. The Power Point presentation was delivered by several members of the Student Council along with sponsors Judy Cary and Heather Smigel. The group attended a formal dinner on Friday evening and spent Saturday at breakout sessions. Parkside Student Council once again received a purple ribbon for meeting Honor Council Award requirements.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- April 13, 2011 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- April 13, 2011 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- April 28, 2011 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leonatti, Lamboley, Renk, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Sheppard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Principals' Reports

Parkside School Principal

Ms. Madden reported:

- A Scholastic Honors Breakfast was held on May 17th and 18th for 5th – 8th grade students and their parents. The event was very well attended with approximately 197 students qualifying for the honors.
- Fourteen members of the Parkside track team have qualified for state competition on May 20th and May 21st. Both the 7th and 8th grade girls placed 2nd in team competition at sectionals. The athletes will be competing at the Eastside Centre in East Peoria.

Washington School Principal

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Approximately 100 students and parents attended a recent Family Reading Night. The activities were centered around the theme "Camp Out and Read". Parents also participated in reading strategy activities.
- This year's Law Day featured a mock trial of "The Wicked Witch vs. Snow White". Edward Kuleck, a member of the legal community was the judge. Students acted as the jurors and several teachers volunteered for other parts including dressing as the seven dwarfs.
- A new activity on Fun Day will be "Fun Run". This activity which encourages students to be active was organized by Ms. Bryant and Ms. Graham.
- A new behavior incentive activity is Behavior Bounce Incentive. Students who achieve the 4th quarter requirements will be allowed to participate in the inflatable bounce slides and obstacle courses.
- May 26 is the scheduled date for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grader classes who achieve their fourth quarter AR goal to watch Mrs. Bosnich sit on the roof of Washington School for one half hour for each grade level.

Northview School Principal

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Kindergarten Round-up was held in the afternoon of the last noon dismissal, May 13. Of the 85 students registered thus far, approximately forty family representatives attended. Mrs. McDonald feels more questions were asked this year as parents felt more familiarized with the school having had their students attend our Preschool program.
- To date, the summer school enrollment shows about 70 of the 114 students recommended are attending. Mrs. McDonald reported that the upper grade levels have less participation due to busier summer schedules and lack of interest. Member Pillai commented that he would like to see 100 percent participation by the students in this program.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross and several members of the Starved Rock IASA Division recently travelled to Springfield and spent some time with local legislators on May 10 to discuss legislation impacting local school districts.
- The annual staff recognition breakfast will be held on Thursday, June 2 at Parkside School. The program will recognize years of service for staff members and retirees.
- The Board was shown two draft designs for the gymnasium wall at Parkside School. While everyone agreed they liked "Home of the Raiders", there was discussion involving the size, color and background of the lettering. The Board will most likely choose vinyl letters over permanent paint. There will probably be no graphics, but the Board asked Mr. Cross to gather some more drafts for their review and to include some with graphics.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Extended School Year and Jump Start Summer School Programs

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Extended School Year and Jump Start programs. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2011-12 agreement for physical and occupational therapy services provided by Hillman Pediatric Therapy. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leonatti, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, and Renk. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Bid for Milk Products

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the recommended 2011-12 bid for milk products. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Sheppard, Renk, Kampwerth, Leonatti, and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Bid for Bakery Products

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the recommended 2011-12 bid for bakery products. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leonatti, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2011-12 Food Service Agreement with Peru Catholic School

Mr. Cross recommends the Board of Education raise the price of a daily lunch from \$2.00 to \$2.25 for Peru Catholic students. He reminded the Board that the rate has not been raised in three years.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the 2011-12 food service agreement with Peru Catholic School. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Revised Date, Time and Location for the June Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the choral room at Parkside School for the June Board of Education Meeting. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Establishment of Board of Education Committee Membership

President Renk presented the Board with his committee membership recommendations as follows:

Building and Grounds – Chairperson Simon Kampwerth, Jyll Leonatti, and C.G. Pillai

Finance – Chairperson Mark Lamboley, Jim Renk, and Cindy Gustat

Policy – Chairperson C.G. Pillai, Simon Kampwerth, and Jeff Sheppard

Technology – Chairperson Cindy Gustat, Mark Lamboly, and Jeff Sheppard

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Sheppard, to establish the Board of Education committee membership as presented by President Renk. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member, seconded by Member, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and to discuss information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: ABSENT: Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:07 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Courtney Balestri as 6th grade girls volleyball coach effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Leonatti, to approve the resignation of Lynda Kasik as 5th grade boys basketball coach effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the resignation of Justin Sullivan as 6th grade girls basketball coach effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the resignation of Abby Trigg as 5th grade girls volleyball coach effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Leonatti, to approve the resignation of Dan Burkart as 7th grade science teacher at Parkside School effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Requests for Retirement

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve a request for retirement from Leian Breuning as first grade teacher at Northview School effective at the conclusion of the 2010-11 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Request for Leave of Absence

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the leave of absence request under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for Lindsay Ferrari. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the leave of absence request under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 for Jennifer Calhoun. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to employ Brian Gillman as 7th grade social science teacher for the 2011-12 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to employ Ashlei Viereckl as 5th grade teacher for the 2011-12 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Holly Buczkowski, Lore Jones, Diana Pattelli, Sharon Strauch and Justin Sullivan (part-time) as summer 2011 custodial personnel. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Peru Educators Association

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leonatti, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Peru Educators Association as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leonatti, Renk, Leonatti, and Sheppard. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Kampwerth. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leonatti, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0, Absent 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary