MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 124
MARCH 24, 2010, 6:00 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 President Jyll Leonatti, on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Members Cynthia Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, Jeff Sheppard, Mark Lamboley, C. G. Pillai, Vice President Jim Renk and President Jyll Leonatti.
OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the special meeting agenda of March 24, 2010. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Pillai and Leonatti. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:45 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION GOAL SETTING SESSION
The purpose of the meeting is to update the district's strategic plan and district goals. Mr. Cross had presented the Board of Education with background materials from its previous goal setting process in the spring of 2006, as well as an extensive listing of the district's recent accomplishments in a wide array of areas. The Board discussed the many merits of the existing goals and after some discussion decided to establish new goals with the idea that current and/or unaccomplished goals would be included under those goals as the goal setting process unfolded.

After discussing the district's strengths, weaknesses and other information, it was determined that a draft of the district's new mission/vision statement would simply be: "To provide a world class education for our students." Furthermore, the two goals the Board determined and focused on were:

1. To improve student achievement.
2. To actively engage parents and the community.

It was determined that Mr. Cross would develop an open ended response survey for the staff to collect data and feedback with suggestions for the potential mission statement, two proposed goals and other

suggested goals for the district to pursue. Once this survey data is collected, the Board would continue with the Strategic Planning process. Therefore, it was determined that the next planning session would take place at the regularly scheduled April 21 Board of Education meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn to regular session at 9:07 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Jyll Leonatti, Board President Kim Vezzetti, District Secretary