

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JANUARY 18, 2017, 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of January 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, January 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Cynthia Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lambole, and President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: C.G. Pillai

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Eric Heagy, and Ben Hohenstatt.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Lambole, to approve the meeting agenda of January 18, 2017. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Sheppard, Lambole, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Kampwerth. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public comments, correspondence or announcements this month.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 14, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy reported for the end of the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2017. The district's cash management and money market funds with Peru Federal Savings hold roughly \$452,000 with a weighted average return of .08 percent. The brokered accounts at Vezzetti Capital Management are \$5.3 million with a net yield of .21 percent. The district's total cash and investments at the end of the fourth quarter are approximately \$5.8 million dollars with a weighted average return of .20 percent.

Mr. Heagy, Mr. Cross and Mike Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management will meet in the near future to discuss and strategize the future placement of the district's funds.

Principals' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The annual Fine Arts Fair will be held at Northview School on Thursday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. Visual arts, Tai Kwan Do presenters and student art displays will be featured at the event.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- Ms. Madden invited the Board to the annual Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 26 and the annual Science Fair on Saturday, February 4. Judges are still needed for the Science Fair for those interested.

Curriculum Director's Report

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Access testing for ELL students and MAP assessment are being administered this January and will be completed by mid- February.
- The ELA (English Language Arts) committee is looking at textbooks from three different publishers. The focus is to zero in on what students actually need to know by the end of each grade level.

The administrative team shared information from the recent Institute Day workshop with Kids at the Core. The three presenters were excellent and the teachers gave very positive feedback. Teachers received training on the SLO (Student Learning Outcomes) process and subject area assessments. Mr. Cross surveyed the teachers afterwards and the comments were very positive.

There was additional discussion regarding the math curriculum. As reported last month, students are not achieving at the levels the staff would like to see. The committee will continue to meet regarding math interventions and support and Ms. Madden will update the Board on the committee's progress.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The spring IASB Starved Rock Division meeting will be held at Hall High School on Thursday, March 9. Governor Rauner's point person on education, Dr. Beth Purvis, will be the featured speaker and there will also be a briefing for new Board candidates.
- The fourth annual Foundation Trivia Night will be held at Celebrations in LaSalle on Saturday, March 11. There are still tables and 50/50 tickets available at the district office.
- The district received the final FY16 mandated cross-categorical payments on December 30. We have not received any payments for the first two quarters of the 2017 fiscal year. Mr. Cross has little hope that we will receive all four payments due by the end of June. This will have a very negative impact on district finances.

Presentation of Recommended 2017-18 School Calendar

Mr. Cross presented two calendars for recommendation. Both options have put Friday early dismissals back in the calendar. After feedback from the administration and faculty, they feel with all the work on curriculum and SLOs it is important to have the time on these Fridays available. The difference on one calendar is the observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. Historically, school has been out of session on the holiday with the exception of a few years. Some of the years were due to the late school start due

to the Parkside and Northview construction. Mr. Cross explained to the Board that attendance was very poor this year when school was in session on the holiday and only a handful of schools were in session. After some discussion, the Board feels it would be best moving forward to be out of session to observe the holiday in 2017-18 and in future years.

Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policy Changes

Mr. Cross explained the PRESS policy changes were mostly minor. He recommends the Board adopt the policies as presented.

Update and Discussion Regarding Long-Term Strategic Planning

Mr. Cross shared a parent survey he would like to send out for input on long-term strategic planning. He would like the Board to look it over and provide some feedback. He will also provide a teacher summary. The Board would also like a survey of former students to be included in the strategic planning. After some discussion, the Board feels its current members should try to have the long-term strategic planning completed before new Board members are seated later this April.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Certified Seniority List for 2016-17

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the 2016-17 Certified Staff Seniority List as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Non-Certified Staff Seniority List for 2016-17

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the 2016-17 Non-Certified Staff Seniority List as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Recommended 2017-18 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended 2017-18 school district calendar "B" as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Date and Time for the 2017 8th Grade Graduation

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. at Parkside School as the date, time, and location for the 2017 8th Grade Graduation. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2016 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2012, 2015, 2015A and 2016 Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the 2016 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2012, 2015, 2015A and 2016 Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A, and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District Number 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt a resolution providing for the abatement of certain taxes levied for the payment of the principal of and interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A, and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District Number 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:120; 2:200; 2:220; 4:10; 4:110; 4:130; 4:170; 5:10; 5:30; 5:100; 5:125; 5:185; 5:190; 5:250; 5:260; 5:280; 5:330; 6:15; 6:50; 6:60; 6:140; 6:145; 6:160; 6:170; 6:340; 7:15; 7:30; 7:50; 7:60; 7:70; 7:190; 7:250; 7:260; 7:270; 7:305; 7:340; 8:30; 8:70

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth to adopt the recommended Board policies as presented for policy numbers: 2:120; 2:200; 2:220; 4:10; 4:110; 4:130; 4:170; 5:10; 5:30; 5:100; 5:125; 5:185; 5:190; 5:250; 5:260; 5:280; 5:330; 6:15; 6:50; 6:60; 6:140; 6:145; 6:160; 6:170; 6:340; 7:15; 7:30; 7:50; 7:60; 7:70; 7:190; 7:250; 7:260; 7:270; 7:305; 7:340; 8:30; 8:70. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel and for the review and consideration of release of Executive Session Minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: July 20, 2016. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, and Sheppard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to July 1, 2015 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to authorize destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Sessions held prior to July 1, 2015 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Consideration of Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes

MOTIO: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Sheppard, to review and release the Executive Session Minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: July 20, 2016. AYE: 6, Nay: 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary