

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
OCTOBER 19, 2016, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of September 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, October 19, 2016, 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, Simon Kampwerth, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lamboley and President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: Members Cindy Gustat and CG. Pillai.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, and Ben Hohenstatt.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of October 19, 2016. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Gustat and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- September 21, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- October 12, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy presented his quarterly report. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields .20 percent. The roughly \$5.28 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of .18 percent year to date, while the roughly \$1.72 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of 0.26 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is \$7.018 million dollars.

2016-17 Fall Enrollment Report

Superintendent Mark Cross presented the 2016-17 fall enrollment report which showed a total official September 30 enrollment of 919 students from PreK through 8th grade. The Board reviewed the trends over the previous 12 years and while district enrollment peaked at 1,071 in the modern era in 2010-11, the overall enrollment is little changed from the 2005-06 enrollment of 939. Still, grade level enrollment is down over that same timeframe and the district has also added and now reduced preschool over those years, making total enrollment comparisons more difficult. Mr. Cross said that grade level enrollment trends will continue to play a significant role in personnel needs and recommendations going forward.

Administrative Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Excellent attendance at this year's District Open House, which was held on September 15th. The administrators also discussed possible changes to next year's Open House, including the idea of holding it on one of the opening institute days prior to the first day of student attendance.
- Mrs. McDonald also reported on her progress with the new teacher evaluation process which includes the student growth model, and the amount of time this takes. The led to a discussion on the amount of administrative time spent with this task.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- Ms. Madden reported on the recent code red drill, and all administrators shared on how this went recently within the two buildings. The pros and cons of different levels of involvement of law enforcement were discussed as appropriate for the age of the children in the buildings. The district works very closely with the Peru Police Department, and Mr. Cross said things get better with each drill and experience in working with the police.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Illinois Principal Appreciation Day is this Friday, and he commended the principals and all of the district leadership team for their excellent teamwork and professionalism.
- Mr. Cross shared with the Board some information on the Evidence-Based Funding Model that is part of Vision 20-20, and is also being discussed by the School Funding Reform Commission. He said that we could be on the edge of a school funding revolution in Illinois, but it will depend on the work of the commission, and ultimately the will of the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Rauner.

Presentation of the 2015-16 Illinois Report Card on Student Achievement Data, Student and Staff Demographics and School District Finances

Mr. Cross said this would be need to be postponed until next month since the report cards and all of the necessary data is not yet available to local school districts.

Update and Discussion Regarding Board Strategic Planning

Mr. Cross reviewed where the Board is with planning and was seeking direction with the next steps in the process. After some recommendations and discussion, it was agreed to continue with the planned faculty and staff input on the October 31st noon dismissal. President Renk and Member Kampwerth will make opening comments to the staff that day. After the Board reviews that information, Mr. Cross will develop a draft survey for parents and graduates, and will consider focus group meeting with students, and perhaps former students and community members.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the resignation of Ray Zborowski as head baseball coach at Parkside School effective at the conclusion of the 2016-17 baseball season. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary