

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
NOVEMBER 15, 2016, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of November 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 Tuesday, November 15, 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, Cynthia Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Lamboley, and President Jim Renk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Lori Madden, and Melissa Bosnich.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of November 16, 2016. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, and Renk. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public comments, correspondence, or announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- October 19, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- November 7, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Pillai, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrators' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Melissa Bosnich provided a brief overview of the district report card for 2015-16 that was released at the beginning of November. Overall the district improved the percentage of students that achieved a rating of "met or exceeded" on the PARCC assessment in both ELA and Mathematics. Districtwide, 35% of the students met and exceeded compared to the state average of 36% and 23% of the students met and exceeded in mathematics compared to the state average of 31%. The new enVision math program is aligned to the state standards and we are in the 2nd year of using this program and hope to see improvements in the math scores as a result of the

change in curriculum to an Illinois Standards Based Curriculum. In addition to academic progress, the board was informed about the other information that can be found on the report card related to district environment, students, teachers, and administration.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- This year's Veterans Day assembly was well attended by community members, veterans and parents. The Band and Choir performed as well as the reading of original poems by the 8th grade students and support from Student Council representatives.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The Veterans Day assembly at Northview was equally impressive and very much appreciated by our local Veterans. Mr. Cross commended the staff and students on the great programs.
- The district held a health/life safety visit recently with the Regional Office of Education. The results showed a minimal list of needs to address and Mr. Cross will share more on this at a later date. He reminded the Board of the huge difference in where the district is now compared to prior to all of the excellent facility planning and work.
- The possible need to consider technology leasing as an alternative to purchasing in the future. This will be addressed after the new year with the district technology committee prior to a recommendation being formulated for the Board of Education.

Presentation of the Tentative 2016 Tax Levy

Mr. Cross presented the Tentative 2016 Tax Levy which he previously presented and discussed with the Finance Committee at its November 7, 2016 meeting. The tentative 2016 tax levy is based on a net assessed valuation of \$175,000,000 and an estimated overall tax rate of \$3.18 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Mr. Cross shared that the tax base is increasing for the second time in six years, with an estimated 3 percent increase, although the district is still about 8 percent of the value from its peak. Mr. Cross noted that a truth in taxation hearing is not necessary, and reminded the Board that a very high percentage of the district's bonded debt is not being paid for with property taxes.

Review of District Risk Management Program

The Finance Committee and Mr. Cross reviewed the merits of adopting a Risk Management Program, which was included in the Board packet for their review. The program allows for certain expenditures and prorated salary allocations subject to time studies to be payable with Tort Immunity funds. Mr. Cross itemized allowable expenditures should the Board approve the risk management plan as presented.

Update and Discussion Regarding Strategic Planning

A brief discussion was held regarding the timing of surveys and the next steps. Mr. Cross stated that this will become more of a priority for the administration as we move into the holiday season.

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

Mrs. Bosnich and the administrators reviewed key data from the 2016 Illinois School Report Card. This included changes over time in demographics of the student population, as well as a review of the district's PARCC scores.

Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 2:125 and 5:60

Mr. Cross presented and reviewed the additions, deletions and modifications for Board policies 2:125 and 5:60. Board policy 2:125 has been renamed and rewritten to comply with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, 50ILCS 150/10 required effective January 1, 2017. The revisions for these policies will be presented for adoption at the December 14, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Tentative 2016 Tax Levy

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lambolely, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the tentative 2016 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lambolely, Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the District Risk Management Program

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the District Management Program as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lambolely, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lambolely, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary