

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
NOVEMBER 17, 2015, 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 Conference Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Jim Renk, on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 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: Member C.G. Pillai

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

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of November 17, 2015. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Lambole, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. ABSENT: Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- October 21, 2015 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- November 16, 2015 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Principals' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Although Parent Teacher conferences were held two weeks before the end of the first trimester, Mrs. McDonald received positive feedback and there was a 97% face to face turnout.
- Mrs. McDonald commended all who participated in making Veterans Day a huge success.

- Fourth grade students participated in a decorating contest, “Pumpkins for a Purpose”. The pumpkins were displayed during Parent Teacher conferences and students and parents were able to vote for their favorite pumpkin with money. All of the \$953 raised went to fund the postage for the Hero Boxes.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- There was a 93 percent attendance rate at Parkside for Parent Teacher conferences. Parents and staff preferred meeting prior to report cards.
- Veterans Day was a huge success and well attended as usual. It was suggested that the program be taped or live streamed to be shown to veterans unable to attend the program.

Curriculum Director’s Report

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Mrs. Bosnich reported on the Social Studies Illinois Learning Standards. The standards are specific to each individual grade level. The curriculum is taught through textbooks and a heavy use of technology.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- American Education Week is being celebrated this week. The PTC provided donuts for district staff this past Monday and a luncheon catered by HyVee will be provided tomorrow by the Board of Education. Mr. Cross also recognized the Board of Education for their service.
- Peru Schools now have their own app. The app can be downloaded through iTunes or GooglePlay. It is one more form of communication with district parents and the community.

Presentation of the Tentative 2015 Tax Levy

Mr. Cross presented the Tentative 2015 Tax Levy which he previously presented and discussed with the Finance Committee at its November 16, 2015 meeting. The tentative 2015 tax levy is based on a net assessed valuation of \$168,000,000 and an estimated overall tax rate of \$3.18 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Mr. Cross shared that the tax base is increasing slightly for the first time in six years, with an estimated 1.2 percent increase after dropping more than 13 percent since the 2009 tax year.

Presentation of Proposed 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 on Northview Construction Completion and Washington Demolition

Mr. Cross reported that the final punch list might be closed out by the end of December.

- Three are still a number of HVAC issues in some of the classrooms.
- There is some painting in the gymnasium which will be completed over winter break.
- The volleyball sleeves are in and will be installed into the gym floor very soon.
- Mr. Cross is receiving quotes for the installation of shades throughout Northview and also a few that are needed for Parkside.
- Also, asbestos abatement at Washington School will be completed within the next two weeks. Utilities will need to be disconnected prior to demolition which will begin in January 2016. Mr. Cross also noted that someone will be removing the boiler from the school prior to demolition.

Update and Discussion Regarding Board Development and Strategic Planning

After some discussion, the Board agreed they would like to pursue working on their own Strategic Plan as they did several years ago and which they feel was very successful. They will work on dates for meeting after the holidays.

Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 2:100, 2:150, 2:200, 4:170, 5:90, 5:100, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:160, 6:270, 6:280, 6:340, 7:50, 7:100, 7:130, 7:140, 7:290, 7:300, 7:305, 7:340, and 8:30

Mr. Cross reported that a few of the policies recommended for change require more review. He would like to review them with the principals and possibly the Policy Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Tentative 2015 Tax Levy

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the Tentative 2015 Tax Levy. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Gustat, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Renk, and Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Pillai. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Approving the Risk Management Program for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt a resolution approving the Risk Management Program for Peru Elementary School District 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. ABSENT: Pillai. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Contract for Snow Removal Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to award the 2015-16 and 2016-17 contract for snow removal services to Stuart Tree Service. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Pillai. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Contract for Mowing and Trimming Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to award the 2015-16 and 2016-17 contract for mowing and trimming services to TNT Lawn and Snow, LLC. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. ABSENT: Pillai. NAY: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Prior to adjournment, Member Kampwerth announced that 462 dictionaries were delivered to area 3rd grade students this month. This is the eighth year Mr. Kampwerth and his fellow rotarians have been delivering the dictionaries.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary