

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**DECEMBER 18, 2018, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of December 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 Mark Lamboley, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Patti Leynaud, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, and Brynn Twait.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the meeting agenda of December 18, 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several thank you notes were received from the staff for the recent lunch the Board of Education provided during American Education Week.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- November 13, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Presentation of the Recommended 2018 Tax Levy**

Mr. Cross reported that there are no changes to the recommended 2018 tax levy from the tentative tax levy presented in November. He explained that because the aggregate levy is far below 105 percent of the prior year's extension, there is no need for a public tax levy hearing. Nevertheless, in the name of transparency he prefers to share the same information that would be shared in a hearing.

The total tax levy for next summer's real estate tax bills is just over \$6 million, which includes additional taxes to pay the debt on the roughly \$900,000 in working cash bonds, pending approval of a bond resolution later in this meeting that the Board already has authorization to issue. This is expected to increase the tax rate by only about three cents. Mr. Cross said that it is possible investment returns could exceed the actual interest on the bonds, since rates are still low but we are in a rising interest rate environment. Excluding debt service, the total tax levy is \$5,615,625, which is a 1.72 percent increase over last year's actual extension of \$5,520,773.

### **Administrators' Reports**

#### **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Parent /Teacher conferences were completed in November. For the second year, on-line scheduling for the conferences was successful. There was nearly 100 percent participation between face to face and phone conferences.
- The Scholastic Book Fair raised a record \$10,000 in book profits for teachers to buy new books for their classrooms.

#### **Parkside School**

Ms. Madden reported:

- Over ninety percent of parents participated in conferences this year. As always, teachers attempted to contact those unable to attend to reschedule or conference by phone.
- Ms. Madden updated the Board on the efforts to help improve math scores at Parkside School. The focus is to change the math mindset so the support and instruction will be successful to students who fear failure in math. Mrs. Bosnich reported on the many online tools provided to help teachers in this effort.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Nothing has changed since Mr. Cross updated the Board on the meeting he and Mark Lamboley attended at the City of Peru regarding the TIF. He believes he may have more information to share after the first of the year.
- Peru Education Foundation members recently approved several grants totaling just under \$12,000 in funds. The grants approved include the Northview Reading Incentive Committee, the Parkside Upstanders Club, and just under \$10,000 for new choral risers at Northview.
- Mr. Cross presented a preliminary 2019-20 school calendar. He explained that the new Evidence-Based Funding law requires school districts to have 176 student attendance days. The calendar appears much like the current school year calendar with the exception of two of the institute days. Area superintendents are working on possibly having a joint institute day next October. Mr. Cross will share the preliminary calendar with the staff for their feedback prior to its presentation for Board approval at the regular January Board meeting.

### **Reports and Information from the 2018 Joint Annual Conference**

Board members shared information and comments regarding the recent Joint Annual Conference. Member Bruins reported on the Delegate Assembly, and Member Pillai reported on the Collective Bargaining session he attended. Mr. Cross reviewed several other topics of interest from the convention as well, particularly in the area of school safety.

### **Discussion Regarding Proposed Board of Education Agreements and Protocols**

Mr. Cross presented the proposed Board of Education Agreements and Protocols for approval later during the meeting. Board members agreed the document is a great tool for all current and future Board members

to reference. Mr. Cross added that he feels the document accurately describes how the Board functions and thanked the Board members for the feedback in developing the agreements and protocols. He said he plans to post these on the district website, as well as include these in each meeting packet. The agreements and protocols will also be shared with future prospective Board members.

**Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 2:80; 2:120; 4:45; 4:130; 4:170; 5:30; 5:60; 5:100; 5:200; 5:220; 6:20; 6:60; 7:70; 7:100; 7:190; 7:250; 7:260; 7:270**

Mr. Cross reported that most changes to these policies are minor, with the exception of policy 7:190. The policy introduces the term “medical cannabis” and Mr. Cross would like to meet to discuss this further with the administration team regarding this policy. He does not feel a need for the Policy Committee to meet but will send them the policy changes for review prior to approval at the January Board meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Adoption of Resolution for Approval of the 2018 Tax Levy**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adopt a resolution for approval of the 2018 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Adoption of Resolution Providing for the Issuance of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, of Peru Elementary School District 124, in LaSalle County, Illinois, and for the Levy of Direct Annual Taxes Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on Such Bonds**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, of Peru Elementary School District 124, in LaSalle County, Illinois and for the levy of direct annual taxes sufficient to pay the principal and interest on such bonds. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Adoption of Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements as Required Under Board Policy 2:125**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Leynaud, to adopt a resolution to regulate expense reimbursements as required under Board Policy 2:125. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Leynaud, Pillai, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Adoption of Board of Education Agreements and Protocols**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Leynaud, seconded by Member Bruins, to adopt Board of Education agreements and protocols as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Mark Lamboley, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary