

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**FEBRUARY 15, 2017, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of February 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, February 15, 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, and President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: C.G. Pillai and Mark Lamboley

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, and Patti Leynaud.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of February 15, 2017. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Gustat, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Renk, and Ankiewicz. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Pillai and Lamboley. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Renk welcomed Board candidate Patti Leynaud to this evening's meeting. Mrs. Leynaud said she looks forward to becoming part of such a well-respected group.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- January 18, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- January 18, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Administrative Reports**

**Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Northview School teachers Dana Dawson and Shelley May hosted area Reading Recovery teachers for their continuing contact hours. Teachers were able to observe Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. May teaching lessons through the two-way mirror in the classroom. Teachers also were given a tour of the building.
- The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) Student Recognition Breakfast will be held tomorrow. Representing Northview School are fourth graders Elena Leone and Jack Sabatini.
- The Northview Handbook Committee's first meeting will be held later in March. Mrs. McDonald is still looking for a couple of more members for the committee.

### **Parkside School**

Ms. Madden reported:

- Representing Parkside School at the IPA Student Recognition Breakfast will be eighth graders Carlos Larios and Emily O'Brien.
- Kudos to Mrs. Alison Bryant, Science Fair sponsor, for an excellent job preparing out students for this annual event which was held on February 4.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- The Illinois Association of School Boards spring division meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9. Board member candidates Josanne Bruins and Patti Leynaud will be attending the meeting to participate in a "Briefing for Candidates".
- The R.O.E. Excellence Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 4 at Celebrations. Board members Cindy Gustat, Mark Lambole, and C.G. Pillai will be recognized for their 12 years of service on our School Board.
- The State of Illinois is still lagging behind on the over \$221,000 in mandated categorical payments owed to the district. No money has been received by the district in the first two quarters of the fiscal year.
- Because our school district receives electrical services from our own Peru municipality, we are unable at this time to participate in the Illinois Energy Consortium for electrical, but Mr. Cross will be pursuing the natural gas side of the consortium and keep the Board updated.
- Board members agreed to be a gold sponsor at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night.

### **Update and Discussion Regarding 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra Intergovernmental Agreement with LaSalle-Peru Township High School**

Ms. Madden and Mr. Cross updated the Board on the current status of the newly implemented agreement with LP High School for 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra. The year started with 23 students and there are currently 22 students as one just dropped the class after the first semester. Sixteen of these students who have paid the fee to receive high school credit for the class and all 22 students received a grade of C or better at the end of the first semester. One issue with students taking the class at Parkside vs. LP is that we are on trimesters and LP is on semesters. Therefore, the mid-term test was distributed in the middle of the second trimester. There was discussion about having the students participate in the class at LP next year like other area schools. Mr. Cross and Ms. Madden would prefer this option for next year. After some discussion, the Board supported the change and this will be explained and communicated to parents.

### **Update and Discussion Regarding Long-Term Strategic Planning**

Mr. Cross shared the survey questions to be sent out to parents in our district. The Board discussed the questions and made several suggestions. Mr. Cross said he would give the Board a couple of more days for any additional input. He will also be preparing a student survey for students who are currently sophomores and junior in high school who attended Peru Schools and Mr. Cross said that would take more time to develop.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt a resolution to regulate expense reimbursements as required under Board Policy 2:125, Exhibit 3. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai and Lamboley. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of Proposal from Specialized Data Systems for District Financial Management Software**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the proposal from Specialized Data Systems for district Financial Management Software as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai and Lamboley. **The motion carried 5-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai and Lamboley. **The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Approval of Retirements**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the retirement of Marcie Koehler as teacher aide of Northview School effective at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school term. AYE: 5, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the retirement of Bill Twardowski as head custodian at Parkside School effective August 2, 2017. AYE: 5, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Cyndi Thurman as cheerleading sponsor effective at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school term. AYE: 5, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Gustat, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Jim Renk, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary