

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
FEBRUARY 20, 2019, 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 Mark Lambole, on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, and President Mark Lambole.

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

ABSENT: Member Patti Leynaud and Vice President Jim Renk.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of February 20, 2019. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Lambole. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received from Beth Hickey for her recent employment as the Parkside librarian.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- January 16, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- January 16, 2019 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Pillai, Lambole, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrators' Reports

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Mrs. McDonald announced that Northview will be hosting the Fine Arts Fair on February 28. There will be special guest artists and art, music presenters and entertainment. There is also a collaborative art project done by all of the students at Northview.

- The Illinois Principals Association (IPA) Student Recognition Breakfast will be held tomorrow. Representing Northview School are fourth graders Peyton Maurice and Geno Dinges.

Ms. Madden reported:

- The Parkside staff continues to work on strengthening math skills by building positive attitudes toward math. Students will participate in a “Drop Everything and Do Math” during study hall once a month.
- There was hope that the new Illinois Assessment of Readiness would be only two units versus three. However, Ms. Madden was informed that a large number of schools were randomly chosen to do a field test in an additional unit of English Language Arts.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reported that the district did not receive the Property Tax Relief Grant the district applied for, and this was not a surprise as the district was not a high priority on the state list.
- The Peru Education Foundation Trivia Night will be March 9. He said the Foundation Board has done a tremendous job planning this event and expects that the evening will be another successful fundraiser for the Foundation.
- Mr. Cross will be checking with Finance, Technology and Building and Grounds members for potential dates for spring meetings.

Quarterly Strategic Plan Review – Goals 3 and 4

Information and updates on the Quarterly Strategic Plan Review – Goals 3 and 4 will be presented at a later date to be determined.

Review of 2019 Series Bond Issue, Payment Schedule and Closing Documents

Mr. Cross informed the Board that the closing date for the 2019 Series Bond Issue will be later in the month. He was pleased to announce that the interest rate for the \$860,000 bond has come in much lower than expected at 3.61 percent. He said the impact on the final tax rate should be less than three cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Architectural Services and Fees for Completion of the 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey for Parkside Middle School

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve architectural services and fees for the completion of the 10 year Health Life Safety survey for Parkside School. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Date and Time for the 2019 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2019 8th grade commencement ceremonies. **AYE 5, NAY 0. The motion carried 5-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Open Session at 7:53 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Andrea Kaszynski as Food Service Director effective February 8, 2019. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the employment of Brandi Anderson Maier as Parkside Principal for the 2019-20 school year. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Brittany Godsey as School Psychologist for the 2019-20 school year. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Taylor McDonald as Teacher Aide at Parkside School for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Karen Leonard as Food Service Employee for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. AYE 3, NAY 2. **The motion carried 3-2.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary