

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
FEBRUARY 21, 2018, 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 Vice President Jim Renk, on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Renk 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, and Vice President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: President Mark Lamboley.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of February 21, 2018. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **ABSENT:** Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

District architect Jake Been of Healy, Bender and Associates attended this evening's meeting simply to say "Thank You" for the trust and relationship our district has had with their firm. Mr. Been stated he is proud to be a small part of our school and community and is happy to continue to serve us.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- January 17, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- January 17, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Bruins, and Kampwerth. **ABSENT:** Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Fourth grade students Charlie Pellegrini and Richard Hagan proudly represented Northview School at the recent Starved Rock Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast in Streator.
- Onsite Dental from Rockford held a dental clinic for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The 195 students who participated had sealants put on their teeth. The clinic returns later in March to follow up with those students who need fillings or restoration.
- Mrs. McDonald and Ms. Pannier commended substitute nurses Laura Younger and Stacy Wroblewski for the outstanding job they have done filling in for our district nurse, Karen Miranda. Mrs. Miranda is due back to work on March 1.

Ms. Pannier reported:

- Eighth grade students Madeline Pangrcic and Ryan Hartman represented Parkside School at the recent Starved Rock Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast in Streator.
- Shea Rathburn and Creed McCormick represented Parkside School at the Regional Spelling Bee in Ottawa on February 17. Congratulations to Shea, as she won the regional bee and will move on to statewide competition in Peoria.
- The 7th grade Science Fair was an optional activity for students this year. There were 16 projects presented to judges during the school day and awards were held on the evening of February 15. The top 6 projects will move on the regional science fair competition on March 24.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The first mandated categorical payment for transportation has been received by the district. Mr. Cross reported that expenditures are right on target and believes once we get through February and March, we should have a good idea of where the district stands with the budget.
- The Illinois Association of School Boards is offering a one day "Equity Event" on April 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is a learning event for school board members and superintendents to address the "what, why, and how" of equity issues in education with guest speakers. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Lisle. If interested, you may register online or contact the district office.

Update Regarding District Academic Standards Alignment

Mrs. Bosnich updated the Board on the progression of the District Academic Standards Alignment. This month's focus was on the math standards. She presented a color coded document of the state's existing standards shown in a vertical alignment format. This allows for the teachers to see grade level expectations in a simplified form. A final version of the document is expected to be ready for formal Board approval at the regular March meeting and will then be available on the district website.

Before and After School Program

Mr. Cross recommended the Board table this information until a later date.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution to Include Cash Payments Related to Health Insurance as IMRF Earnings

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve resolution to include cash payments related to health insurance as IMRF earnings. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, and Renk. **ABSENT:** Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel and for the discussion regarding security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Pillai, Renk, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. ABSENT: Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:41 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to accept the resignation of Mary Jo Freeman, teacher aide at Northview School, effective February 9, 2018. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to accept the resignation of Debbie Story, food service employee at Parkside School, effective February 26, 2018. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Vice President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary