

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MARCH 16, 2016, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of March 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 Vice President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Cynthia Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, and Vice President Mark Lamboley.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the meeting agenda of March 16, 2016. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Gustat, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. **ABSENT:** Renk. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Physical Education teacher Wes Miller announced the Expo Showcase will be Tuesday, March 22, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parkside School. The event features student talents in music, technology, art and gifted education. There will be a Yoga demonstration by Northview teacher Emily Graham, art displays, community demonstrations, and the G.A.T.E. classes will be doing a coding demonstration.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- February 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- February 17, 2016 Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Principals' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- There are 64 children on the Kindergarten registration list for next school year. Of those, 49 currently attend our preschool program and the other 15 attend a different preschool. There are still 8 children the office is attempting to make contact with their families for registration.
- Winter Parent Teacher conferences were recently held. These conferences are aimed at those students who are either new to the district or who are struggling academically.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- Ms. Madden reported on assessment and student growth which is new to the teacher evaluation. The faculty and administration continue to attend many of the workshops offered to learn about the assessment and then share with their colleagues. The focus is to grade on what students know and master what they are learning.

Curriculum Director's Report

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- The Social Studies committee has narrowed down to two programs, the McGraw Hill Networks and the TCI History Alive programs which are being piloted in some classrooms. The committee will meet in early May to review the strengths and weaknesses of the programs in order to make a decision for recommendation.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The Regional Office of Education Excellence in Education Banquet will be held Thursday, May 5 at Celebrations in Utica.
- Mr. Cross reported that the Board will need to approve a resolution for the deeding of the Washington School property to the City of Peru. Mr. Cross and Jake Been will be meeting with the demolition contractor at the site tomorrow.
- Mr. Cross thanked everyone who helped with the recent Trivia Night which was a huge success.

PARCC Assessment Report

Mrs. Bosnich and Ms. Madden reported that PARCC testing began last week and administration of the testing is going smooth. Overall, students are trying and doing their best on this difficult testing. A few parents have written permission opting their children out of the testing. Both administrators commended Sherri Pannier and Sean Baron for having prepared the technology side of the testing so excellently.

Review of 2017-17 Cost Saving Recommendations

Mr. Cross reviewed the following proposed cost saving recommendations for the 2016-17 school year:

- The reduction of one teacher and teacher aide.
- Reducing the Northview and Parkside library clerks' work days by five and also reducing one quarter of an hour per day for the Parkside library clerk.
- Hold off on adding or moving a teaching position from 2nd to 3rd grade for now.
- Reducing Bright Futures preschool teachers from 2 positions to one and a half. In 2017-18 possibly having only one teacher. This would take all of the current 3 and 4 year olds through the preschool program. Unless the preschool grant and funding opens again, this will likely be the only option.
- Raise preschool tuition fees which has not been done for three years.
- Mr. Cross also asked the Board to consider the possibility of activity fees. The Board agreed that the district should possibly raise registration fees as opposed to initiating activity fees at this time.

Discussion regarding Proposal and Intergovernmental Agreement for 8th Grade Students to Earn Algebra Credit at LaSalle-Peru Township High School

Mr. Cross reported that an Intergovernmental Agreement is now ready for proposal for students to earn high school algebra credit in eighth grade. Parents will have an option to pay a fee no greater than \$125 which would allow students to earn high school credit for algebra if they earn at least a C- or better in the class. The algebra class and curriculum will remain the same and will be taught at Parkside by the 8th grade math teacher.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Final 2015-16 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the final 2015-16 school district calendar. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for 8th Grade Students to Earn Algebra Credit at LaSalle-Peru Township High School Beginning with the 2016-17 School Term

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for 8th grade students to earn Algebra credit at LaSalle-Peru Township High School beginning with the 2016-17 school term. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Pillai. ABSENT: Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2016-17 Cost Saving Recommendations

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the recommended 2016-17 cost saving recommendations. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; for discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. ABSENT: Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Notices of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt a resolution authorizing non-renewal of probationary teacher Ashley Konczak. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. ABSENT: Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Notices of Reduction of Time for Specified Staff

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt a resolution authorizing notices of reduction of time for specified staff Jane Gnidovec and Sandy Spelich. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Ankiewicz, Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Lamboley. ABSENT: Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Re-Employment of Recommended Non-Tenured Faculty for 2016-17

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to re-employ the recommended non-tenured faculty for 2016-17: **Fourth Year (re-employment results in tenure):** Abby Heider and Abby Kotecki. **Third Year:** Colleen Schmidt, Kendra Landers, Kelly Schaefer, Heather Linnig, Amanda

Danko and Kristine Criss. **Second Year:** Jordan Doubek, Claudia Carbajal, Thea Schwab, Lyric Glupczynski and Devin Johnston. **First Year:** Melissa Cassidy, Steve Wasmer, Ronda Iossi and Chris Bjork. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Re-Employment of Administrative Staff for 2016-17

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, re-employ the administrative staff for 2016-17 as follows: Melissa Bosnich as Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Sherri Pannier as Dean of Students/District Technology coordinator and Brandi Anderson-Maier as School Psychologist/Special Services Director. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary