

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
APRIL 19, 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, April 19, 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, C.G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lamboley, and President Jim Renk.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Melissa Bosnich, Sherri Pannier, Eric Heagy, Kylie Judd, Zach Mennie, and Ben Hohenstatt.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of April 19, 2017. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Ankiewicz, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Gustat, Kampwerth, and Pillai. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Worker Intern, Kylie Judd was introduced to the Board by Mr. Cross. Kylie shared that she has been an intern at both Northview and Parkside Schools this school year. She has recently been hired at Putnam County School District as a Social Worker for the 2017-18 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- March 15, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 15, 2017 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- March 30, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes
- April 4, 2017 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- April 5, 2017 Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy presented his quarterly report. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields of .42 percent. The roughly \$4.08 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of .39 percent year to date, while the roughly \$1.9 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of 0.48 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is just over \$6 million dollars.

Administrative Reports

Northview School

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- The annual Book Fair reported a record sales of over \$10,000 in books during the week of March 27-31. Teachers receive a 60% profit in books for their classrooms and also the library.
- PARCC testing was completed on March 31. The administrators shared some of their frustrations with the Board about the length of the testing and some other issues. There was some discussions between the Board and administration regarding the length of time the tests take, the administration of the test online and the delay of results from the testing. Ms. Madden reported students participated in PARCCApalooza to celebrate the finale of the testing.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- Aimsweb benchmark testing will continue for students in 5th – 7th grades this spring. Teachers and administration will evaluate which test they will keep for next year, MAP or Aimsweb.
- The Young Authors celebration will be held at Grand Bear Lodge on April 27. Students are chosen for their creative writing skills in short and long stories, as well as poetry. They will have the opportunity to meet a couple of authors also.
- The State Science Fair will be held at NIU in DeKalb on May 6. A group of three students from Parkside have qualified for the event. Ms. Madden praised Ms. Bryant for the hard work and dedication she gives to her students in preparation for the Science Fair. Also, Mark and Ronda Cross will be judges at the fair this year!

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Our school district has yet to receive funding for the first three quarters for mandated categorical funds including special education and transportation. The district is owed over \$300,000.
- Board members Cindy Gustat, Mark Lamboley and C.G. Pillai will be recognized for their twelve years of service on the School Board at the Regional Office of Education's annual Excellence in Education Banquet on May 4, at Celebrations. Also, Mr. Cross announced that Simon Kampwerth will be running for Vice President of the Illinois Association of School Boards.
- Mr. Cross reminded Board members of the reorganizational meeting that will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at 5:00 p.m. The final Strategic Plan will be presented for approval by the current Board and new Board members Josanne Bruins and Patti Leynaud will then be seated.
- Mr. Cross and Member Kampwerth discussed the recent Building & Grounds meeting. Unlike other years, the committee decided to have some long term plans for our facilities. Potential items under consideration include a possible walking and running trail around Parkside School; backstops for P.E. at Parkside; landscaping; possibly a greenhouse at Parkside to coincide with Science projects. The focus of projects this year will be on the storm water detention at Northview and a small sidewalk needed adjacent to the entrance of Northview School. Mr. Cross and the Board discussed the possibility of working with the City of Peru to make potential changes to the outdoor spaces only for the students, but also for the neighborhood since the west end of Peru does not have a park north out Route 6.

Technology Report and Summary of Recommended 2017-18 Technology Purchases

Ms. Pannier presented the recommendation of technology purchases for 2017-18. Purchases include 166 Chromebooks, 5 carts, 6 projectors, 2 port Switches and 2 UPS Backups which total \$53,912. The projectors, now 8 years old, are being replaced at Parkside School in the 7th grade wing. The total cost of the purchases is about half of what is typically budgeted for normal purchases each year to offset the cost of upgrading the STEM lab. Ms. Pannier will report at the regular May Board of Education meeting with recommendations of purchases for the STEM lab.

Review of the Strategic Plan Final Draft

Mr. Cross shared a draft of the final Strategic Plan he developed for review by the Board. The draft is broken down into four areas including: Communication, Academic Achievement, Safety and Facility Planning, and Funding and Finances. The Board would like Mr. Cross to combine some of the subheadings in the area of Academic Achievement. The Board discussed wording for a new mission. All agreed they would like to begin the mission statement with “Prepare All Students...” They also talked about a consistency with homework philosophy within each grade level. It was decided to review the completed Strategic Plan semi-annually. The final Strategic Plan will be ready for adoption at the special Board meeting on Tuesday, May 2, at 5:00p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2017-18 Technology Purchases

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the 2017-18 Technology purchases of \$53,912. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2017-18 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2017-18 Illinois Elementary School Association membership and fees as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Gustat, Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, and Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2017-18 Contracts for the Provision of Food Services for Dimmick Grade School, L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2017-18 contracts for the provision of food services for Dimmick Grade School, L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Final 2016-17 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the final 2016-17 school district calendar. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Recommending Member Simon Kampwerth to Serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Boards

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt a resolution recommending Member Simon Kampwerth to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Boards. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Ankiewicz, Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Lamboley, and Renk. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and for discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, Pillai, and Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Lynda Kasik as teacher aide of Parkside School effective at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school term. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to employ Derek Benning, Holly Buczkowski, Debbie Story, Sharon Strauch, and Sue Zeman, as full-time summer 2017 custodial personnel and Devin Fenza and Trina Schmollinger as part-time summer 2017 custodian. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Notices of Non-Renewal of Non-Certified Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to adopt a resolution authorizing non-renewal of non-certified teacher aide Berta Bland. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, Kampwerth, and Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for the Working Agreement with Custodial Service Employees International Union Local 138

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Working Agreement with Custodial Service Employees International Union Local 138. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary