

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**APRIL 20, 2016, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of April 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 20, 2016, 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, Cindy Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lamboley, and President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: C.G. Pillai.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Melissa Bosnich, Sara McDonald, Sherri Pannier, Eric Heagy, and Ben Hohenstatt.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of April 20, 2016 **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements this month.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- March 16, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 16, 2016 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- March 24, 2016 Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

**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 .45 percent. The roughly \$3 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of .67 percent, while the roughly \$2.5

million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of 0.28 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is \$5.373 million dollars.

## **Principals' Reports**

### **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Bosnich and Mrs. Anderson-Maier have been meeting with special education teachers to plan for case management and scheduling for special education students for the 2016-17 school term.
- Fifty of the sixty available spots are filled for next year's Bright Futures Preschool program. Several new students are included in that number following a preschool screening held at Northview this past Tuesday.

### **Parkside School**

Ms. Madden reported:

- Ms. Madden invited School Board members to the upcoming Scholastic Honors breakfast to be held on May 17 at 7:30 a.m. for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and again on May 18 at 7:30 a.m. for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Ms. Madden is awaiting word on when 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the Illinois State Science Assessment. The required state assessment needs to be administered online by the end of the school year.

## **Curriculum Director's Report**

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Mrs. Bosnich presented an overview on our district wide assessment and which ones are state mandated. Mrs. Bosnich believes the NWEA MAP testing, which is not state mandated, provides the best indicators and real time information for student assessment. A chart was provided outlining detailed assessment information.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reported that there have been three separate strategic planning meetings for the district's Parent Teacher Club. Approximately 12 parents, along with teachers and administration, have attended the meetings. He is pleased with the input given by the current and new generation of club members. New bylaws were created along with an organizational chart. An election of officers will be held in two weeks and he believes all positions will be filled.
- The Washington School demolition is completed along with the cleanup. Weather permitting, grass will be planted on the site soon. Mr. Cross is now working on the transfer of the land deed with the City of Peru.
- Mr. Cross reported on the current state of public school funding. He explained the 89 percent proration of the General State Aid formula, combined with the fact that even the full state aid formula is roughly 30 percent below recommended funding levels, is having a devastating effect on many local school districts with less local property wealth per pupil. He said that our district has been mostly impacted by the decreases in local tax base and our EAV has dropped around twelve percent over the past six years. Due to the 89 percent proration and the loss of the local tax base, the district has lost millions in funding since 2010. Mr. Cross further reported that despite closing one building and reducing staff by 18 employees and doing many things to be proactive with controlling expenditures, the district will continue to have large deficits and is going to be forced to consider other options to remain solvent.

## **TECHNOLOGY REPORT AND SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED 2016-17 TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES**

Ms. Pannier presented a report on the recommended 2016-17 technology purchases. Included in the recommendations are new purchases of 43 teacher laptops/docking stations at Northview and 240 Chromebooks for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades along with 4 carts for Parkside. Ms. Pannier reported there are seven projectors and one port switch which will also need to be replaced at Parkside. She also reported the Technology committee has been redoing the Acceptable Use Policy for employees and students and will be ready to go into next year's handbooks. The committee is also redoing the district's K-8 Scope and Sequence document.

The proposal, which was also reviewed by the Board Technology Committee, includes a total maximum budget of \$100,262, which includes 43 teacher laptops and docking stations to replace old desktops, as well as 240 Chromebooks and 4 charging carts. The larger replacement items for aging equipment is also included in the projected technology budget, for an estimated total of approximately \$8,000 in replacement costs. If the replacement items are not included in the estimate as has been presented in past years, the maximum FY17 budget would be \$92,289. With the items included, then the maximum FY17 technology budget for these purposes is \$100,262.

The district's migration to Chromebooks has been very successful, and the proposal would provide a 1:1 environment for students in grades 5 through 8 beginning with the 2016-17 school term. This approach has allowed for much greater cost effectiveness in that the same number of devices can be purchased for a lesser cost.

## **PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NUMBERS: 6:130, 7:150, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, AND 7:305**

Mr. Cross presented the Illinois Association of School Boards latest PRESS changes to Board policies. Most of the changes are in the student section of the Board Policy Manual. He also reported there will be a follow-up concussion policy meeting in the very near future, as well as further discussions regarding the implementation of mandated changes to student discipline policies and procedures.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of 2016-17 Technology Purchases**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the 2016-17 technology purchases as presented not to exceed \$92,289 for the new equipment. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Kampwerth. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Approval of 2016-17 Student Registration and Preschool Fees**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the 2016-17 student registration and preschool fees with changes to the fees as discussed. **Aye 6, Nay 0. The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Approval of 2016-17 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the 2016-17 agreement for physical and occupational therapy services with Hillmann Physical Therapy. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Lamboley, Gustat, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Renk, and Ankiewicz. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of 2016-17 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the 2016-17 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Gustat, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of 2016-17 Contracts for the Provision of Food Services for Peru Catholic, L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the LaSalle County Regional Safe School**

Mr. Cross noted that this is subject to the mutual agreement with the other entities, which will be verified at a later date.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2016-17 contracts for the provision of food services for Peru Catholic, L.E.A.S.E Circuit Breaker School and the LaSalle County Regional Safe School. Aye 6, Nay 6. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary case; information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and to discuss information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:48 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Approval of Student Discipline for 2015-16 Student A**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to expel 2015-16 Student A through the conclusion of the 2015-16 school term, with the provision that the student may attend the LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Regional Safe Schools Program for the remainder of the 2015-16 school term. ROLL CALL VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of Resignation**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to accept the resignation of Parkside choral teacher Devin Johnston at the conclusion of the 2015-16 school term. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Derek Benning, Holly Buczkowski, Debbie Story, Sharon Strauch, and Sue Zeman, as full-time summer 2016 custodial personnel and Karen Leonard as part-time summer 2016 custodian. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of Recommended 2016-17 Non-Union Employee Salaries**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the recommended 2016-17 non-union employee salaries with changes as discussed. ROLL CALL VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Sheppard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of Superintendent, Principal and Administrative Contractual Agreements and Performance Goals**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the Superintendent, Principal and Administrative contractual agreements and performance goals as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Sheppard, Renk, Ankiewicz, Gustat, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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Jim Renk, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary