

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
APRIL 24, 2019, 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 Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lamboley 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, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Eric Heagy, Austin Taylor, and Brynn Twait.

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of April 24, 2019. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Cross introduced Austin Taylor. Mr. Taylor will be seated as a Board member later this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- March 20, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 20, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- April 2, 2019 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- April 4, 2019 Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy presented the quarterly report. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields of 1.08 percent. The roughly \$4.35 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of 1.46 percent year to date, while the roughly \$2.4 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of .59

percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$6.77 million dollars at the end of the third quarter of FY19.

Administrators' Reports

Mr. Cross reported for Northview and Parkside Schools

Northview School

- Opera for the Young performed *Super Storm* for 2nd through 4th graders on March 25. Once again several 4th grade students were chosen to perform with the group. The event was funded through a grant written by Mrs. Kelsey to the Peru Education Foundation.
- There are currently 91 students registered for Preschool next year. Of those, 40 are returning three year olds currently in the program. There will be another preschool screening in August at which time parents will be notified if their student will be able to attend the program.

Parkside School

- Congratulations to Mrs. Verucchi and cast of *High School Musical, Jr.* for outstanding performances on April 5 & 6.
- Ten seventh grade students qualified to advance to the state Science Fair to be held at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois on May 3 & 4.
- Scholastic Honors Breakfast will be held on May 8 & 9. Board members are welcome to attend the events.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- A Ten Year Health Life Safety walkthrough was conducted by the district's architectural firm Healy Bender and Associates during spring break at Parkside School. Nothing major was reported and they are following up on several items. District architect Jake Been commended the district for the excellent job on life safety upkeep and maintenance and Mr. Cross hopes to have the final report soon so any work can be incorporated over the summer.
- The Back to School Open House will be held on the evening of Monday, August 19, 2019. The event has been very well attended since the change in format a few years ago.
- Mr. Cross is planning to seek bids for garbage and recycle pickup. The current service has changed recycle pick-up to cardboard only. He will keep the Board updated on this process.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be the week of May 6-10. The district's PTC will provide lunch on Tuesday, May 7, while the Board will provide breakfast on Thursday, May 9.

Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation Report

Mr. Cross reported he will provide a Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan update later in the spring. He also reported that he has received some new information from the leadership team who attended a Regional Office of Education workshop regarding a new service being provided by the Illinois State Board of Education, which is comparable to the services of ECRA. Mr. Cross reminded the Board that the platform is to assist with the management of student growth data to better allow staff to focus on using the data to help improve instruction in the classroom, while also serving as a potential tool for program evaluation. Mr. Cross was ready to recommend the ECRA contract later in the meeting, but would like some additional time to study the differences in the services as he just received the information a couple of days ago. He will be ready to make a recommendation at the regular May Board of Education meeting.

Technology Report and Summary of Recommended 2019-20 Technology Purchases

Mr. Cross reviewed the recommended 2019-20 technology purchases following a recent meeting with Ms. Pannier and the Board Technology Committee. The recommended Northview purchases include 42 access points and 4 switches for infrastructure, along with 120 4th grade Chromebooks. At Parkside, the

recommendation is for 120 6th grade Chromebooks, 34 laptops for the computer lab, 4 for the STEM lab, 8 interactive Smart projectors, and 5 larger Chromebooks for the Life Skills program. The total cost of the proposed purchases as presented is \$139,776 with infrastructure maintenance items included, \$102,251 without infrastructure costs included and \$117,261 maximum cost with infrastructure costs and assuming the district receives the anticipated federal E-rate funding.

Building and Grounds Committee Report and 2019 Maintenance Recommendations

Mr. Cross and the Building & Grounds committee reported on summer maintenance projects which were discussed at their recent committee meeting.

- Items discussed and under consideration for Northview include a bollard barrier at the east entrance area, possible installation of a classroom door barrier system, installation of remaining door/entrance security film, possible changes with security cameras and accessibility, installation of swing mats and basketball hoops in the playground areas, restoration or elimination of playground grass. Mr. Cross shared information on the remote access for security cameras at Parkside and recommends the possible change with the video cameras to upgrade to what was installed over the past year at Parkside School and will research installing the same cameras in phases at Northview, starting at the three main entrances and exits.
- Items discussed and under consideration for Parkside include the possible installation of a classroom door barrier system, installation of remaining door/entrance security film, installation of additional defibrillator and signage, replacement of gymnasium screen and projector, replacement of classroom markerboards (depending on new projector installation), installation of a flatscreen television for visual displays in the cafeteria, annual gym floor maintenance.
- Mr. Cross is recommending the implementation of a Boiler Treatment Plan Agreement with Chemsearch. The plan will provide quarterly inspections for both Northview and Parkside Schools.
- Mr. Cross will begin the work of pursuing costs for the work items as presented and update the Board at a later date.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2019-20 Technology Purchases

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2019-20 technology purchases as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2019-20 Substitute Pay Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the 2019-20 substitute pay schedule as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Bids for Bakery and Milk Products

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the bids for bakery and milk products as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of District Boiler Water Treatment Service Agreement

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the district boiler water treatment service agreement. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2019-20 ECRA Group Inc. Data Management System

This item was tabled until the regular May meeting.

Approval of the 2019-20 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the 2019-20 agreement for physical and occupational therapy services as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Lambolely, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2019-20 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the 2019-20 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leynaud, Renk, Lambolely, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Modifications of Upcoming Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the modifications of upcoming board meeting dates, times and locations as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and 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: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lambolely, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 7:37 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lambolely, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Leynaud, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Rita Strickler as administrative assistant in the district office effective July 1, 2019. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lambolely, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary