

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MAY 17, 2017, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of May 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, May 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Patti Leynaud, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Member Rob Ankiewicz.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the meeting agenda of May 17, 2017. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. **ABSENT:** Ankiewicz. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were several thank you notes received from staff for the carwash coupons they were given for Teacher Appreciation Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 2, 2017 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Review of Recommended 2017-18 STEM Lab Purchases

Parkside Assistant Principal Sherri Pannier began the presentation by giving a history of the inception of the Synergistics Lab at Washington School in 2004. The stations were moved over to Parkside in 2009 and a year later the work stations had equipment updates and three new stations were added. Ms. Pannier and current STEM lab teacher Katie Budnick presented the recommendation for 13 modules which will be implemented for the 2017-18 school year subject to Board approval.

Mr. Cross pointed out that this ties in with some areas of the new Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan, and the new STEM lab will create some career exploration opportunities for students as well. This includes 3-D printing, engines, electronics, video broadcasting, architecture, interior design, life skills (nutrition, sewing and personal finance), robotics, as well as coding and building and flying drones.

The total cost of the upgrades will be \$59,106. The Board asked several questions and commended Ms. Pannier and Mrs. Budnick for their research and work with the lab.

Principals' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The two preschool classes for next year are now full. Mrs. McDonald is referring additional preschool aged children to LaSalle Elementary and Oglesby Elementary. Both schools will accept Peru students. The district continues to be hopeful to get the Preschool for All grant next year.
- Students have recently enjoyed several programs including Opera for the Young, Young Authors, and Law Day.
- The Autism program will begin next fall with 6 students, 1 teacher and 2 classroom aides. Students were chosen on a first come, first serve basis from outside the district.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- The annual Parkside Honors Breakfast recognized 149 fifth through eighth grade students. Ms. Madden feels the early breakfast time allows for greater parent participation. She added that former Parkside alumni, now currently graduating from LaSalle Peru High School and St. Bede, did a wonderful job with their speeches.

Curriculum Director's Report

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- The end of the year assessments have been completed. The PARCC testing was intensive and results will not be ready until next October. MAP assessments were also completed. The MAP assessment seems to be more beneficial to teachers as they get immediate responses. Results from the ACCESS test from January are just now coming in and continued frustration was expressed with the long delay until state testing results are received.
- The new textbook selection for English Language Arts has resulted in a recommendation for the Board to consider for 7th and 8th grades next month, while the district and ELA committee continues to review the best options for kindergarten through 6th grades. Scope and Sequence will also be looked at during the next school year for the math curriculum.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reminded the Board that the summer Board meetings will be June 14, July 19, and August 16. The Board also agreed to have Mr. Cross present a presentation on school finance and funding at the June 14 meeting for our new and current members.
- Mr. Cross reported that the Senate Committee has endorsed a Bill to move Board elections from the spring to the General Election in November. If passed, the next School Board election may be in November of 2018 instead of April 2019. The change is driven to increase voter turnout.
- There will be a dedication ceremony for Jenny's Butterfly Garden on Tuesday, May 30, at 1:30 p.m. The memorial is for Jenny Glynn, our second grade student who passed away this past March. Mrs. McDonald and the Northview staff have been working on these plans. D&M Landscaping is helping with the garden and only charging for the plants.

- Mr. Cross reviewed the tax levy, extension and rate history, and how the current discussion to freeze property taxes is so concerning when the state refuses to adequately and fairly fund schools. He will review more in depth at the June meeting.
- Board committee assignment sheets were distributed. President Lamboley reviewed the information with Board members. He told the Board he would like to rotate committee membership more often in the future.

Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers 2:100; 4:15; 5:120; 7:100

For the benefit of new Board members, Mr. Cross explained the procedures for the presentation and adoption of new and current policies with additions, deletions and modifications as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards. He added that the policies being presented this evening do not have any major changes, and actual approval always is delayed until the following month.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Recommended 2017-18 STEM Lab Purchases

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2017-18 STEM Lab Purchases as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Lamboley, and Bruins. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of FY18 Bids for Bakery and Milk Products

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the FY18 bid from Alpha Bakery for bakery products and the firm bid from Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. for milk products as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of FY18 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the FY18 agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy services with Hillmann Pediatric Therapy, Inc. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, and Bruins. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of FY18 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal

Mr. Cross reviewed the FY18 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewals. The Property/Casualty Insurance premiums will drop by roughly 7% while the Workers' Compensation Insurance premium will increase by 14%.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the FY18 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, and Bruins. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:15 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Pillai, to employ Jaime Hardee as special education teacher at Northview School for the 2017-18 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Leynaud, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mark Lambole, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary