

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MAY 22, 2019, 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 22, 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 Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Austin Taylor, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Member Rob Ankiewicz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Brandi Anderson Maier, and Brynn Twait.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the meeting agenda of May 22, 2019. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The district office received several thank you notes for the recent breakfast provided by the Board of Education during Teacher Appreciation Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- April 24, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- April 24, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- April 24, 2019 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrators' Reports

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Congratulations to the following students who were honored as Young Authors at a county wide celebration at Grand Bear Lodge in Utica on May 2:

First Grade: Arabella Brown, Aubrey Miller, Sienna Edgcomb, Giuliana Koehler
Second Grade: Jazelle Black, Sawyer Smith, Madilyn Senica, Gracie Tinkler
Third Grade: Emma Tomlinson, Charlie Slusarek, Liliana Danekas, Ella Lannen
Fourth Grade: Morgan Knowles, Noah Escobedo, Gwendolyn Gress, Camryn Burell

- Mrs. McDonald will present a report at the regular June Board of Education meeting on the first year of the Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion grant programs. This year was the first of a five year grant the district was awarded.

Ms. Madden reported:

- With the help of her daughter and some students, in lieu of an written report Ms. Madden created a video of Parkside students sharing what's happening at the school this month. The video was also an appropriate send off for Ms. Madden, who was attending her final Board meeting and is retiring from the district after 21 years as a principal at Washington and Parkside Schools.

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Mrs. Bosnich reviewed the IXL supplemental resources for teachers and classrooms in the areas of language arts, math and science. She said that teachers are very excited to begin using the resource, and this program will offer access and the opportunity consistently across the district from grades 2 through 8.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Cross and the Board congratulated Ms. Madden on her retirement at the end of the school year. Ms. Madden has been the principal at Washington and Parkside Schools for the past 21 years. While she will be sorely missed, Mr. Cross is confident our new Parkside School principal Brandi Anderson-Maier will perform very well, as Ms. Madden and Mrs. Anderson-Maier have been working closely together throughout the transition process.
- President Lamboley updated and presented the final list of Board committees for 2019-20.
- Mr. Cross presented a summary of our tax extension history, including for the 2018 tax levy and resulting extension. The district expected a 1.5 to 2.0 percent increase in our tax base, and it ended up under a 1 percent increase over last year. He explained that this was a surprise since the district did have about \$1.9 million in new construction. The equalized assessed valuation (also called the EAV, or tax base) increased from \$182,551,968 to \$184,145,544, and our rate is \$3.23 per \$100 of EAV. With the new bonds, the overall rate increased a little over three cents. Mr. Cross noted that ten years ago, our EAV was \$184,334,108, so our current tax base is actually lower than it was at that time.

Update Regarding Recommendation for Data Management System

Last month Mr. Cross asked the Board to hold up on the ECRA data management decision so the leadership team could have some additional time to look at the Illinois Interactive Report Card data management system as an alternative. It is an important tool for identifying targets and areas where growth is needed. He explained that while it does not have all of the same features, the cost implementation is significantly less than the ECRA system. He is recommending the Board approve the IIRC system later in the Board meeting, based on the team's research and said that if it does not do what they are hoping to accomplish, the district could always look at ECRA again in an upcoming year.

Presentation Regarding Northview Physical Education Rock Climbing Wall

The Physical Education staff at Northview School has submitted a Peru Education Foundation grant request for a rock climbing wall in the gymnasium. Mr. Cross and Mrs. McDonald met with the staff, and Mr. Cross and Mr. Kampwerth later met on site discuss safety, installation and usage of the wall. After

doing quite a bit of research, everyone feels confident this will be an asset to the physical education program and climate and culture at Northview. Mr. Cross will update the Board after meeting with the Foundation regarding the current grant requests.

Update Regarding 2019 Maintenance Projects and Safety and Security Upgrades

Mr. Cross is recommending some upgrades to the Northview security camera system similar to that of Parkside. Because the camera system is much newer at Northview, upgrades will be done in phases. Phase I will allow for more quick and easy access of the cameras on or off site. These cameras will cover approximately 75 percent of the interior of the building. Phase II will likely be completed in 2020. In addition, installation of window security film will be completed this summer.

Additional items discussed for summer maintenance include the following:

- Replacement of all four AED defibrillators in the district
- Parking lot extension and bollard barrier installation at Northview
- Swing mats, basketball hoops and mulch in place of grass in the playground areas at Northview

Member Ankiewicz joined the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of FY20 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the FY20 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2019-20 Contracts for the Provision of Food Services for Dimmick School District 175, L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2019-20 contracts for the provision of food services for Dimmick School District 175, L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **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 Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, 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: Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. ABSTAIN: Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Illinois Interactive Report Card Data Management System

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the purchase of the Illinois Interactive Report Card Data Management System. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommendation for Supplemental Resources for Language Arts, Mathematics and Science for Grades 2-8

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation of supplemental resources for Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science for grades 2-8 from IXL. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Safety and Security Upgrades

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended safety and security upgrades as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Installation of Northview Physical Education Rock Climbing Wall

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the installation of the Northview Physical Education rock climbing wall. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Purchase of Gymnasium Audio Visual Equipment

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the recommended purchase of gymnasium audio visual equipment as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 8:05 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the resignation of Abby Schenck as 7th grade literature teacher at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Melissa Cassidy as special education teacher at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Request for Retirement

MOTION: Moved by Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve a request for retirement from Melissa Bosnich effective at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Molly Leone as special education teacher at Parkside School for the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Jessica Beem as administrative assistant at Parkside School for the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Administrative Contractual Agreement and Performance

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the administrative contractual agreement for Melissa Bosnich as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Pillai. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2019-20 Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended 2019-20 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 6, ABSTAIN 1, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary