

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JUNE 13, 2018, 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of June of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Conference Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at 5:30 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 Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Member Rob Ankiewicz

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Walt Zukowski, and Ben Hohenstatt.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of June 13, 2018. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

School district attorney Walt Zukowski was in attendance to give a brief overview of some new laws which will take effect within the next 6 months. He reported on cursive writing instruction, accelerated placement policy, lottery funds, and birth certificate gender change. He was able to answer some questions from Board members. Mr. Zukowski thanked the Board for their continued relationship with his law firm.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 24, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrators' Reports

Mr. Cross highlighted the following items from the principals' written reports:

- Northview School – Lili McClain was the recipient of the Jenny Glynn Kindness Award. The award was created last year after the sudden passing of second grader Jenny Glynn. The award is

given to a 4th grade student who displays respect to peers and adults, never giving up on tasks, and showing kindness through words and actions.

- Parkside School – Mr. Cross reported on the many instructional programs offered to students for differentiated instruction, aside from the variety of EXPO classes. Mr. Cross also answered some questions regarding retention and promotion.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross was happy to announce the district has been awarded the Preschool for All grant. The grant is \$264,527 for the next five years. He will have all of the funding details mapped out prior to the beginning of the school year. There was some discussion regarding facility space at Northview and the inclusion of out of district students in the program. The Board commended Mrs. McDonald and the other administrators for the intense work on preparing this grant.
- The district has completed the final response for the Regional Office of Education Compliance visit. Mr. Cross thanked Mrs. Vezzetti and the administrators for their hard work in completing this very challenging report.
- Some additional dates have been offered for the Board Governance Review provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards. Board members will confirm the date of Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:30 for this meeting.
- After receiving some excellent feedback from teachers at closing Institute Day, it was decided to continue Accelerated Reader Program for 5th through 8th grade students. Staff and administrators will continue talking and searching alternative options for the program. Mr. Cross reminded the Board that reviewing the Accelerated Reader Program is a goal in the district Strategic Plan.
- Mr. Cross explained that June is an expensive month this year with three employee pay periods and extra duty pay, but he is happy overall with how the budget is finishing this fiscal year. We still do not know what tier we will be in for Evidence Based Funding. He reported the district should know within the next couple of weeks about health insurance renewal rates also.

Bright Futures Preschool Program Report

Mr. Cross reported on the information Mrs. McDonald prepared for the FY18 Bright Futures Preschool. “At-Risk” students comprised 45% of the forty students enrolled in the program. There were 18 students on a waiting list who never got to attend the program. Now that the district has been awarded the Preschool for All grant, an additional 40 students will be able to attend the program next year.

Update Regarding Summer Maintenance Projects

Mr. Cross updated the Board on the on-going summer maintenance projects.

- Asphalt patching will begin tomorrow followed by paving.
- The Fibar for the Northview playground is ready to be delivered.
- Mr. Baron has begun work preparing for the new surveillance cameras and equipment.
- Mr. Cross will begin to get prices on the re-modification of the concession stand at Parkside.
- Mr. Cross needs some additional pricing from Mechanical Inc. He will invite Chip Weeks to attend a future meeting to update the Board on the services his company provides for the district.

Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policy Numbers: 4:80; 6:60; 6:130; 6:135; 7:50; 7:340

Mr. Cross spent a brief time discussing the new policy, 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program. He has reviewed the policy with district administration for their additional input. They feel the policy is a tool which dictates decisions involving the advanced placement of students if needed. Mr. Cross recommends the Board approve all of the policies as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the authorization to prepay remaining June and July district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Fiscal Year 2019 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Pillai, to hold the district's checking, money market and activity account with Peru Federal Savings Bank and its brokerage/investment account with Vezzetti Capital Management, L.L.C. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Pillai, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Establishment of Regular Board of Education Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to establish the regular Board of Education meeting dates, times, and locations as presented. AYE: 6. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule for 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, Leynaud, and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board of Education Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 4:80; 6:60; 6:130; 6:135; 7:50; 7:340

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended Board of Education policies as presented for Policy Numbers 4:80; 6:60; 6:130; 6:135; 7:50; 7:340. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the 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: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Leynaud, seconded by Vice President Renk, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary