

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**JUNE 14, 2017, 6:00 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 Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, June 14, 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 Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Patti Leynaud, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of June 14, 2017. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you notes were received from Marcie Koehler, Bill Twardowski, and Tim Nagle for the retirement gifts they received from the Board of Education.

Mr. Cross introduced Attorney Walt Zukowski of Zukowski Law Offices. Mr. Zukowski thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the district as their legal counsel and commended them for the fine job they continue to do for the district. He shared some recent legislation regarding early childhood expulsion and the transfer of certain excess funds to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The Board thanked Mr. Zukowski for attending the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- May 17, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 17, 2017 Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross received four competitive proposals for replacement and services of the districts eight copy machines. He presented the options to the Board for comparison of leasing or buying outright. He also recommended a decrease in the number of machines at Northview from 4 to 3, which would match Parkside's now that the district has two buildings. The Board agreed purchasing the machines would be the best option with a five year service agreement. Because the final bids were just received, Mr. Cross would like to pursue the purchase and have the Board formally approve this at the July Board meeting.
- The old cafeteria tables at Northview School are in poor condition and some have already been discarded. Some tables had to be borrowed from Parkside to get through the year, and Mr. Cross pointed out that replacement of the tables was discussed at the time Washington merged with Northview. Mrs. McDonald is currently seeking input from staff who are involved in the daily lunchroom activities and she will be looking at different styles of tables and seating. Mr. Cross hopes to have a recommendation for purchasing cafeteria tables at the July Board meeting.
- Mr. Cross shared a budget update through May 31, 2017. Even though we have not received three of the four mandated categorical payments which is having a large impact on the revenue side, he is pleased with the expenditure side of the Education, Operations and Maintenance and other funds after 11 months. He will discuss the FY17 budget further at the July Board meeting.

### **Presentation of Recommended 2017-18 Student Handbook Revisions**

Mr. Cross presented the recommended 2017-18 Student Handbook revisions for Northview and Parkside Schools. Mrs. Bruins, who served on the Northview committee, reported the most discussed change in the handbook is the allowance for only individually wrapped treats for birthdays and holidays. Mr. Ankiewicz, who served on the Parkside committee, reported the focus was on course descriptions and academic lunch.

### **Curriculum Director's Report and Recommended English Language Arts Curriculum and Instructional Materials**

Mr. Cross was pleased to report to the Board that a recommendation for the English Language Arts Curriculum and Instructional materials had been reached earlier in the day after a meeting with teachers and administration. The original plan was to pilot two programs side by side throughout the year, which would have cost more long term. However, after viewing a webinar and meeting together this afternoon, everyone on the teacher committee was ready to recommend purchasing Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's, Journeys for grades kindergarten through sixth. The full cost of acquisition for materials, resources, and professional development for Journeys is \$118,118.40 and for Study Sync the total cost would be \$15,053.94. Mr. Cross also emphasized that this was the less expensive program, and he also hopes to further negotiate the price. He commended Mrs. Bosnich and the staff for bringing everything together in reaching the decision for the recommendation.

### **Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policy Numbers: 2:100; 4:15; 5:120; 7:100**

Mr. Cross presented the final recommended Board of Education policies 2:100, 4:15, 5:120, and 7:100. As he reported at the May regular meeting, there were no major changes to these policies. He recommends the Board approve the policies as presented.

### **Bright Futures Preschool Program Report**

Mr. Cross presented Mrs. McDonald's year end Bright Futures Preschool report. The program was decreased by one section this year. It served 62 students this year, 11 three year olds and 51 four year olds. The program will decrease again by one section next year and is already at capacity. There are 17 students on the waiting list for next year. Mr. Cross and the Board commended the administration and office staff for their successful efforts in collecting tuition for the program throughout the year.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Recommended 2017-18 Student Handbook Revisions**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2017-18 Student Handbook revisions. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of English Language Arts Curriculum and Instructional Materials**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the English Language Arts curriculum and instructional materials for grades K-6 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Adoption of Recommended Board of Education Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:100; 4:15; 5:120; 7:100**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the recommended Board of Education policies as presented for Policy Numbers: 2:100; 4:15; 5:120; 7:100. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the authorization to prepay remaining June and July district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule for 2017. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers**

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:14 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, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 7:52 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Maria Rax as teacher aide at Parkside School for the 2017-18 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Katie Wellner as teacher aide at Parkside School for the 2017-18 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Leynaud, to employ Lisa Tate as teacher aide at Parkside School for the 2017-18 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to employ Mary Jo Freeman as teacher aide at Northview School for the 2017-18 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to employ Jennifer Znaniacki as teacher aide at Northview School for the 2017-18 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended 2017-18 Extracurricular Assignments**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2017-18 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Administrative Contractual Agreement and Performance Goals**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the administrative contractual agreement and performance goals as presented for Special Services Director, Brandi Anderson-Maier. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Mark R. Lambole, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary