

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JUNE 15, 2016, 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 Conference Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board Vice President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, and Vice President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Members Cindy Gustat and President Jim Renk.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of June 15, 2016. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Sheppard, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received by Kay Raineri for the team work and fair teacher contract that was recently ratified.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124, TO BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO SELL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING OR INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S WORKING CASH FUND

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to enter a public hearing for Peru Elementary School District 124, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the district in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of creating or increasing the district's Working Cash Fund at 6:01 p.m. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

John Vezzetti of Bernardi Securities was present to discuss the proposed bond sale for the working cash fund. He explained that the hearing is the second of three steps involved in this process. The district has a three year window of time in which to issue the bonds as needs dictate, while also considering current interest rates and other factors. The money can be borrowed all at once or in increments within that three year window. Mr. Vezzetti explained that the money borrowed could also be invested. Mr. Cross noted that the district has not had to issue non construction debt in at least 20 years, which is unfortunate with the efforts the Board and district has taken in avoiding raising property taxes. With the uncertainty of state funding and a diminishing tax base, he believes issuing working cash bonds will be needed in the near

future as protection against further staffing reductions. Mr. Cross also emphasized that historically low interest rates make the current environment favorable if borrowing is a necessity.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Pillai, to exit the public hearing for Peru Elementary School District 124, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the district in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the purpose of creating or increasing the district's Working Cash Fund at 6:19 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Pillai, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 18, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 18, 2016 Board of Education Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Pillai, Sheppard, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The full-time custodian and part-time teacher aide positions have been advertised. Mr. Cross reported we will need to hire an additional part-time aide for a special needs student at Northview School. He hopes to have candidates ready to recommend for the July Board meeting.
- Mr. Cross reviewed full-time equivalent employee history since FY10. The district is down 3 employees from FY16 to FY17. Since FY10 the district has 19 fewer employees. He feels that while there are many challenges, the district is operating very efficiently and that we are staffed appropriately with 107.5 certified and non-certified employees for next year.

PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED 2016-17 STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Mr. Cross reported the biggest revision to the student handbook was suspension and expulsion language. He also noted that our student handbooks are closely aligned to the model student handbook from the Illinois Principals' Association, as well as Board of Education policy. The handbooks will be sent to parents electronically prior to registration and the consent and receipt forms will be signed by parents at the time of registration.

PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Mr. Cross and Ms. Pannier have completed updating the student and employee Acceptable Use Policy. He believes the time spent on the revisions has made this a much better and timely policy for the protection of students, staff and the district.

FINAL PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY REVISIONS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Cross presented the final revisions to policies 7:190 and 7:200. The revision includes adding language to the 10 day suspension policy. He is recommending the Board approve these revisions during

the action items. He also said that per a prior discussion as well as the new policy, the administration will share out of school suspension communications with the Board as they occur throughout the school year.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills

Mr. Cross recommended The Board authorize the prepayment of June bills received in order for them to be paid in the fiscal year intended. These will be presented for final approval at the July 20, 2016 meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to authorize the prepayment of remaining FY16 district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund

Mr. Cross reported the Working Cash Fund is abolished on an annual basis so that the money in the fund can be transferred to the Education Fund in the current fiscal year. The Working Cash Fund will then be re-established in July for FY17.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule

Mr. Cross provided the Board with the Prevailing Wage Resolution. He was informed by the LaSalle County Clerk that the June 2016 information was not yet available and that the Board should adopt last year's Prevailing Wage Schedule for the time being.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution and the LaSalle County Prevailing Wage Resolution and the LaSalle County Prevailing Wage Schedule for June 2015 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Pillai, Sheppard, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Fiscal Year 2017 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, 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. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2016-17 Student Handbook Revisions

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the recommended Northview and Parkside student handbook revisions for the 2016-17 school year. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Recommended Student and Employee Technology Acceptable Use Policy Revisions

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the recommended student and employee Technology Acceptable Use Policy revisions. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies and Revisions as Presented for Policy Numbers 7:190 and 7:200

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Sheppard, to adopt the recommended Board policies and revisions as presented for policy numbers 7:190 and 7:200. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Pillai, Lamboley, Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of Concussion Oversight Team, Concussion Management Program and ImPACT Testing Program in Compliance with the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the Concussion Oversight Team, Concussion Management Program and ImPACT Testing Program in compliance with the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Sheppard, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Renk. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of 2016-17 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Provision of Food Services for Dimmick Consolidated School District 175

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the 2016-17 contract for the provision of food services for Dimmick Consolidated School District 175. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to establish the Board of Education meetings for 2016-2017 to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the choral room at Parkside School on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 20, 2016
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Employment of Recommended 2016-17 Extracurricular Personnel Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended extracurricular assignments for the 2016-17 school year as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board Vice President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary