

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**JULY 18, 2018, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of July 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, July 18, 2018, 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, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Vice President Jim Renk

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross and Kim Vezzetti.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of July 18, 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements this evening.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- June 13, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- June 13, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Quarterly Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented by Superintendent Mark Cross. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields .88 percent. The roughly \$2.5 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of 1.23 percent, while the roughly \$1.9 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of 0.44 percent. The total investment in both accounts is \$4.4 million dollars. Mr. Cross said he expects at least slightly higher returns going forward as the Federal Reserve increases rates.

### **Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Review**

Mr. Cross gave a review of the final actual revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018. Revenue funds were spot on or a little higher than anticipated. All of the expenditure funds were under budget, with the exception of the Transportation Fund, as unknown costs can cause this fund to go slightly over what is anticipated at the beginning of the year. Mr. Cross accounts for this because of the unknowns of special education transportation throughout the year and said that next year he will need to include a little more cushion for potential unexpected transportation expenses.

### **Food Service Program Financial Report**

Mr. Cross reviewed the revenues and expenditures in the food service program for the past year. He reminded the Board that some of the cost for cafeteria supervision has been charged to the Tort Immunity Fund based on the district's Risk Management Plan. He said the program is currently a break even business, which is ideal because the program should not make money for compliance with regulations, but we also want to avoid allowing it to drain down on the Education Fund as well. He believes that the program is appropriately staffed and the current employees in the program do an excellent job.

### **Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation Report**

Mr. Cross reviewed progress under each strategy under the four goals in the district's Teaching for 2020 strategic plan, which was adopted by the Board of Education in May of 2017. He reminded the Board of the large accomplishment this year by the administration and teaching staff in updating the standards-aligned subject area goals and teaching strategies. This will be ready for implementation at the beginning of this school year. He also pointed out progress in a number of other areas over the past year. Mr. Cross recommended the Board further review the report and come back at the August meeting with any questions or comments.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Registration is Tuesday, August 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- The district has an exciting kick off activity for opening Institute Day on Monday, August 20. There was some discussion regarding the positive benefits of having these types of activities every so often to boost morale in light of the increasing and ever changing demands in education.
- A letter was received regarding the results of the recent Regional Office of Education four-year compliance visit. The letter from Regional Superintendent Chris Dvorak reported a score of 99.25 percent for the district. Mr. Cross said the compliance visit has become much more tedious and time consuming, and he commended Kim Vezzetti and the district administrators for the time it took to achieve this level of compliance.
- Mr. Cross reviewed the results from two additional audits this past Spring. He explained the complexity and preciseness of the Title I and Transportation reports. While the audit results always have at least one finding, this just allows for corrections to be made going forward and he was pleased with the final report.
- Mr. Cross reported on the new federal legislation ESSA "Every Student Succeeds Act". The district received the ESSA Preliminary Designation letter from ISBE and was given a preliminary summative designation of "Underperforming". He explained that other larger schools have also received this designation which is largely based on subgroup size. Mr. Cross and the leadership team will be reviewing this to determine the next steps. He stated that while ESSA is much more reasonable than NCLB, he is concerned about the subgroup issues and the time it will take away from the classroom and other important matters to comply with the law. As always, he said that the district will use the law in the best way possible to drive improvement.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Recommended 2018-19 District Title I Plan**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the recommended 2018-19 district Title I Plan as presented. AYE: 6. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Recommended 2018-19 Student Handbook Revisions**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the recommended 2018-19 student handbook revisions as presented. AYE: 6. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Adoption of Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt the Illinois Department of transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining; and for review and consideration of release of Executive Session minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: January 17, 2018; February 21, 2018; March 21, 2018; June 13, 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Adoption of Resolution for Approval of Employee Health Insurance Reimbursement Arrangement, Health Savings Account Plan, and Health, Dental and Vision Renewal**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt the Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Renk. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Chris Bjork as physical education teacher at Northview and Parkside Schools effective immediately. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Lynne Smigel as teacher aide at Parkside School effective immediately. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Requests for Retirement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve a request for retirement from Kathy Mueller effective at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve a request for retirement from Kay Raineri effective at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Administrator Contracts**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve a contractual agreement for Principal Sara McDonald commencing July 1, 2018 and terminating June 30, 2023. Aye 6, Nay 0. The motion carried 6-0.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve a contractual agreement for Superintendent Mark Cross commencing July 1, 2018 and terminating June 30, 2023. Aye 6, Nay 0. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to employ Matt Guenther as physical education teacher at Northview and Parkside Schools for the 2018-19 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Tanya Knowles as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2018-19 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Leynaud, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Josie Kampwerth as a teacher aide at Parkside School for the 2018-19 school year. AYE 4, NAY 1, ABSTAIN 1. **The motion carried 4-1-1.**

### **Approval of Recommended 2018-19 Extracurricular Assignments**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2018-19 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to January 1, 2017 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to authorize the destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Sessions held prior to January 1, 2017 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120. AYE: 6. NAYS: 0. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Consideration of Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to review and release the Executive Session Minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: January 17, 2018; February 21, 2018; March 21, 2018; June 13, 2018.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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Mark Lambole, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary