

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of September 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 Jim Renk, on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Renk led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Cynthia Gustat, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Mark Lamboley and President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: Members Rob Ankwicz and Jeff Sheppard.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Melissa Bosnich, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Julie Jenkins, Natalie Verucchi, Phil Whaley, Alicia Hughes, Megan Einhaus, Lindsay Ferrari, Carlo Ferrari, David Meyer, Bill Newkirk, Mike Vezzetti, and Ben Hohenstatt.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the meeting agenda of September 21, 2016. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Gustat, Lamboley, Renk, and Kampwerth. **ABSENT:** Ankwicz and Sheppard. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you notes were received from the fifth and sixth grade teachers and students for the recent purchase of Chromebooks for each of those grade level homerooms.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. Cross reported that there are two new faculty members for the 2016-17 school term, along with two new support staff members. Those present for recognition included Parkside choral music teacher Natalie Verucchi, Northview preschool teacher Megan Einhaus, and Northview custodian David Meyer. Each of them were given introductions by their principal and/or mentor. New staff members briefly shared their background information with the Board. New teacher aide Jennifer Paczzyk was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS FOR IASB TRAINING

Congratulations to Cindy Gustat and Mark Lamboley for achieving IASB LeaderShop Academy Fellow and Master Board Maintenance status. Also, congratulations to Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Jim Renk and Jeff Sheppard for achieving or maintaining Master Board Maintenance. Mr. Cross noted that Rob Ankwicz has not served long enough to achieve these levels but is on pace to do so.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2017 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:10

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

Member Ankiewicz joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Mr. Cross presented the budget for Fiscal Year 2017 and pointed out that virtually nothing has changed since the tentative budget was presented at the August 17, 2016 Board of Education meeting. Estimated revenues for FY17 are \$11.55 million and expenditures approximately \$11.13 million. The estimated ending balance on June 30, 2017 will be approximately \$4.3 million. He believes the Education Fund will wind up with slightly under a \$900,000 deficit by the end of the fiscal year, although he is hopeful that it will end better than planned. Mr. Cross did a thorough explanation of the revenues and expenditures in Fund 30, the Debt Service Fund. Most of the revenues from this fund come from the sales tax agreement with the City of Peru. He noted that less than 15 percent of the district's bonded debt is paid for with property tax. Mr. Cross believes that if the district's tax base grows and the state can make timely payments, things would certainly be more positive.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Gustat, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2017 for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:25 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Gustat, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, and Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Sheppard. NAYS: None. The motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- August 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2016 District Financial Statements, Independent Audit and Annual Financial Report and Shared Services and Outsourcing Report

Bill Newkirk presented the Fiscal Year 2016 Audit Report for Peru Elementary School District 124. He presented an in-depth overview of the Financial Statements and Independent Certified Public Accountants' Reports as prepared by Newkirk & Associates. Mr. Newkirk reviewed revenues, expenditures and fund balances for fiscal year 2016 and reported that all of the numbers are the same as reported by the district at the end of June 30, 2016. Mr. Newkirk was very impressed and complimentary of Superintendent Cross and bookkeeper Jeanine Sonnenberg for their organization and preparedness for the district's first audit with Newkirk & Associates. He made note of minor suggestions and that Mr. Cross requested in an effort to provide maximum assurance of proper fiscal controls.

Presentation of Vezzetti Capital Management Investment Fund Performance Report

Mike Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management reviewed the district's fund performance for FY16. The cash basis earnings net of fees were in the amount of \$22,666 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The beginning balance on July 1, 2015 was \$7,731,613 and contributions were made in the amount of \$5,057,932. Distributions were in the amount of \$10,567,050, largely planned due to the Northview Elementary School construction and renovation. The average monthly distribution,

including the Northview project was \$880,588. The ending market value of the account under management on June 30, 2016 was \$2,267,868.

Review of Recommended Board Policy Changes and Opportunity for Public Input

Mr. Cross presented the final draft of Board policy numbers 2:70, 6:100, 6:235, 7:10, 7:270, 8:90, and 8:110 for Board approval. Mr. Cross updated the Board on the recommended changes to policy 7:270. District nurse Karen Miranda has ordered EpiPens for the district. The manufacturer, Mylan will provide these to the district at no cost and will replace them yearly. There were no comments from the public on the proposed Board policy changes.

Discussion Regarding Long-Term Strategic Planning and Establishing District Goals

The Board agreed to establish Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parkside Learning Resource Center for the first strategic planning meeting.

2016-17 Enrollment Report

Mr. Cross reported to date enrollment is 917 students, including 848 in kindergarten through 8th grade and 69 preschoolers. There is a decrease in preschool enrollment due to the elimination of one section this year. He also reported there was an increase of 15 students in this year's kindergarten enrollment. This year's first grade enrollment also increased from 69 last fall to 76 this year. Mr. Cross feels district enrollment is stable and will provide a more detailed report at the October Board meeting.

Administrative Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Teachers and staff were praised for getting off to a smooth start of the school year.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- The new concussion baseline testing with IVCH has been completed with softball, baseball and girls basketball teams at all levels.

Director of Curriculum and Assessment

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Map Assessment will be administered next week and Amisweb Plus will be administered in October. Mrs. Bosnich is looking forward to positive changes in the testing results.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross shared some possible changes to the district wide Open House. After much feedback, he and the administration feel it may be nice to hold the Open House from 5p.m. to 7p.m. on the second institute day at the beginning of the new school year. This would give parents a chance to meet their children's teachers prior to the first day of school.
- Mrs. McDonald and Ms. Pannier have been working on an on-line parent scheduling for parent/teacher conferences. They believe this will save a lot of time for all involved in the process.
- The Peru Education Foundation will be meeting in October. They will be looking at nine grants being requested from district teachers. This is the most grants the Board will be looking at for this grant funding cycle.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Gustat, Pillai, Lamboley, Renk, and Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016 District Financial Statements, Independent Audit and Annual Financial Report and Shared Services and Outsourcing Report

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Fiscal Year 2016 District Financial Statements, Independent Audit and Annual Financial Report and Shared Services and Outsourcing Report. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board of Education Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:70, 6:100, 6:235, 7:10, 7:270, 8:90

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the recommended Board policies as presented for policy numbers: 2:70, 6:100, 6:235, 7:10, 7:270, 8:90. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Gustat. ABSENT: Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to appoint Rob Ankiewicz to be the delegate and C.G. Pillai to be the alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly at the annual conference this November. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2016-17 ISBE Applications for Recognition of Schools

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the 2016-17 ISBE Applications for Recognition of Schools. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2016-17 Mechanical Incorporated Planned Maintenance Program Proposals for Northview and Parkside Schools

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the 2016-17 Mechanical Incorporated Planned Maintenance Program Proposals for Northview and Parkside Schools. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Gustat, Kampwerth, Pillai, Lamboley, and Renk. ABSENT: Sheppard. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Ten Year Health Life Survey Report for Circuit Breaker School as Part of the L.E.A.S.E. Special Education Cooperative Agreement

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the Ten Year Health Life Survey Report for Circuit Breaker School as part of the L.E.A.S.E. Special Education Cooperative Agreement. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the resignation of Audra Bima Smith as a teacher aide at Parkside School effective September 12, 2016. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Beth Hickey as a teacher aide at Parkside School for the 2016-17 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Gustat, to approve the final Extracurricular Personnel assignments for the 2016-17 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary