

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**APRIL 23, 2018, 5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of April of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Learning Resource Center at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by President Mark Lamboley, on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 5:39 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, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

**ABSENT:** Members Simon Kampwerth, Patti Leynaud and C.G. Pillai.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Sherri Pannier, Xavier Berg, and Ben Hohenstatt.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of April 23, 2018. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Ankiewicz, Bruins, Renk, and Lamboley. **ABSENT:** Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Xavier Berg, a sixth grade student at Parkside School told the Board he was attending tonight's Board meeting as part of a requirement to receive his communications badge.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- March 21, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 21, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- March 22, 2018 Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

**ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Renk, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Quarterly Treasurer's Report**

District Treasurer Eric Heagy presented his quarterly report. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields .67 percent. The roughly \$3.9 million in brokered accounts with

Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of .79 percent, while the roughly \$1.9 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of 0.42 percent. The total investment in both accounts is \$5.8 million dollars.

### **Administrative Reports**

Ms. Madden reported:

- The spring musical, XANADU was held March 23-25. Although the crowd was somewhat down due to the threat of snowy weather, the musical was awesome. Staff and students went to LP High School to see a performance of Shrek. Many of Parkside's former students as well as two current students were in this musical.
- For the first time in at least twenty years, the Scholastic Bowl team has won the Starved Rock Conference tournament. Students on the team will be challenging the Parkside staff to a competition after school next Monday.
- The Illinois Science Assessment was administered to all 5th and 8th grade students the afternoon of April 18. Though it's yet another assessment, this is a concise test that can be easily administered in one class period.

Mrs. McDonald:

- On Friday, March 23, Opera for the Young performed Rusulka for our 2nd through 4th grade students. Music teacher Chris Kelsey writes an Education Foundation Grant every year to bring this company to our school to perform an age appropriate opera which involved 16 of our own fourth grade students. Thanks to Mrs. Kelsey for promoting opera to our young students.
- The most up-to-date Kindergarten numbers for 2018-2019 are 80 students (38 returning and 42 new) with an additional three who have not returned paperwork yet. That will bring us to 83 students prior to registration which is the highest pre-registration number at this point since 2010.
- Family Reading Night was a success with 275 children attending the event. Each student receives a free book just for attending the event. Over \$11,000 in books were sold and as a result, which provides us around \$7000 of free books for the library and classroom.
- Mrs. McDonald received an email notification saying that the Preschool for All grants will not be awarded until a final state budget is passed. She will continue to update the Board with any new information.

### **Technology Report and Summary of Recommended 2018-19 Technology Purchases**

Ms. Pannier reviewed the recommended 2018-19 technology purchases following a recent meeting with Mr. Cross and the Board Technology Committee. The recommended Northview purchases include 54 iPads along with 54 iPad cases. At Parkside, the recommendation is for 120 Chromebooks and 36 teacher laptops. Ms. Pannier is hoping the money in the ERATE plan will cover some of the cost of the access points and switches which are in need of being replaced at Parkside School. If not, she recommends the Board wait and try for the ERATE funds next year for this purchase. The total cost of the proposed purchases is \$72,000 without ERATE funds or \$89,000 with ERATE funds.

### **Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policy Changes and Opportunity for Public Input**

Mr. Cross reviewed the recommend changes for the following policies: 1:30; 2:260; 4:40; 5:20. He is asking the Board to give final approval for the revisions later in the meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of 2018-19 Technology Purchases**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the 2018-19 technology purchases as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Renk, Lamboley, and Bruins. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of 2018-19 Substitute Pay Schedule**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2018-19 substitute pay schedule as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Renk, and Lamboley. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of 2018-19 Bids for Bakery and Milk Products**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the bids for bakery and milk products as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Bruins, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of 2018-19 Student Registration and Preschool Fees**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the updated 2018-19 student registration and preschool fees. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Lamboley. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of 2018-19 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2018-19 agreement for physical and occupational services with Hillmann Pediatric as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Renk, and Lamboley. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of 2018-19 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2018-19 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Bruins, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of 2018-19 and 2019-20 Contract Extension with Illinois Central School Bus**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2018-19 and 2019-20 contract extension with Illinois Central School Bus. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Lamboley. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers:**

1:30; 2:260; 4:40; 5:20

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adopt the recommended Board policies as presented for policy numbers 1:30; 2:260; 4:40; 5:20. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Renk, and Lamboley. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to accept the resignation of Nancy Rimmele as food service worker at Northview School effective April 13, 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Renk, and Lamboley. ABSENT: Kampwerth, Leynaud and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

### **Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Lisa Tomsha as food service worker at Northview School for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. AYE 4, NAY 0. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to employ Sam Gondolfi as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2018-19 school year. AYE 4, NAY 0. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Renk, to employ Amanda Cabrera as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2018-19 school year. AYE 4, NAY 0. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Lisa Tate as a summer custodian for the summer of 2018. AYE 4, NAY 0. **The motion carried 4-0.**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reminded Board members that the IASB survey for the Board self-evaluation needs to be completed by May 1.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. The district will provide a staff breakfast Friday, May 11, on behalf of the Board of Education.
- The district successfully completed a compliance visit from the Regional Office of Education on April 11. Mr. Cross thanked district secretary Kim Vezzetti and the administration staff for their work in preparation for the visit.
- Mr. Cross reported the final taxable EAV went up from \$174,216,993 to \$182,551,968, a 4.78 percent increase. This was the largest increase we have had in years, and it was helped by the enterprise zone going off of the books. The tax base is climbing, but still off our peak EAV. In tax year 2009, our EAV was at \$187,296,898 and in 2008 it was \$184,334,108. This means that we still need about 2.5 percent to get back to where we were 8 years ago. With inflation, Mr. Cross said that we are probably around 8 to 10 percent short of where we would normally be.

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

Mr. Cross will update the Board on the Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan at a future Board meeting.

### **Presentation Regarding Proposed Before and After School Program**

Mr. Cross presented some preliminary information for beginning a district Before and After School Program for students. He shared some revenue and expenditure estimates for the potential program. Mr. Cross would like to see if there is any interest from the district teacher aids in staffing the program. While there are no issues with the current YMCA's program, Mr. Cross and Mrs. McDonald feel students may benefit from the district staff providing these services. The Board agreed they would like Mr. Cross to continue to pursue this effort.

Member Kampwerth joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Mark Lamboley, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary