

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018, 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 Mark Lambole, on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lambole 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 Lambole.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Chip Weeks, Pam Schneider, Josie Kampwerth, Kathy Mueller, Corrine Brauweiler, Sam Gondolfi, Kate Kolczaski, Matt Guenther, Chris Goodman, Jessica Urbanc, Reilly Veloria, Lexy Rebholz, Lisa Dresbach, Dawson Dresbach, and Brynn Twait.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of September 20, 2018. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lambole, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AND STAFF

Mr. Cross reported that there are currently six new faculty members for the 2018-19 school term, along with five new support staff members. Those present for recognition from Parkside School included 6th grade science teacher Corrine Brauweiler, 7th grade science teacher Pam Schneider, Northview and Parkside P.E. teacher Matt Guenther, teacher aide Josie Kampwerth and Parkside mentors Kathy Mueller and Kate Kolczaski. Present from Northview School were kindergarten teacher Jessica Urbanc and preschool special education teacher Reilly Veloria, as well as mentors Chris Goodman and Lexy Rebholz, as well as teacher aides Sam Gondolfi and Lisa Dresbach. Each new employee was introduced by their principal and mentor. New staff members briefly shared their background information with the Board. Those unable to attend tonight's meeting will be introduced at a future meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:13 p.m. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Leynaud, Renk, Lambole, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Cross presented the budget for fiscal year 2019 and reviewed each of the seven funds. The education fund is unique this year due to the funding for the Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion Grants. He is hoping that we will receive funding from these grants throughout the school year. He reminded the Board that the Transportation Fund can change at any time due to the unknown of special education transportation. Estimated revenues for FY19 are approximately \$11.9 million and expenditures are approximately \$12.5 million, leaving a total budget deficit of just under \$600,000. Mr. Cross is optimistic that the budget will finish better than anticipated.

Mr. Cross also referenced the utilization of working cash funds and said that if things look better in the latter half of the year, not as much working cash may be needed. He also pointed out that the district still has approximately \$900,000 of bonds that can be issued over the next year. He said issuing this debt that the district already has authority to do may be advisable if a plan can be made to minimize impact on taxes and the help ensure the district's financial health over the next few years. He said he plans to look into this more for discussion with the Board Finance Committee. He also reiterated his hope that the district falls into Tier I status under the new evidence-based funding formula in the next two or three years as this will also help balance the budget if the state legislature property funds the formula.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:41 p.m.
ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Renk, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, and Lamboley.
NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- August 21, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- August 21, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- September 17, 2018 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- September 17, 2018 Special Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Presentation from Mechanical Incorporated Regarding HVAC Maintenance Program

Chip Weeks, the Service Manager of Mechanical Incorporated was invited to this evening's meeting to review the services his company offers our district on an annual basis. He gave a brief summary of the "Basic Coverage Program" of service and equipment in the yearly contract. Board members asked several questions and Mr. Weeks explained the services. He thanked the Board for the relationship the district has continued to have with his company for the past several years.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Mrs. McDonald commended Northview building secretaries Stephanie Lippert and Judy Hubbard for their hard work getting all of the new students and families registered.

- The District Open House was held prior to the first day of the school year for the second time and was once again very well received by parents and staff. The parent participation rate jumped from 86 percent last year to 97 percent this year.
- Mrs. McDonald clarified how the shuttle route for Parkside coincides with the regular route at Northview School. She credited Illinois Central School Bus for the great job they do in juggling the bus schedules. The Board also commended Mrs. McDonald for her hard work in organizing bus routes.

Ms. Madden reported:

- Parkside School registered thirty-three new students this year, many of whom registered after the start of the school year. She added that teachers are doing a great job of accepting new students into their growing classrooms.
- Due to the delayed opening at LP High School, sixteen 8th grade students just recently began taking Algebra. Two students also take Algebra at St. Bede. Ms. Madden reviewed the grading scale and said she was still uncertain as to when the actual end date will be for Algebra classes at LP High School.

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Assessments are in full swing and running smoothly. Mrs. Bosnich said there will be some changes to the PARCC testing this spring and she will keep the Board updated.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross and Member Kampwerth updated the Board on the upcoming IASB Starved Rock Division meeting which will be hosted by our school district on Thursday, October 11, at Northview School. Mrs. Kelsey and many fourth grade students will provide singing prior to the meeting and desserts and refreshments will also be served to the guests.

2018-19 Fall Enrollment Update

Mr. Cross presented the latest enrollment numbers as of September 14, 2018 is 980 students, including 879 in kindergarten through 8th grade and 101 in preschool. The increase in preschool numbers from 53 to 101 is due to the addition of preschool classes due to the district's receipt of the Preschool for All Grant this past August. Mr. Cross feels the district enrollment trend has had a steady growth since it hit a low in 2015-16. He will present a final fall enrollment at the regular October Board of Education meeting.

Discussion Regarding the Illinois Valley Community Hospital Employee Wellness Clinic

Mr. Cross and Mrs. Vezzetti held a phone conference this week with representatives of IVCH and the district's health insurance agency to discuss the future of the employee Clinic. The district had been notified that changes to the coding and billing for these health care services will need to go directly through each employee and their insurance carrier in the future via IVCH. Historically, the district would be billed for the services and the charges would be recouped at almost one hundred percent for those employees who carry district insurance, until this past year. The remainder of the cost for those employees not subscribing to district insurance was absorbed by the Board. It appears that by billing the employee's insurance, eligible services would be covered at one hundred percent. The Board agreed that the services offered for the Wellness Clinic have been a great benefit for employees and they would like to continue these services.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2019 budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2018-19 Illinois Valley Community Hospital Employee Wellness Clinic

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2018-19 Illinois Valley Community Hospital employee Wellness Clinic as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to appoint Member Bruins as the delegate and Member Kampwerth as the alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference on Saturday, November 17, 2018. AYE: 7. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the Mechanical Incorporated planned Maintenance Program proposals for Northview and Parkside Schools as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2018-19 Evaluators for Certified and Non-Certified Staff

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Lori Madden, Sherri Pannier, Mark Cross, and Brandi Anderson Maier as the 2018-19 evaluators for certified and non-certified staff. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Peru Elementary District 124 Teacher Evaluation Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Peru Elementary District 124 Teacher Evaluation Plan for the 2018-19 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Peru Elementary District 124 Paraprofessional Job Description and Evaluation Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the Peru Elementary District 124 Paraprofessional Job Description and Evaluation Plan for the 2018-19 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary