

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015, 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 16, 2015, 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, Jeff Sheppard, and President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: Member C.G. Pillai and Vice President Mark Lamboley.

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

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of September 16, 2015. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Renk, and Kampwerth.

ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received from Heather Smigel for the breakfast and the Wavelength assembly on opening day, August 31.

Board Member Jyll Leonatti has corresponded that she is resigning from her position on the Board effective September 1, 2015. Mrs. Leonatti has moved out of state.

RECOGNITION OF IASB LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FELLOW MEMBERS

Mr. Cross congratulated Members Kampwerth, Pillai, and President Renk for achieving IASB Leadership Academy Fellow member status this year. Board members who achieve this award have completed seven Leadership core workshops and five elective workshops throughout their Board career. The awards will be presented at the Fall Starved Rock Division meeting. It was also discussed to purchase a plaque for Mrs. Leonatti for her many years of service on the Board.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FY16 DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2016 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:05 p.m.

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

Mr. Cross presented the budget for Fiscal Year 2016 and pointed out several minor changes that were made since the tentative budget was presented at the August 12, 2015 Board of Education meeting. Mr. Cross reviewed the budget summary showing the projected revenues and expenditures in the district's nine funds, which show an estimated \$9,874,935 in revenues and \$16,478,576 in expenditures for a total deficit of \$6,603,641. The estimated deficit minus planned construction costs is \$1,921,405. The

Education Fund shows the greatest concern with an estimated deficit of \$923,885. Mr. Cross stressed that funds are being watched more closely than ever as reserves are being spent down. There were no questions or comments from the public during the Public Budget Presentation.

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2016 for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:15 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Gustat, Kampwerth, and Renk. ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- August 12, 2015 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrators' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Overall, students and parents are adjusting well to the car drop off routes. Changes have been made and adjustments as needed to help traffic flow smoothly.

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Mrs. Bosnich will report on PARCC and the social studies curriculum at a later date.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- It was a smooth start to the school year with the addition of 29 new students.
- Katie Budnick, STEM lab teacher, has started a new coding class which students are enjoying. The program comes with free software.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The annual school district Open House will be held at both schools next Thursday, September 24 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- The Fall IASB Starved Rock Division Dinner Meeting will be Tuesday, October 6 at Spring Valley JFK. The featured speaker will be the new State Superintendent Tony Smith.

2015-2016 Enrollment Report

Mr. Cross provided a report on enrollment. The total PreK-8 enrollment is currently 933 students, which is nine students less than last year. The kindergarten class is at an all-time low enrollment of 69 students and the largest class is eighth grade at 111. Mr. Cross reported the district has a 10-12 percent mobility rate. The official September 30 enrollment report will be provided at the October 21 Board meeting.

Auction and Surplus Sale Report

Mr. Cross reported the district's portion of the sales at the recent Washington School auction were \$15,894. In addition, Mr. Cross has sold a variety of equipment, furniture and fixtures in the amount of \$13,570 so far and there is more to sell and collect. Unfortunately, there were too many obstacles in the way of taking out sections of the gym floor at the time of the auction, as well as because of how the floor is attached to the concrete underneath. However, additional efforts will be made to salvage some parts of the floor prior to demolition.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2016 Budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Sheppard, Renk, and Gustat. ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Gustat, to appoint Member Pillai as Delegate and Member Sheppard as Alternate for the Illinois Association of School Boards Resolution Committee at the 2015 Joint Annual Conference. AYE 4, NAY 0. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of 2015-16 ISBE Applications for Recognition of Schools

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2015-16 Applications for Recognition of Schools. AYE 4, NAY 0. **The motion carried 4-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. for consideration of the appointment of a member to fill a Board vacancy of public office: and, semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Gustat, Sheppard, Renk, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Lamboley and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Gustat, 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 21, 2015; February 18, 2015; March 18, 2015; April 22, 2015. AYE: 4, NAY: 0. The motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Gustat, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. AYE 4, NAY 0. **The motion carried 4-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary