

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
DECEMBER 14, 2016, 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of December 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, December 14, 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 Rob Ankiewicz, Simon Kampwerth, C. G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lamboley, and President Jim Renk. ABSENT: Member Cindy Gustat.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the meeting agenda of December 14, 2016. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. ABSENT: Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you notes were received from faculty and staff members for the luncheon the Board provided during American Education Week in November.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- November 15, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Lamboley, Renk, Ankiewicz, Pillai, and Sheppard.

ABSENT: Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Presentation of the Recommended 2016 Tax Levy

Mr. Cross presented the final 2016 Tax Levy which is unchanged from the presentation of the November 15, 2016 tentative levy. The final proposed levy is \$5,355,000, or \$5,567,625 when debt service is included. This results in an estimated 3.18 tax rate based on a net assessed valuation of \$175,000,000. Mr. Cross feels the district is capturing a little bit of growth that had been lost in the previous six years.

Reports and Information from the 2016 Joint Annual Conference

Board members who attended the Joint Annual Conference this past November shared information from the events they attended. Member Ankiewicz attended the Delegate Assembly, Member Kampwerth attended a Leading Leaders' workshop and Member Pillai and President Renk took the bus tour to visit the Chicago High School for the Arts, ChiArts. Mr. Cross reviewed several other topics of interest from the convention as well. Mr. Cross also presented at the conference with attorneys Walt Zukowski and Jim Peters on the district's joint transportation bid and agreement.

Principals' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Parent Teacher conferences were held in November for three days and there was a 98 percent turnout with the general education teachers and an 89 percent turnout with special area teachers. Mrs. McDonald was pleased with the turnout.
- Three teachers from Northview and three from Parkside along with Mrs. Bosnich, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Anderson-Maier attended an RDA (Result Driven Accountability) Data Cohort through the Illinois State Board of Education. It involves looking at both assessment data and special education data to see where there may be any problem areas servicing all students, especially special education students. The two year process includes training and meeting to eventually improve services for special education students.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- The recent Parent Teacher conferences at Parkside School had a 93 percent turnout. Ms. Madden said that is fairly typical for conferences and the math teachers seemed to be the busiest. She also said the new online conference scheduling system has a few minor adjustments to make for next year, but overall it worked very well and the administrators plan to continue its use in the future.
- A committee has been developed to research and integrate math intervention and support. Students seem to be lacking some important skills with math facts and rely too heavily on multiplication charts and calculators. Ms. Madden will be updating the Board as the committee continues to meet.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- District-wide assessment training will be held on Institute Day, January 6, 2017 at Parkside School. Experts from Kids at the Core will provide training and assistance for our teachers on that day. On December 21, several teacher leaders and administration will meet for initial training. The training is driven by recent student growth requirement changes in teacher evaluation plans.
- Mr. Cross provided the Board with two draft calendars for the 2017-18 school year. The most notable change on the calendar is the elimination of early dismissal every Friday and instead consideration of early dismissal on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. The second calendar presented is more of a full-year calendar. Some positive effects of this calendar would include a possible higher attendance rate and it would help with student regression over the typically longer summer break. Negatives to the full-year calendar would be a change to the student bus contract the district currently participates in with other area school districts. The calendar could also conflict with extra-curricular activities and the district's average daily attendance for General State Aid reimbursement. Mr. Cross does not anticipate the year-round calendar to go into effect for next year but wanted to start looking into the possibility for the future. Mr. Cross will put the calendars out to the staff for their input and bring the final recommended calendar to the January 18, 2017 Board meeting.

Update and Discussion Regarding Long-Term Strategic Planning

Mr. Cross will be sending out the 5Essentials Survey to parents after the holidays. The survey is required by the Illinois State Board of Education and the deadline for reporting is late January. Later in January he will send out a parent survey as part of the district's Long-Term Strategic Planning. He hopes to have those results ready for the February 15 Board of Education meeting and will bring a draft survey for the Board to review at the January 18 Board meeting.

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

Mr. Cross will prepare a required resolution for a later Board meeting to comply with policy 2:125 which covers Board member and staff travel reimbursement and expenses. All Board member expenses will be itemized on the consent agenda. Mr. Cross stated that at this time the Board simply needs to adopt the policy. Member Kampwerth will check with the Illinois Association of School Boards to make sure the Board votes properly for the approval on the consent agenda.

Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of

Education Policy Numbers: 2:120; 2:200; 2:220; 4:10; 4:60; 4:110; 4:130; 4:170; 5:10; 5:30; 5:100; 5:125; 5:185; 5:190; 5:250; 5:260; 5:280; 5:330; 6:15; 6:50; 6:60; 6:140; 6:145; 6:160; 6:170; 6:340; 7:15; 7:30; 7:50; 7:60; 7:70; 7:190; 7:250; 7:260; 7:270; 7:305; 7:340; 8:30; 8:70

For the most part, these policies have very minor changes. Mr. Cross asked the Board to review the policies and he will have them ready for Board approval at the regular January Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Resolution for Approval of the 2016 Tax Levy

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adopt the Resolution for approval of the 2016 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Sheppard, Renk, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Pillai. ABSENT: Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:125 and 5:60

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the recommended Board Policies as presented for policy numbers 2:125 and 5:60. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Gustat. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Sheppard, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Jim Renk, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary