

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JANUARY 16, 2019, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of January 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 Lamboley, on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 6:00 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, Simon Kampwerth, Patti Leynaud, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, and Brynn Twait.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of January 16, 2019. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cross presented the quarterly report in the absence of District Treasurer Eric Heagy. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields of 1.82 percent. The roughly \$5 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of 1.94 percent year to date, while the roughly \$3.6 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of .24 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$5.4 million dollars at the end of the second quarter of FY19.

Administrators' Reports

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Mrs. McDonald announced that Thursday, February 28, Northview will be hosting the Fine Arts Fair. The fair will begin at 6:00 p.m. and there will be some art, music presenters and entertainment. The event has been a huge success in the past.
- A Reading Incentive Committee was formed this year to help motivate students to love reading. The committee is getting many of their ideas from a book written by Dunlap principal Mandy Ellis called Lead with Literacy. Currently, birthday books of student interest are being given to students for their birthday in lieu of the traditional pencils. In addition, the committee hopes to have two "Little Free Libraries" located on each playground at Northview available for students this spring.

Ms. Madden reported:

- The annual Science Fair will be held on February 13. Parkside School is in need of judges for the projects the week prior to the event.
- Students at Parkside will be partaking in two upcoming presentations. An interventionist from Safe Journeys/ADV & SAS will present on Erin's Law and speak about sexual abuse prevention education on Thursday, January 24. Due to the sensitivity of the subject matter, parents will have an opportunity to opt their child out of the presentation. On Monday, February 4, representatives from OSF Healthcare will visit to present information to students on the dangers of E-cigarettes and vaping, a growing epidemic in the country.

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- The month of January is prime assessment time. AIMSweb benchmarking is being done this week and next, followed by ACCESS screener for ELL in the last week of January. Melissa Preston and Heather Linnig trained on the Preschool screening for ELL students over the winter break. MAP assessment will begin in early February.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The leadership team continues to discuss and update school safety planning. They work closely with the Peru Police Department in determining the details for required drills. Mr. Cross plans to share more detailed recommendations with the Board of Education at an upcoming meeting.
- The Peru City Council has approved the Downtown TIF plan. The city attorney is working on finalizing the language. There will likely be additional meetings soon. Mr. Cross will keep the Board informed as this progresses.
- In compliance with state mandates, the Illinois State Board of Education offers a survey to students in grades 5 through 8, parents, teachers and staff regarding our schools. If there is enough participation, the district may get some useful data for the 2019 school report cards.
- The legislation is likely to pass a \$40,000 minimum teacher salary. Mr. Cross explained this would be phased in over a few years and is due to a state-wide substitute teacher shortage.
- Mr. Cross would like to pursue replacing the large gymnasium LCD projector and screen at Parkside School which he believes is undersized for the space. He said that staff is working on getting cost information for replacing the equipment.
- The Peru Education Foundation Trivia Night will be Saturday, March 9, at Celebrations in LaSalle. The Board verbally agreed to be a table sponsor once again this year.

Presentation of Recommended 2019-20 School District Calendar

Mr. Cross presented the final recommended 2018-19 School District Calendar. Based on teacher and staff feedback, there was a minor change to Parent-Teacher Conferences. He said it is possible that legislation could change this before spring. If approved, the calendar will be available for viewing on the website and distributed to parents, and he will let the Board know at a later date if any changes are required as a result of changes in legislation.

Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policies

Mr. Cross explained that the majority of the changes in the updated policies were minor, although a couple of the policies include the management of the medical use of cannabis related products if so prescribed by a physician. He recommends the Board approve the changes to the policies as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2018-19 Licensed Faculty and Support Staff Seniority Lists

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the 2018-19 licensed faculty and support staff seniority lists as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Recommended 2019-20 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2019-20 school district calendar as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Date and Time for the 2019 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the 2019 8th grade commencement ceremonies. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:80; 2:120; 4:45; 4:130; 4:170; 5:30; 5:60; 5:100; 5:200; 6:20; 6:60; 7:70; 7:100; 7:190; 7:250; 7:260; 7:270

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to adopt the recommended Board Policies as presented for policy numbers 2:80; 2:120; 4:45; 4:130; 4:170; 5:30; 5:60; 5:100; 5:200; 6:20; 6:60; 7:70; 7:100; 7:190; 7:250; 7:260; 7:270 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lambole, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2018 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A and 2016 Bonds for Peru Elementary School District Number 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the 2018 Annual Disclosure report for the Series 2015, 2015A and 2016 bonds for Peru Elementary School District Number 124. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District Number 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to the resolution providing for the abatement of certain taxes levied for the payment of principal of and interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District Number 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, and Lambole. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining; and for review and consideration of release of Executive Session minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: July 18, 2018; August 21, 2018; September 17, 2018; October 17, 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, Lambolely, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Request for Retirement

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve a request for retirement from Jane Gnidovec as library clerk effective January 7, 2019. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Alison Roetker as interpreter for the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Beth Hickey as library clerk for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the resignation of Karen Leonard as food service employee effective January 16, 2019. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to July 1, 2017 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to authorize destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Sessions held prior to July 1, 2017 per the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Consideration of Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to review and release the Executive Session Minutes of meetings held on the following dates with the exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: July 18, 2018; August 21, 2018; September 17, 2018; October 17, 2018. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lambolely, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary