

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JANUARY 20, 2021, 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 person and via zoom in the gymnasium at Parkside School by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 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, C.G. Pillai, Austin Taylor, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Kim Vezzetti, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Eric Heagy, Rita Strickler, Dawn Ladzinski, and Katie Budnick.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the meeting agenda of January 20, 2021. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 16, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- December 16, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer, Eric Heagy presented the quarterly report. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields 0.13 percent. The roughly \$5.6 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a net return of 0.12 percent year to date, while the roughly \$361,600 in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of return of 0.35 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$6 million at the end of the second quarter of FY21.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The staff and students are happy to be back in person following the remote learning time. Northview plans to start an Academic Assistance program next week for grades 1-4 to assist students with work completion. The program will run after school from 2:05-2:45 p.m. and be supervised by paraprofessionals. The selected students will attend two days a week on their regularly scheduled in-person days. Transportation will be provided at no additional charge.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- The staff and students are very excited to be back in the classroom. Parkside continues to provide Academic Assistance four days per week to help disengaged students and those with incomplete work.
- IESA has given approval for limited athletics to begin practices the week of January 25th. Scholastic Bowl will be participating virtually with other districts, while volleyball and basketball will begin practicing but have limitations regarding games with other districts.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- Since IESA has given approval for athletics to begin, Parkside Athletic Director, Wes Miller, will be meeting with area Athletic Directors for a scheduling meeting regarding possible athletic competitions.
- Positive news was received regarding an additional ESSER grant which could potentially be approximately \$825,000, but the restrictions for the grant have not been clarified.
- The Peru Education Foundation has launched their new Donation Board with over \$2,000 already donated on the first day. This fundraiser is in lieu of the annual Trivia Night.
- Transportation bid packages have been sent out, and there are four companies who have shown an interest and will be submitting bids. The bid opening is February 2 and will be subject for consideration at the regular February meeting.
- Covid vaccines are now available for educational personnel, and all interested staff will be participating in a clinic at LPHS and are expected to be vaccinated by mid-March.
- The administration and staff have been discussing a transition to an AM/PM schedule for third trimester which would begin on February 22. They feel it would better serve our students providing additional instructional time. Mr. Craven welcomed any questions or comments, and the Board agreed to move forward with this transition.

Presentation of Recommended 2021-22 School District Calendar

Mr. Craven presented the recommended 2021-22 school district calendar. The calendar was distributed and discussed with the PEA members and administration for their input and feedback. If approved, the calendar will be available for viewing on the website.

Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 3:40; 4:55; 4:80; 4:90; 5:270; 6:20; 6:340; 7:100; 7:140; 7:300; 7:325

Mr. Craven presented the latest updates from the November 2020 PRESS edition. Most of the policies reflect updated footnotes and references with no major changes. The policies will be ready for adoption at the February 17, 2021, regular Board of Education meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Recommended 2021-22 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2021-22 school district calendar as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2020-21 Licensed Faculty and Support Staff Seniority Lists

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2020-21 licensed faculty and support staff seniority lists as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Date and Time for the 2021 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Parkside School as the date, time and location for the 2021 8th grade commencement ceremonies. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2020 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A, 2016 and 2019 Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2020 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A, 2016 and 2019 bonds for Peru Elementary School District 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 Bruins, to adopt a 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. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:50 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 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 30, 2020; August 20, 2020; September 16, 2020; November 17, 2020; December 3, 2020; December 16, 2020. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to return to Regular Session at 7:14 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Request for Retirement

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the request for retirement of Sandy Spelich as Media Center Clerk at Northview School effective at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resignation

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation of Karen Leonard as a food service employee at Parkside School effective January 11, 2021. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to July 1, 2019 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to authorize the destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Sessions held prior to July 1, 2019 per the Illinois 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 Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, 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: July 30, 2020; August 20, 2020; September 16, 2020; November 17, 2020; December 3, 2020; December 16, 2020. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary