

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JANUARY 22, 2020, 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 Learning Resource Center at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 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 Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Brandi Anderson Maier, Sara McDonald, Kelly Schaefer, Rhonda Giachetto, and Al Molby.

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of January 22, 2020. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 18, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- December 18, 2019 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. **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 of 0.95 percent. The roughly \$5.6 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a net return of 1.01 percent year to date, while the roughly \$690,300 in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of return of 0.49 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$6.3 million dollars at the end of the second quarter of FY20.

Administrative Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The district Math Curriculum committee is reviewing samples from seven math publishers and textbook companies. Melissa Bosnich leads the committee and is reaching out to districts who are “exemplary schools” and closely match our demographics. These districts are also informing us of what additional supports students are given. The committee hopes to have a recommendation for the new curriculum to implement next school year.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Parkside will be conducting ACCESS testing for our ELL students within the next two weeks of school. Corrine Kimes and Abby Schenck will be conducting the tests. We currently have 9 students identified as ELL. There were 3 students that tested out of ACCESS testing last year.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The Peru Education Foundation Trivia Night will be Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Celebrations in LaSalle. The Board verbally agreed to be a table sponsor once again this year.
- Mr. Cross presented the ISBE Financial Profile Summary. He reported that the district still maintains a 3.25 score, which is a rating of Financial Review. This has been the case for several years now, due to our long-term debt that is financed and being paid down quickly with the city sales tax.
- The next IASB Starved Rock Division meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at LaSalle Lincoln Junior High. The meeting will feature “ignite” sessions which are about 5 minutes long and will be presented by several districts. Mr. Cross is working on how best to have our district present that evening on the 21st Century Learning Environments topic.

Update and Discussion Regarding Superintendent Search

Al Molby, the search consultant from the Illinois Association of School Boards, was present to update the Board on the progress with the superintendent search. He distributed a hard copy draft of the superintendent search brochure. The Board discussed changing some wording to reflect “preferred” rather than “required” for the qualifications of prior teaching experience, along with other final details. The final brochure will be distributed later this week after adjustments are made. Mr. Molby reported that thus far 28 people have begun the application process. The deadline for applications will be Friday, February 21, 2020, and the pre-screening of applicants will take place until the March 18, 2020, regular Board meeting. At that time, Mr. Molby will present five to six completed applicant packets to the Board for their review. The Board discussed some dates in late March for first round interviews of candidates. It is the Board’s hope to hire the new superintendent by the regular April Board meeting.

Presentation of Recommended 2020-21 School District Calendar

Mr. Cross presented the recommended 2020-21 school district calendar. As always, the calendar is distributed and discussed with the staff and administration for their input and feedback. Mr. Cross explained that the 2020 calendar does have an earlier start to the year, but largely aligns with other districts and LaSalle-Peru township High School. Due to the early start, the last day of school will fall prior to Memorial Day, provided there are no emergency days used next year. If approved, the calendar will be available for viewing on the website and distributed to parents.

Discussion Regarding Recommended School Maintenance Grant

Mr. Cross reported that there was a very short timeline and turnaround for the School Maintenance Grant application. He will schedule a Building & Grounds committee meeting to further discuss the projects detailed in the grant application, including the replacement of modern security cameras and the possible library door system which is also a security issue at Northview. He will update the Board as the application process continues.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 School Maintenance Grant

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the fiscal year 2020 School Maintenance Grant. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Recommended 2020-21 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended 2020-21 school district calendar as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2019-20 Licensed Faculty and Support Staff Seniority Lists

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the 2019-20 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 2020 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve Friday, May 22, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Parkside School as the date, time and location for the 2020 8th grade commencement ceremonies. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2019 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 Vice President Leynaud, 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, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; for the 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 18, 2019; August 22, 2019; November 19, 2019; December 18, 2019. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to return to Regular Session at 8:34 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Abby Smith as a paraprofessional at Northview School for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the employment of Alison Roetker as a paraprofessional at Northview School for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to July 1, 2018 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, 2018 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 Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, 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 18, 2019; August 22, 2019; November 19, 2019; December 18, 2019. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary