

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
NOVEMBER 13, 2018, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of November of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Conference Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 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, Vice President Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Member Patti Leynaud

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

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of November 13, 2018. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public comments, correspondence, or announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- October 17, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- October 17, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- November 5, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Renk, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrators' Reports

Northview School

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- The annual Scholastic Book Fair is being held during American Education Week. Parents and students have the opportunity to shop the book fair during Parent Teacher conferences. Proceeds from the event go back into the classroom where teachers purchase curriculum related books.
- Veterans Day was very successful again this year. Pumpkins for a Purpose proceeds paid for postage for 57 care boxes to go to marines stationed in Afghanistan.
- Mrs. Bosnich thanked Simon Kampwerth, Rob Ankiewicz and the Peru Rotarians who delivered dictionaries to third grade students for the 11th year in a row.

Parkside School

Ms. Madden reported:

- The LaSalle Peru High School Area Career Center will be visiting 8th grade classes to complete the required career survey which will hopefully guide them in the right educational pathway.
- The building leadership team has identified Math mindset as a deficit area at Parkside, as the staff works to improve math scores. A variety of incentives will also be included whenever possible.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- This week celebrates American Education Week. The district's PTC, Student Council and Board of Education are providing breakfast and lunch throughout the week.
- The district received a perfectly clean on this year's Health Life Safety visit from the Regional Office of Education.
- District staff recently participated in ALICE training presented by the Peru Police Department. Administrators will be meeting to update the current crisis plan accordingly after talking more with the police department. As a result of the training, the district may also offer a self-defense program for future staff development training. Mr. Cross also updated the Board on progress with the installation of the new security cameras at Parkside. He reported that there will be training on the new equipment for the administration and appropriate staff in the near future.

Presentation of the Tentative 2018 Tax Levy

Mr. Cross presented two options for the Tentative 2018 Tax Levy, which was previously discussed with the Finance Committee at its November 5, 2018 meeting. Proposal A includes an estimate of what the total levy and tax rate would look like if the Board issued the remaining \$900,000 in working cash bonds under the authority that currently exists. With making some adjustments to other funds, Mr. Cross said the increase in the rate would be about three cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation. Without issuing the debt, the tax rate would remain about the same as it is now.

The rationale for issuing the remaining debt was discussed, as the district continues to work to balance its budget. Mr. Cross discussed if the district becomes a Tier 1 district under the new evidence-based funding formula, this would likely put the district in the position of a balanced budget. Mr. Cross also stated that if any debt is going to be issued, it is better to do so in the earlier stages of rising interest rates. He said that regardless of the decision, there is no need to hold a truth-in-taxation hearing since the district will only see a small increase in the tax base of under 2 percent. After some discussion, the Board agreed to pursue Tax Levy Proposal A for final approval at the December Board meeting.

Finance Committee Report and Discussion Regarding Issuance of Working Cash Bonds

Pursuant to the discussion regarding the 2018 tax levy, it was agreed to pursue a resolution for the issuance of working cash bonds at the next Board of Education meeting.

Review of District Risk Management Program

Mr. Cross reviewed the district's Risk Management Program, which was included in the Board packet for their review. The program allows for certain expenditures and prorated salary allocations to be payable with Tort Immunity funds. Mr. Cross itemized allowable expenditures for the Board's approval later in the meeting, and stated that the district only levies a fraction of what it could for this purpose, and is very conservative with the use of these funds.

Review and Discussion Regarding Potential Board Protocols

Mr. Cross reviewed and highlighted the updated proposed Board protocols. The updated protocols are a result of the recent Board Governance review with a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The Board feels this will be most helpful to reference for any new Board members, as well as current members. Members will further review the updated protocol list and Mr. Cross will follow up for Board approval at the regular December Board of Education meeting.

Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation and Progress Report for Goal 2, Including 2018 Illinois School Report Card and Student Achievement Data

Ms. Madden and Mrs. Bosnich reported on the recently released Parkside and Northview Schools Illinois School Report Cards respectively. They reviewed Academic Success, Success by Student Groups, Student Characteristics and School Environment. The administration expressed their concerns with the impact of increasing mobility and low income rates within the district. Mr. Cross discussed the District Finance portion of the report card and its impact on Evidence Based Funding and Tier status. The administrators reviewed PARCC scores in detail, including the growth in attainment over the course of four years. The progress is significant and Mr. Cross and the administrators will share more with the staff and the local community in the coming weeks. Mr. Cross stated that it is important that the teachers and staff see that the efforts to align to standards and continuously work to improve instruction is truly making a difference for our students.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Tentative 2018 Tax Levy

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the tentative 2018 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the District Risk Management Program

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the District Management Program as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary