

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MARCH 18, 2020, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of March 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 Lambole, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lambole led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Austin Taylor, and President Mark Lambole.

PRESENT VIA CELL PHONE: Members Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, and Vice President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Katie Budnick, and Al Molby.

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the meeting agenda of March 18, 2020. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lambole, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board received a thank you note from the Peru Educators Association for the food provided during a recent collective bargaining meeting.

Technology Committee Report and 2021 Purchase Recommendations

Ms. Pannier reviewed the recommended 2020-21 technology purchases following a recent meeting with Mr. Cross and the Board Technology Committee. The recommended Northview purchases include 120 3rd grade Chromebooks, 2 Epson projectors, 41 teacher laptops and two carts. At Parkside, the recommendation is for 120 Chromebooks, 4 carts, 15 iPads and iPad cases, 5 larger Chromebooks for Life Skills, 1 LRC projector/screen and 2 Epson projectors. The total cost of the proposed purchases as presented is \$121,918 with infrastructure maintenance items and Erate included and \$102,930 without infrastructure costs. Ms. Pannier recommends waiting on infrastructure if Erate funds are not received.

Ms. Pannier and Mr. Baron prepared 184 Chromebooks for distribution for students at Northview and Parkside Schools on the last day of school prior to the mandated school closure and more will be distributed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lambole. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 7:29 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- February 19, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- February 19, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- March 11, 2020 Technology Committee Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Update and Discussion Regarding Current Response to COVID-19

Mr. Cross updated the Board on the mandated school closure from March 17 through March 30. Administrators, teachers and students are preparing to begin eLearning live on March 19, and Chromebooks, books and materials were sent home on the last day of school, March 16. School offices will remain open from 7:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. during the week for parents and students who still wish to pick up Chromebooks and materials after that time. A survey was sent via email to parents and guardians for their input on student needs in preparation for eLearning, along with their needs for meals during the closure. As a result, the cafeteria staff will prepare meals for approximately forty families for pick-up and delivery during this time. Mr. Cross feels students and staff will get into a rhythm of the eLearning routine. How long the mandated closure will remain in force is uncertain at this time and adjustments will be made to these plans as this develops.

Update and Discussion Regarding Safety Procedures and Technology

Mr. Cross and other area school representatives recently attended a meeting at MCS Advertising for a presentation of technology as it relates to safety procedures for schools. Mr. Cross believes this technology may be a more beneficial investment than the recently discussed safety app. The Board was interested in the concept and agreed it was best to wait on the app for now. Mr. Cross intends to provide a demonstration to the Board at a later date.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to accept the resignation of Jaime Fought as special education teacher at Northview School at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to accept the resignation of Karen Miranda as district school nurse at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to accept the resignation of Alison Roetker as paraprofessional at Northview School effective March 2, 2020. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the employment and contract for Heather Baker as Assistant Principal at Northview School commencing the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the employment of Katherine Meyer as Reading Specialist at Parkside School for the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2020-21 Technology Purchases

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended 2020-21 technology purchases as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Peru Public Library Intergovernmental Agreement

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended Peru Public Library Intergovernmental Agreement. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Updates to Job Descriptions and Evaluation Plans

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended updates to the paraprofessional and custodial staff job descriptions and evaluation plans as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Re-employment of Recommended Non-Tenured Faculty for the 2020-21 School Term

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to re-employ the recommended non-tenured as full-time faculty for 2020-21: Fourth Year (re-employment results in tenure): Natalie Verucchi. Third Year: Megan Kirkman, Glenn Hall and Sally Etzenbach. Second Year: Melissa Preston, Corrine Kimes, Matt Guenther and Jessica Urbanc. First Year: Jade Hubinsky, Michaela Copeland, Molly Leone, Ann Baumgarten, Cassie Milus, Mallori Fahler, Abby Schenck and Michele Meyer. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary