

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MARCH 21, 2018, 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 President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, March 21, 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, Patti Leynaud, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Brandi Anderson Maier, and Ben Hohenstatt.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of March 21, 2018. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, and Lamboley. **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 Vice President Renk, seconded by Member Leynaud, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- February 21, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- February 21, 2018 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- So far, we have 74 students on our Kindergarten list (36 returning from our PreK program and 38 new students that went elsewhere for PreK). This will be the first year that we have less students going into kindergarten from our own program because of downsizing of our PreK program. Mrs. McDonald hopes to hear some news regarding the Preschool for All Grant by the middle of April.

- Family Reading Night is tomorrow and parents and students will have a chance to check out the Scholastic Book Fair. Also, parents and staff have the opportunity to raise some money for the school by test driving a Chrysler Pacifica courtesy of Coronet Dodge.
- Mrs. McDonald thanked Member Bruins for volunteering to serve on the district's annual Handbook Committee.
- The Autism Program team will be guests at the regular April Board of Education meeting to discuss the program's first year.

Ms. Madden reported:

- This year's musical, Xanadu will be performed on March 23 and March 24 at 7:00 p.m. under the direction of vocal music teacher Natalie Verucchi and her assistant Tyler Reviglio.
- Congratulations to 8th grader Shea Rathburn who will compete in the state spelling bee on Friday, March 23 in Peoria. Shea qualified by winning the regional spelling bee in Ottawa on February 10th.
- Don Bacso, a survivor of 9-11 terrorist attacks recently spoke to 7th and 8th grade students about his experience on that day. He described the events of that day as he was working on the 57th floor of the North Tower. Ms. Madden thanked Member Bruins for bringing the program to the school's attention.
- On March 14, LaMoille HS once again sponsored the STEA2M Conference at IVCC. According to Mrs. Budnick and the 10 Parkside students in attendance, this year's program was significantly better than last because there was much less talking about using technology and much more actual hands-on experience.

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Mrs. Bosnich presented the Illinois Math Learning Standards Progression Charts (Pre-k through eighth grade) for our school district. The charts will be utilized by teachers as a quick and easy reference to align our core curriculum, Envisions, to the state standards. They will also be on-line for parents to reference. The administration team will focus on Science and Social Studies in the future now that ELA and Math are complete. Mr. Cross is recommending the Board formally adopt the Academic Standards later in the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The Peru Education Foundation held its most successful Trivia Night to date, raising more than \$17,000 at the most recent event.
- Mr. Cross and the Board discussed the benefits of having a Board self-evaluation this spring. They agreed they would like to move forward with the Illinois Association of School Boards to lead the process Mr. Cross will contact the district's field representative from the association for available dates and follow up with the Board.
- TNT Lawncare has sent an agreement for lawn service for the next two years. Mr. Cross explained the prices have barely changed after this many years of service and he is pleased with their work.
- The district is preparing for its four-year compliance visit from the Regional Office of Education. The compliance visit will be held on Wednesday, April 11.
- Mr. Cross is asking the Board for some extended time to look into the future of hosting athletic tournaments at Parkside School. Tournaments will remain the same for the next school year.
- In response to the recent school tragedies around the country, National Walk-Out Day was observed at Parkside School on March 14. Rather than a walkout, one student from each homeroom portrayed a victim of the attack in their memory. Mr. Cross was very proud of how Lori Madden and our Parkside students and staff handled this event.

Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 1:30; 2:260; 4:40; 5:20

Mr. Cross discussed the four policies as presented. Mr. Cross asked the Board to review the policies and he will have them ready for Board approval at the April 18, 2018, regular Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Final 2017-18 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the final 2017-18 school district calendar. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2018-19 Student Registration and Preschool Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2018-19 student registration and preschool fees. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Academic Standards for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to adopt the Academic Standards for Peru Elementary School District 124 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel and for the discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 8:13 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Leynaud, to accept the resignation of Devin Fenza, teacher aide at Northview School, effective at the conclusion of the 2017-18 school term. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Kelli Rietgraf as a food service worker at Parkside School for the remainder of the 2017-18 school term. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Holly Buczkowski, Sharon Strauch, Sue Zeman, and Mike Wellner as summer custodians for the summer of 2018. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Re-employment of Recommended Non-Tenured Faculty for the 2018-19 School Term

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to re-employ the recommended non-tenured as full-time faculty for 2018-19: **Fourth Year (re-employment results in tenure):** Jordan Doubek, Claudia Carbajal, Thea Schwab, and Lyric Goskusky. **Third Year:** Melissa Cassidy, Steve Wasmer, Ronda Iossi and Chris Bjork. **Second Year:** Natalie Verucchi. **First Year:** Megan Einhaus, Glenn Hall, Sally Etzenbach, and Jaime Fought. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2018-19 Non-Union Employee Salaries

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the recommended 2018-19 non-union employee salaries as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary