

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**APRIL 22, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of April of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order through the Zoom Meeting platform by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, April 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, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, and Katie Budnick.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of April 22, 2020. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. 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:

- March 18, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 18, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- March 28, 2020 Special and Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- March 30, 2020 Special and Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- April 2, 2020 Special and Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- April 7, 2020 Special and Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- April 8, 2020 Special and Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- April 9, 2020 Special and Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- April 13, 2020 Special and Executive Session Meeting 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**

Superintendent Cross presented the quarterly report as prepared by the district treasurer, Eric Heagy. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields 1.27 percent. The roughly \$4.4 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a net return of 1.65 percent year to date, while the roughly \$2,352,002 in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of return of 0.56 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$6.7 million dollars at the end of the third quarter of FY20.

## **Administrative Reports**

### **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Mrs. McDonald praised Northview teachers and staff for all of the hard work they have been doing for eLearning. She is also proud of staff who have been navigating this new environment for teaching and learning. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Bosnich have been meeting with all nine teams every other week.

### **Parkside School**

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Mrs. Anderson Maier is also very proud of the teachers and staff at Parkside for providing meaningful learning at home. She believes there is excellent communication with the parents as well and that things have gone very well for the quick turnaround to eLearning. She and Ms. Pannier are also meeting with the school's six teams every other week.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reviewed the updated 2019 sales tax collection history. The half-cent sales tax collection has generated \$22.8 million in revenue for the City of Peru. The school district has paid just over \$15.8 million for debt service payments, leaving roughly \$7 million in excess collections with the City of Peru. Even though annual collections have exceeded the necessary bond payments by roughly \$500,000 per year to build this cushion, Mr. Cross anticipates 2020 sales tax collections will likely significantly impacted due to the mandated shelter in place order. He reminded the Board of the provision in the sales tax agreement which assures the school district will always be able to make the debt service payments as the funds in reserve are required to be used for bond payments should a year ever come up short. As part of the transition, Mr. Cross would like to meet with City of Peru officials and new Superintendent Jamie Craven to discuss and review the intergovernmental agreement.
- Mr. Cross said there is much uncertainty on current and future state funding. The district should know more this summer, but he anticipates a reduction in funding, but how much is unknown. Additionally, property tax revenues will also be delayed. The district was notified by the collector's office that the first round of property tax payments will not be due until July 1.

## **Update and Discussion Regarding COVID-19 Closures, eLearning and School Events**

- Mr. Cross reported that the district teachers and staff are doing a tremendous job with eLearning, which was never intended to last for more than a few days at a time. Board members with children who are eLearning at home commented that the staff is doing a great job, but it was also noted how it is somewhat stressful for the parents of younger students.
- Mr. Cross reported that the administration team is working on plans for the end of the year activities. They are considering a variety of ideas for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. The team is also preparing to notify parents of the timeline for turning in the last assignments, dropping off computers and books, and any other items. Lastly, another Raider Road Rally is being organized for May 1.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Kim Lamps as district school nurse commencing the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the employment of Julie Chasteen as preschool special education teacher at Northview School commencing the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Employment of Superintendent of Schools**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment and contract for Richard J. Craven as Superintendent of Peru Elementary School District 124 commencing the 2020-21 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of 2020-21 Substitute Pay Schedule**

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

### **Approval of 2020-21 Student Registration Fees**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the recommended student registration fees for the 2020-21 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of 2020-21 Bids for Bakery and Milk Products**

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

### **Approval of Two-Year Contract for Mowing and Trimming Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the two-year contract for mowing and trimming as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of Amended 2019-20 Transportation Contract Agreement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the amended 2019-20 transportation contract agreement as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of Recommended Updates to Job Descriptions and Evaluation Plans**

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

### **Approval of 2020-21 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the 2020-21 agreement for physical and occupational therapy services as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:

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

**Approval of 2020-21 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2020-21 Illinois Elementary School Association membership and fees. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Modifications of Upcoming Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the modification to the June 17 meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Mark Lamboley, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary