

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**MAY 20, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of May 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 Lambole, on Wednesday, May 20, 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, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Austin Taylor, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lambole.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Melissa Bosnich, Sherri Pannier, Katie Budnick, Dawn Ladzinski, Chris Kelsey, Tracey Jaegle, Jamie Craven, Heather Baker, and Nikki Chase.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of May 20, 2020. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lambole. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several thank you notes were received from staff members for the HyVee and Stone Jug BBQ gift cards they received during Teacher Appreciation Week from the School Board, PTC and Peru Education Foundation. The district also received a thank you letter from the Illinois Association of School Boards for their recent role and participation in the selection of the new district superintendent, Jamie Craven.

A few new staff members joined the zoom meeting and were introduced by Mr. Cross and Mrs. McDonald. Those present were new superintendent Jamie Craven, assistant principal Heather Baker, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Nikki Chase. Retiring staff members Sherri Pannier, Chris Kelsey, and Tracey Jaegle also participated in the zoom meeting for a final farewell and thank you from Mr. Cross and the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- April 22, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

## **REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Mrs. McDonald commended the teachers who made sure that parents were engaging with students for completion of eLearning. She reported there are approximately 20 students who have not completed eLearning.
- Approximately 225 parents participated in the first day of student drop-off for Chromebooks and accessories, textbooks, remaining library books, classroom novels, uniforms, etc. Four days were arranged for the drop-off and pick-up of supplies at both Northview and Parkside Schools.
- An end of the year awards assembly was recorded and will be sent to parents. The assembly will also be available to view on Facebook and YouTube.

#### **Parkside School**

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Mrs. Anderson Maier commended her staff as well for making sure students were keeping up with eLearning. She also recognized Ms. Pannier for never giving up on those students who needed extended help with eLearning.
- A graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 from noon until 8:00 p.m. Approximately 81 students have signed up for the five-minute ceremony which will include receiving their diploma and having their picture taken. A videographer will be there to record the event. The ceremony has been carefully planned out to comply with current health requirements. Finally, there will be a virtual end of year awards assembly with 8th grade spotlights.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- The district recently had an IMRF audit. Mr. Cross commended district bookkeeper, Jeanine Sonnenberg for the perfectly clean audit.
- Mr. Cross thanked the Board of Education for their support of Teacher Appreciation Week. It was a very nice collaborative effort with our Foundation and PTC.
- Mr. Cross proudly reported that seven former Parkside graduates were among those in the top ten LP High School senior graduates this year.

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

Mr. Cross reported that we are potential recipients of federal CARES Act funding. If we are successful with the grant application and everything goes through, this would be \$171,996 in revenue for the school district in FY21. The first priority will be to replace roughly 50 Chromebooks from the eLearning efforts that were in place to close out the school year. The Leadership Team will continue to discuss how best to utilize these funds in FY21.

Mr. Cross also touched on plans for the next school year based on current guidelines regarding the re-opening of schools. He intends to start building a framework with Jamie Craven and Leadership Team for various options. He stated that it is simply too early to determine plans for everything as things continue to evolve as it relates to COVID-19 and the health guidelines.

### **Update Regarding Recommended Summer 2020 Maintenance Projects**

Mr. Cross updated the Board on the recommended summer 2020 maintenance projects. With the uncertainty of funding for the maintenance grant, Mr. Cross feels at this time it is best to hold off on the replacement of the library entrance doors at Northview. Projects to continue at Northview include the

completion of Verkada security camera system, toilet and partition in the third and fourth grade wing, and a cafeteria roof safety ladder. The PTC would like to fund a painting of activity areas on the concrete area at the north entrance at Northview for a total cost of \$2,900. The project will provide for structured mobility for students at play time.

At Parkside School, the life safety project providing a required carbon monoxide detector in the supply air duct of all the gas fired rooftop units will be completed. In addition, the life skills washer and dryer will be replaced and the annual gym floor maintenance will be completed this summer. Mr. Cross is also seeking prices for resealing the parking lots, with Parkside likely to be the one for the resealing work for 2020 and beginning a rotation for resealing at Northview in 2021.

### **Presentation of Mathematics Curriculum and Instructional Materials Proposal**

Melissa Bosnich provided an overview and update on the mathematics curriculum which was narrowed down to Eureka and Ready Math. The committee has been meeting throughout the past year researching various options and is recommending Ready Math for the next mathematics program. There was some discussion regarding the series and Mrs. Bosnich will follow-up on this information for the next Board meeting. The district has not received official cost proposals for the series so the Board will postpone action on this recommendation until its regular June meeting.

### **Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 2:125; 2:160; 5:35; 5:60; 5:150; 5:280; 6:135; 6:280; 7:70; 8:10; 8:30; 8:110**

Mr. Cross reported on the updates from the Illinois Association of School Board's PRESS policy. Mr. Cross asked the Board to review the policies carefully and provide any feedback prior to the June Board of Education meeting at which time they will be formally adopted.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Lisa Goddard as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Northview School effective 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 Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Claudia Carbajal as special education teacher at Northview School effective 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 Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Josie Kampwerth as a paraprofessional at Parkside School effective at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the employment of Jessica Heiberger as a special education teacher for the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Nikki Chase as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Northview School for the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Olivia Boucek as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Northview School for the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Holly Buczkowski, Sharon Strauch and Sue Zeman as summer 2020 custodians, with Derek Benning filling in and also continuing to provide technology support as needed. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2020-21 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended Summer 2020 Maintenance Projects**

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

**Approval of Recommended Mathematics Curriculum and Instructional Materials**

This item was tabled.

**Approval of Date and the Alternative 2020 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement Ceremonies**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve May 28<sup>th</sup> as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade commencement date and the ceremony procedures as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of FY21 Property/Causalty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the FY21 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Kampwerth, Pillai, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of 2020-21 Contracts for the Provision of Food Services for Dimmick Grade School, L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the 2020-21 contracts for the provision of food services for Dimmick Grade School, L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Establishment of 2020-21 Board of Education Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to establish the Board of Education meetings for 2020-21 to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Parkside School on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 15, 2020	Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Wednesday, August 19, 2020	Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Wednesday, September 16, 2020	Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Wednesday, October 21, 2020	Wednesday, April 21, 2021
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	Wednesday, May 19, 2021
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 8:26 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