

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**JUNE 17, 2015, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of June of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by President Jim Renk, on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Members Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Jeff Sheppard, Vice President Mark Lamboley, and President Jim Renk.

ABSENT: Members Cindy Gustat and Jyll Leonatti.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Walt Zukowski, Jake Been, and Blake Mellecker.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of June 17, 2015. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Sheppard, Lamboley, and Renk.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Leonatti. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A thank you note was received from Gayle Yepsen for the gift she received from the Board in recognition of her retirement.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- May 20, 2015 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Kampwerth, Pillai, Sheppard, and Renk. NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gustat and Leonatti. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Member Leonatti joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.**

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

District Attorney Walt Zukowski of Zukowski and Associates was present to thank the Board for the opportunity to continue to represent the district. He was happy with the results of the recent contract agreed upon with several districts and Illinois Central School Bus. He feels the shared routes will be very cost effective.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reported on the proposed transportation contract with Illinois Central School Bus. He explained there will be seven regular routes, three shared routes with LP High School, and one regular preschool route. The increase in paired routes within the district will be helpful, but there will be less shared routes with LPHS.

## **Bright Futures Preschool Program Report**

Mr. Cross reviewed the Bright Futures Preschool Program report prepared by Mrs. McDonald. There were a total of 76 students enrolled in the program this year. There are three tiers of tuition based on the National School Lunch Program income eligibility guidelines. Mr. Cross reminded the Board that the money collected from tuition only covers about one third of what it costs to run the program. Mr. Cross will review all costs associated with the preschool program next spring so a determination can be made about the appropriate tuition charge.

## **Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 2:250, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:45, 5:40, 5:120, 5:180, 5:270, 5:290, 5:330, 6:15, and 6:40**

Mr. Cross presented policy changes from the latest edition of PRESS provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards. Most of the policies had minor or footnote only changes. The policies will be presented for adoption at the August 12, 2015 Board meeting.

## **Update and Discussion Regarding the Northview Elementary School Addition and Renovation Construction Project**

- The Board was presented an option for replacing the metal framed door in the library at a cost of \$8,000 to \$9,000. Mr. Been explained this would be the ideal time to replace the door if the Board was interested. Due to overall project cost concerns, the Board decided to hold off on doing the library door work at this time.
- Mr. Cross is working with P&D Signs to replace the face of the current sign in the front yard. The design will have the same concept as the Parkside sign minus the LED. He does not have a price yet, but will provide Board feedback to P&D and estimates the price will be no more than \$5,000.
- Board members were asked to look at the dedication plaque to provide any final feedback.
- The Peru Education Foundation would like to do something for Northview School. A number of ideas were reviewed that will be presented to the Foundation Board.
- Mr. Cross said the complete phone system will come in under \$30,000 which he felt was very reasonable for the size and scope of the project. Both buildings will also be connected now, and there will be one master line coming in for the district. Mr. Cross said there will be more long term savings with the phone system after the district moves to two buildings.
- Several change orders have been added to the project including power to the garage and additional cabling for the building network.
- Blake Mellecker of Midwest Environmental reported he has contacted Universal Asbestos Removal regarding some damage to some load-bearing walls during the recent asbestos abatement project at Northview. He is hoping the contractor will share in the expense of the repairs which will be needed. He will follow up more with Mr. Cross.
- There is much work taking place on the site, including new curbing and sidewalks going in. Paving will begin in August and the exterior changes to the renovated section of the building are moving along. Mr. Cross stated that it is a very tight schedule, but he is still confident that school will begin on time for students on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Member Kampwerth left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Approval of Bid for Regular Transportation Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Leonatti, to approve the bid for regular transportation services for the 2015-16 school year with Illinois Central Bus Services. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Leonatti, Pillai, Lamboley, and Renk. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat and Kampwerth. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Member Kampwerth returned to the meeting at 7:40 p.m.**

##### **Approval of Washington Elementary School Asbestos Abatement Bid Documents**

Blake Melleker from Midwest Environmental explained that the bulk of the cost of the asbestos abatement is due to the large amount of plaster in the building. He feels the project will be completed within 60 working days and anticipates no change orders. He also is optimistic that bidding will be very competitive for contractors looking for work at that time of year, even though costs are expected above the \$600,000 range. Mr. Cross added that he anticipates having an auction for the salvaged contents of the building and property in September, just prior to the commencement of the abatement project.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the Washington School asbestos abatement bid documents. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, Kampwerth, and Leonatti. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

##### **Approval of Washington Elementary School Demolition Bid Documents**

Architect Jake Been of Healy Bender & Associates explained that once asbestos removal is complete, the building demolition process will begin. The availability of dirt to fill in the hole after demolition may be harder to find at that time of year and the final grading of the property may not happen until April. The Board would like to save some of the bricks from the original building and also have an alternate bid to remove the stone bearing the school's name, hopefully for the creation of a building memorial in the vicinity of what will be the city's property. This would be something the district could assist in establishing, but the city would need to maintain on their property going forward.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Washington Elementary School demolition bid documents. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Sheppard, Kampwerth, Leonatti, Pillai, Lamboley, and Renk. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

##### **Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills**

Mr. Cross recommended the Board authorize the prepayment of June bills received in order for them to be paid in the fiscal year intended. He also recommends the Board authorize the payment of July bills which will be presented for approval at the August 12, 2015 meeting, along with the remaining June bills.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leonatti, to authorize the prepayment of remaining FY15 district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leonatti, Sheppard, Lamboley, Renk, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

##### **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund**

Mr. Cross reported the Working Cash Fund is abolished on an annual basis so that the money in the fund can be transferred to the Education Fund in the current fiscal year. The Working Cash Fund will then be re-established in August for FY16.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai,

Kampwerth, Leonatti, Sheppard, Lamboley, and Renk. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Adoption of Prevailing Wage Resolution and County Prevailing Wage Schedule**

Mr. Cross provided the Board with the Prevailing Wage Resolution and June 2015 Prevailing Wage Schedule for LaSalle County which by law must be approved on an annual basis.

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Leonatti, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution and the LaSalle County Prevailing Wage Schedule for June 2015 as presented. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Approval of Fiscal Year 2016 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Sheppard, to hold the district's checking, money market and activity account with Peru Federal Savings Bank and its brokerage/investment account with Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Approval of Recommended 2015-16 Student Handbook Revisions**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Sheppard, to approve the recommended Northview and Parkside student handbook revisions for the 2015-16 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Approval of 2015-16 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Vice President Lamboley, to approve the 2015-16 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leonatti, Lamboley, Pillai, Sheppard, Renk, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gustat. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Member Pillai left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

#### **Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to accept the resignation of Gillie Pangrcic as first grade teacher at Northview School. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Employment of Recommended Personnel and 2015-16 Extracurricular Assignments**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Lamboley, seconded by Member Leonatti, to employ Karen Leonard for the cafeteria position at Northview School for the 2015-16 school year. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Leonatti, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended extracurricular assignments for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Sheppard, seconded by Member Leonatti, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Aye 5, Nay 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Jim Renk, President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary