

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**JUNE 17, 2020, 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 both in person and via the Zoom meeting platform by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, June 17, 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, Jamie Craven, Sara McDonald, Heather Baker, and Katie Budnick.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the meeting agenda of June 17, 2020. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Bruins, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Taylor. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A thank you note was received from Julie Jenkins for the HyVee gift card provided to staff during Teacher Appreciation Week from the School Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- May 20, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross continues transitioning with Mr. Craven and the administration team to plan for the coming school year. Mr. Cross assured the Board that he will be available to assist as needed after July 1, 2020.
- A new law may change the calendar for next school year which would mandate November 3, 2020, the general election date, as a school holiday. This law will make Election Day 2020 a holiday for all local and state government employees, and is intended to free up school buildings to be used as

polling places on Election Day without fear of exposing students to germs. It is likely waivers will not be an option for this holiday this year.

- The Peru Education Foundation recently awarded four grants totaling approximately \$10,000, including an opening day speaker. Mr. Cross also reported that trivia night has generated over \$100,000 in revenue to fund projects for our students.
- Graduation Day was very successful and Mr. Cross thanked the Board for their support of how the event was conducted.
- Mr. Cross reviewed great news regarding the 2019 tax levy, and the final EAV went up 3.21 percent. Additionally, he briefly reviewed the half-cent city sales tax for the first four months of 2020 and the effect COVID-19 has had on retail sales.

### **Bright Futures Preschool Program Report**

Mrs. McDonald reported on the second year of the Preschool for All grant-funded program. She highlighted some of this past year's data on funding, enrollment and requirements. One of the successes to the program for this year was the blending of special education students into the regular education classroom for a portion of the day. She reported that the eighty students who were on a waiting list to enroll in the program were primarily three year olds and added that priority is given to the most at risk students. Finally, Mrs. McDonald reminded the Board that the programs have no direct costs to the district and the grant awards approximately \$300,000 for both the Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion grants.

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

Member Kampwerth and Superintendent Cross reviewed the parking lot work to be done at both Parkside and Northview Schools this summer. The majority of the work this year will be concentrated at Parkside School and alternate to Northview next summer. Mr. Cross explained the funds to pay for the work will be coming out of the Operations & Maintenance Fund. Other summer work which has started or is scheduled includes the rooftop units, gym floor, and Life Skills appliances at Parkside, and the bathroom work at Northview.

### **Update Regarding Mathematics Curriculum and Instructional Materials Proposal**

Mr. Cross reviewed the recommendation for the Mathematics Curriculum and Instructional materials. The full five-year cost of acquisition for materials, resources, and professional development for Ready Math is \$178,219. After some discussion regarding multi-year purchasing, the Board agreed that the five-year proposal will benefit the staff and administration for professional development and data analysis of the curriculum.

### **Final Presentation of Recommended 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. He explained that some of the updates are noted as routine because they merely change some wording or add legal or cross references. Mr. Cross recommends the Board adopt the revisions later in the meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the authorization to prepay remaining June and July district bills. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. **NAY:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of Fiscal Year 2021 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Bruins, 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, L.L.C. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Adoption of Recommended Board of Education Policies as Presented for 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**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to adopt the recommended Board Policies as presented for 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 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended Curriculum Associates mathematics curriculum and instructional materials as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Interfund Transfer of \$350,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt a resolution authorizing the permanent interfund transfer of \$350,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Interfund Transfer of \$75,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adopt a resolution authorizing the permanent interfund transfer of \$75,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Adoption of Resolution in Support of Local Control in Return to Learn Decisions**

After a brief discussion, the Board will revisit a resolution pertaining to the local control of return to learning decisions at the regular July meeting.

### **Adoption of Resolution Recommending Member Kampwerth to Serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Boards**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adopt a resolution recommending Member Kampwerth to serve as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association of School Boards. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Kampwerth. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation of Abby Smith as a paraprofessional at Northview School effective immediately. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the employment of Amy Perona as an autism special education teacher for the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended 2020-21 Non-Union Salaries**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended 2020-21 Non-Union salaries. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lambolely. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended 2020-21 Extracurricular Assignments**

**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 Updates to Job Descriptions and Evaluation Plans**

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

**Approval of Golden Apple Foundation Teacher Accelerator Program Agreement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Golden Apple Foundation Teacher Accelerator Program agreement. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjourning, President Lambolely presented Superintendent Cross with framed portraits of Northview and Parkside Schools. On behalf of the Board of Education, he expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication Mr. Cross devoted to the district for the past fifteen years. Mr. Cross humbly accepted the portraits and equally expressed his appreciation of the Board's support throughout those years.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Mark Lambolely, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary