

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JUNE 19, 2019, 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 Conference Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board Vice President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Leynaud 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, and Vice President Patti Leynaud.

ABSENT: President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, and Sara McDonald.

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of June 19, 2019. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received from retiring principal Lori Madden for a plaque she was presented with at her final Parkside 8th grade commencement ceremony.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 22, 2019 Executive Session 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, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Blue Cross Preliminary Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Cross reported on the preliminary health insurance renewal information he recently received. He expressed his disappointment in the increase of the renewal of 11.64 percent. He reminded the Board of last year's increase of 10.08 percent which was negotiated down to 6.8 percent. In addition, the Board absorbed the extra 1.8 percent of the increase beyond the contractual 5 percent per the collective

bargaining agreement. Mr. Cross has scheduled a meeting with the district health insurance committee and our agents for Monday, June 24, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss this information. He welcomed any Board members who would like to attend to the meeting, and he expects to have an insurance renewal recommendation ready for the July Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross is seeking the Board's approval for hiring a part-time technology assistant. With the planned retirement of Sherri Pannier at the end of the next school year and a request for a reduction in hours from Sean Baron, he feels it would be a good time to start the process of looking for an additional person in our technology staff. After some additional discussion, the Board agreed with the timing for seeking an additional staff member was appropriate. Mr. Cross will work on an advertisement for the position by early fall.
- Mr. Cross reminded the Board to notify the district office of the dates and workshops they plan on attending at the upcoming Joint Annual Conference which will be held from November 21-24.
- Mr. Cross reported that the Peru Education Foundation recently awarded seven projects totaling \$24,733.56. This includes the projector screen at Parkside and the rock climbing wall in the gymnasium at Northview.
- Mrs. McDonald reported on the summer reading videos which were planned by the Reading Intervention Committee. Throughout summer, teachers from Northview School will be reading a favorite book to students via the school district's Facebook page. The videos were pre-recorded by kindergarten teacher Chris Goodman. Mrs. McDonald praised the committee for their hard work and creativity in preparing the videos.

Bright Futures Preschool for All Program Report

Mrs. McDonald reported on the first year of the Preschool for All grant-funded program. She highlighted some of this past year's data on funding, enrollment and requirements. Following is a list of improvements to the program for next year:

- Music, Art, and Library time will be served in the Preschool rooms to save walking travel times between the rooms
- Blending of special education students into the regular education classroom whenever possible
- Focus on professional development for all staff, specifically paraprofessionals

Mr. Cross reported the district has received nine of the eleven payments due totaling \$295,587 of the \$364,176 it was awarded for both the Preschool for All and Preschool for All Expansion grants.

Update Regarding 2019 Maintenance Projects

Mr. Cross updated the Board on the 2019 summer maintenance projects. The district has received a bid of \$21,942 from Vissering Construction for the concrete pavement infill work at five locations around parking lot edges, installation of swale for water drainage on the south side drive area, and installation of two powder coated concrete filled pipe bollards. He also anticipates the cost for cleaning up five to six life safety violations will not cost more than \$10,000 to \$12,000. The few other violations are being fixed and corrected by our custodial staff.

Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation Report

Due to time limitations, Mr. Cross intends to report on Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation at a future meeting.

Presentation of Recommended 2019-20 Student Handbook Revisions

Mrs. McDonald reported on the 2019-20 Student Handbook revisions for both Parkside and Northview Schools. Some of the revisions include law changes to truancy, vaping, restorative justice and smartwatches. The district office will be working on combining the two handbooks into one during the upcoming school year.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Recommended 2019-20 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended 2019-20 school district calendar. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2019-20 Student Handbook Revisions

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended 2019-20 student handbook revisions. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the authorization to prepay remaining June and July district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, 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: Kampwerth, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Interfund Transfer of \$650,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt a resolution authorizing the permanent interfund transfer of \$650,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lamboley. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Ann Baumgarten as a fourth grade teacher at Northview School for the 2019-20 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Jessica Stuart as a paraprofessional at Northview School for the 2019-20 school term. AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAY: 0, ABSTAIN: Taylor. ABSENT: Lamboley. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Lisa Donnell as an individual aide at Northview School for up to four hours per day based on changes in the district's needs, the departure of the current student for which employed to assist, or at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school term, whichever comes first. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended 2019-20 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE: Ankiewicz, Taylor, Leynaud, Bruins, and Pillai. NAY: 0, ABSTAIN: Kampwerth. ABSENT: Lamboley. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board Vice President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary