

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**JULY 30, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of July 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 Thursday, July 30, 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 Jamie Craven, Kim Vezzetti, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Eric Heagy, Dawn Ladzinski, Katie Budnick, Abby Kotecki, and Ali Braboy. There were numerous staff members in attendance via zoom.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of July 30, 2020. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PEA co-presidents Katie Budnick and Dawn Ladzinski reported they were in attendance to support the ratification of the new contract between the PEA and the Board of Education.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- June 17, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- June 29, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes
- June 29, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Superintendent Craven presented the Fiscal Year 2021 tentative budget and stated that this is very tentative in nature as some revenue and expenditure items are unknown at this time, including Covid related expenses and revenue from Title I and Corporate and Personal Property Replacement Taxes. The district is beginning its fiscal year with a balance of just over \$5 million dollars. Based on the tentative budget, Mr. Craven anticipates a deficit of \$468,589 at the conclusion of the fiscal year. The tentative

budget will be displayed until the final budget hearing and adoption at the September meeting. He encouraged the Board to look at the line items closely between now and the September meeting and contact him with any questions or concerns. Adjustments between now and the budget hearing and adoption will be reviewed at the time the final budget is presented for adoption.

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

### **Quarterly Treasurer's Report**

District Treasurer, Eric Heagy presented the quarterly report. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields 1.33 percent. The roughly \$3 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a net return of 1.9 percent year to date, while the roughly \$2 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of return of 0.52 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$5 million dollars at the end of the fourth quarter of FY20.

### **Administrative Reports:**

#### **Northview and Parkside Schools**

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Anderson Maier reported on the Jump Start summer school programs at each building. At Northview there are four teachers and 31 students attending the three hours per day, three week program. At Parkside School, Mrs. Anderson Maier reported there are 14 sixth and seventh grade students attending the program taught by two teachers. Overall, students are adjusting to the mask mandate fairly well.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Craven reported the following information:

- Stuart Tree Service will be providing a quote for additional trimming and removal of some trees at both Northview and Parkside Schools.
- The school calendar now reflects the November 3 legal holiday for the General Election as had been discussed previously.
- In addition to the CARES Grant, Mrs. McDonald is completing a more competitive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER). The grant would supply additional emergency funds to prevent, prepare for and respond to the coronavirus threat if awarded.

#### **Presentation of 2020-21 Student Handbook Revisions**

Student Handbook revisions for 2020-21 were reviewed by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Anderson Maier. District secretary Rita Strickler was commended for combining the Northview and Parkside handbooks into one document. Revisions in the handbook mainly reflected course assignment changes at Parkside School.

#### **Update and Discussion Regarding 2020-21 Return to Learn School Plan**

Mr. Craven commended the 21 staff members currently participating on the reintegration committee for the Return to Learn School Plan. He shared some concerns from the parent survey regarding remote learning last year which included the lack of teacher contact, confusion on learning communication and delivery of content. The committee is discussing how to teach new content while holding students accountable for lessons. Friday learning will include social/emotional, small group and expo learning. On Friday afternoons staff will continue to be provided professional development time. Other information discussed included meal distribution and transportation. Mr. Craven will provide parents with a FAQ sheet which can be expanded as other questions arise. He will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 21 Tentative Budget**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 21 tentative budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Pillai. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Establishment of Date, Time and Location for the Fiscal Year 21 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary School District 124**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to establish Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Parkside School as the date, time and location for the Fiscal Year 21 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary School District 124. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of the 2020-21 Return to Learn School Plan**

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

### **Approval of the Amended 2020-21 School Year Calendar**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the amended 2020-21 school year calendar as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of Recommended 2020-21 Student Handbook Revisions**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended 2020-21 Student Handbook revisions. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to adopt a Resolution in Support of Local Control in Return to Learn Decisions. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Grant**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Grant as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining; and review and consideration of release of Executive Session minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: January 22, 2020; February 19, 2020; March 18, 2020; March 28, 2020; March 30, 2020; April 2, 2020; April 7, 2020; April 8, 2020; April 9, 2020; April 13, 2020; June 29, 2020. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to return to Regular Session at 7:21 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Maria Rax as paraprofessional at Parkside School. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Adoption of Resolution for Approval of Employee Health Insurance Reimbursement Arrangement, Health Savings Account Plan, and Health, Dental and Vision Renewal**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adopt a resolution for the approval of employee Health Insurance Reimbursement Arrangement, Health Savings Account Plan, and Health, Dental and Vision Renewal as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the *Janus* Decision Related to Fair Share Fees with the Peru Educators' Association**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the *Janus* Decision related to Fair Share fees with the Peru Educators' Association. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the 2020-21 Teacher Evaluation Plan with the Peru Educators' Association**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the 2020-21 Teacher Evaluation Plan with the Peru Educators' Association. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to January 1, 2019 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to authorize the destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Sessions held prior to January 1, 2019 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Consideration of Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to review and release the Executive Session Minutes of meetings held on the following dates, with exceptions as noted in minutes in which the need for confidentiality remains: January 22, 2020; February 19, 2020; March 18, 2020; March 28, 2020; March 30, 2020; April 2, 2020; April 7, 2020; April 8, 2020; April 9, 2020; April 13, 2020; June 29, 2020. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 7:24 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