

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
OCTOBER 18, 2017, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of October 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 Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 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, Patti Leynaud, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, Eric Heagy, Glenn Hall, Heather Hardin, Shannon Turczyn, and Ben Hohenstatt.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of October 18, 2017. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements.

RECOGNITION OF FACULTY AND STAFF

Introduction of New Faculty and Staff Members

Principal Madden introduced Parkside teacher aide Shannon Turczyn and Heather Harding introduced 8th grade science teacher Glenn Hall. Mrs. Turczyn and Mr. Hall briefly shared their background and both expressed their gratitude and enthusiasm for working at Parkside.

Recognition of Board Members for IASB Training

Board members were recently recognized at the IASB Starved Rock Division meeting. Mr. Cross reported that Member Ankiewicz has reached a Level I status and Members Kampwerth, Pillai, and Renk have reached Master Board Member maintenance status with the Illinois Association of School Boards. Simon Kampwerth serves on the IASB Board of Directors, representing the Starved Rock Region. Mr. Cross commended the entire Board for their on-going dedication and commitment to their positions and to their involvement with the Illinois Association of School Boards.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Cross explained the format of the district bills since the financial conversion is now completed. He reviewed the Fund Balance, Line Item, Activity and Imprest Reports. He also gave an overview of fund and function codes the district follows, which may help in everyone's understanding of the new reports.

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

- September 20, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy presented his quarterly report. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields .28 percent. The roughly \$6.4 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a weighted average return of .28 percent year to date, while the roughly \$1.8 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of .39 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is \$8.3 million dollars.

School Finance and Funding Presentation

Mr. Cross began his presentation with the three components of how public schools are funded in Illinois. He explained that Illinois ranks last in the country for the share of school funding, which directly impacts property taxes. He further explained the revenues and expenditures for our district and shared some facts regarding Education Fund revenues and expenditures in recent years. He stated that he hoped this helps grow everyone's knowledge of some of the funding issues, and he will continue to address these items more over the remainder of the fiscal year. He also reminded the Board that the tax levy would be presented at the next Board meeting, so at time he will cover the tax levy and extension process.

2017-18 Fall Enrollment Report

Mr. Cross reported the official fall enrollment report of September 30, 2017 is 918 students, including 865 in kindergarten through 8th grade and 53 in preschool. The decrease in preschool numbers from 71 to 53 is due to the reduction of one preschool class since the district continues to receive no outside funding for this purpose. Kindergarten has seen the biggest increase in numbers, going from 84 last year to 101 this year. Mr. Cross feels the district enrollment trend is stable.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- Mrs. Bosnich delivered an in-depth district assessment report. She reviewed the PARCC, MAP, and AIMSweb. She believes that because test results for PARCC were not received in a timely manner, there is really not much information helpful in comparing scores or using the date to inform instruction. The MAP assessment provides information to show if a student has made projected growth. It gives instructional direction as to what would should be teaching students. The AIMSweb assessment progress monitor at risk student to check on the rate of improvement so interventions can be implemented as needed. Mrs. Bosnich answered several questions from the Board, who also commended her for the informational presentation.

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Kindergarten teachers are preparing to enter data for KIDS (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey). It is an observational tool which helps staff identify developmental readiness of for each kindergartner. The tool, which is now required to be used by districts, has been piloted in our district for the past few years.

- Mrs. McDonald commended the fourth grade team for their work on “Pumpkins for a Purpose”. Students decorate pumpkins into their favorite book characters. A coin challenge is used to vote for the favorite pumpkins and the money raised is in turn used for postage for the Hero Boxes mailed to Afghanistan. She also thanked Colleen Schmidt and Country Kids Produce in Peru for donating the pumpkins.

Ms. Madden reported:

- Parkside students now have access to a before school study lab. The computer lab is open from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and allows students access to computers if needed or just to study or read. Ms. Madden reported that a handful of students are using the study lab.
- Teachers across the district are in the process of completing their content and skills summaries for all subjects. There will be approximately 5-10 key learning goals for each subject, and these documents will be used for improved curriculum and standards alignment. When completed, they will be posted on the website for parents to review. Mr. Cross pointed out that this is also one of the goals of the current Board strategic plan.
- Math and Science content specialists will be at Parkside School this coming Monday, October 23. Teachers are eager to receive their input.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- The district will not participate in the IL-EMPOWER pilot at this time. The leadership team feels they need to continue to focus on current tasks within the district.
- Mr. Cross serves on an assessment advisory committee for the Illinois State Board of Education and will be attending a meeting tomorrow in Springfield for continued work for determining the next statewide assessment in Illinois.
- Mr. Cross will send out an email to Board members summarizing the schedule and details for the Joint Annual Conference scheduled for November 16-19.
- District architect Jake Been of Healy Bender & Associates has asked Mr. Cross for Parkside artwork to be displayed in the exhibit hall during the Joint Annual Conference. Mrs. Jenkins will be selecting the artwork.
- The district’s annual Wellness Clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at Parkside and Wednesday, October 25 at Northview.
- There was a brief discussion involving district-wide fundraising. The Board would like Mr. Cross to gather a list of all current fundraising to discuss at a future meeting.

Presentation of the 2016-17 Illinois Report Card on Student Achievement Data, Student and Staff Demographics and School District Finances

Mr. Cross explained that the State Report Card will officially be available on October 31, 2017. He will share that information with the Board at the November 14, 2017 regular meeting.

Final Presentation of Recommended Board Policy Changes

Mr. Cross explained that there were very minor changes to the policies which were presented at the September 20, 2017 Board meeting. He recommends the Board approve the policies as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Recommended Contract Extension for Snow Removal Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the recommended contract extension for snow removal services with Stuart Tree Service. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of a Five Year Service and Maintenance Agreement with BR Bleachers

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve a five year service and maintenance agreement for bleachers, basketball goals and divider curtains in both gymnasiums with BR Bleachers. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:260; 6:80; 6:210; 6:290; 6:330; 7:160; 7:275; 8:70

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt the recommended Board policies as presented for policy numbers: 2:260; 6:80; 6:210; 6:290; 6:330; 7:160; 7:275. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, Renk, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark R. Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary