

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
FEBRUARY 17, 2021, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of February of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in person and via zoom in the choral room at Parkside School by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 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, and President Mark Lamboley. ABSENT: Vice President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Rita Strickler, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Bill Spakowski, Dawn Ladzinski, and Katie Budnick.

MOTION: Moved by Josanne Bruins, seconded by C.G. Pillai, to approve the meeting agenda of February 17, 2021. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence or announcements this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- January 20, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- January 20, 2021 Executive Session 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 Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The Preschool Program recently completed a virtual compliance for the program. Jennifer Znaniecki, Preschool Parent Coordinator, was commended for her hard work preparing for the compliance. The program was in compliance on 101 of 110 items. One area of concern included the need to revamp the breakfast/lunch program specifically for preschool students. All areas

not in compliance are being addressed, and Mrs. McDonald must submit a Quality Improvement Plan to describe how these areas will be handled.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Office staff and administrators have been contacting all full remote families to discuss the possibility of returning to in-person learning once the new full day in-person schedule begins on March 15. Approximately 27 students have stated they will be returning, leaving approximately 15-19 students per grade level continuing with full remote learning. The administration has been planning schedules and working on logistics of continuing to allow 6 feet of social distancing during un-masked times such as lunch.
- Limited spectators are now allowed at athletic events, but the attendance numbers have been small.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- The IASB Starved Rock Division meeting will be held virtually on March 3rd. The topic for this meeting will include Tax Increment Finance districts and the effects on school districts.
- Last month the district had been notified there will be additional ESSER funds awarded in this fiscal year. Recent correspondence from Regional Superintendent Chris Dvorak stated there has been no further communication regarding the additional ESSER grant, but a release is expected on February 22. ISBE will need to complete the federal grant and have it approved before any federal money will be available to districts.
- On February 10 a decision was made to transition to a full day in-person learning option on March 15, rather than switch to the previously discussed AM/PM schedule. Mr. Craven gave an update and allowed for any discussion.
- Due to the resignation of Technology Director, Sean Baron, Mr. Craven has been working with Bill Spakowski from Dyopath, a Lombard based company that provides outsourcing IT services to school districts and other businesses. Mr. Spakowski has provided a quote for services and was invited to attend the meeting to share more information about the company and services they provide.

Dyopath Presentation

Mr. Spakowski shared information about Dyopath, explaining that it is an IT Managed Service with 50% of its revenue from education services. They currently service 45 school districts in Illinois, working with district leadership to integrate technology into the classroom. The proposal presented would provide a Level 1 Resource Engineer on-site full time, with eight hours of Level 2 Engineer services included per month. Mr. Spakowski answered several questions from the board regarding their services.

Final Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 3:40; 4:55; 4:80; 4:90; 5:270; 6:20; 6:340; 7:100; 7:140; 7:300; 7:325

Mr. Craven explained that the majority of the changes in the updated policies reflect updated footnotes and references with no major changes. He recommends the Board approve the changes to the policies as presented.

Presentation of Proposed Bid for Regular Transportation Services

Mr. Craven presented the proposed bid for regular transportation services which will service a consortium of 14 area districts. Johannes Bus Service was the low bidder by 10%. Peru's base bid for fiscal year 2022 regular routes was \$322,335, resulting in a 5.1% increase over our current contract.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Bid for Regular Transportation Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the bid for regular transportation services as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 3:40; 4:55; 4:80; 4:90; 5:270; 6:20; 6:340; 7:100; 7:140; 7:300; 7:325

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the recommended board policies as presented for policy numbers: 3:40; 4:55; 4:80; 4:90; 5:270; 6:20; 6:340; 7:100; 7:140; 7:300; 7:325. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Kampwerth, Pillai, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of a Resolution for Authorizing Issuance of Procurement Cards

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins, to adopt a resolution for authorizing issuance of procurement cards. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to return to Regular Session at 7:35 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Leynaud. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Sean Baron as the Technology Director for Peru Elementary School District effective at the completion of the 2020-21 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Katie Lester as a paraprofessional at Parkside School effective February 8, 2021. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Dana Berg as a 4th Grade Teacher at Northview School effective at the completion of the 2020-21 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Request for Retirement

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the request for retirement of Kim Vezzetti as Special Education Administrative Assistant and Board Secretary effective October 15, 2021. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2020-21 Updated Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2020-21 Updated Extracurricular Assignments. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary