

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
FEBRUARY 19, 2020, 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 the Learning Resource Center at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, February 19, 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, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Austin Taylor, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lamboley.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Brandi Anderson Maier, Sara McDonald, Sarah Wick, Mallori Fahler, Michaela Copeland, and Katie Budnick.

ABSENT: Member Josanne Bruins.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of February 19, 2020. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Bruins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The district received a thank you note from Marseilles Elementary for some cafeteria trays donated to their district.

Member Bruins joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- January 22, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- January 22, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- February 6, 2020 Building and Grounds Committee Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Fourth grade students Madyson Putman and Kevin Guo will proudly represent Northview School at the Starved Rock Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast in Streator on Thursday, February 20, 2020.
- Mrs. McDonald commended the Preschool team for their work in creating a developmentally appropriate form of assessment and reporting of student progress to preschool parents. Teachers are now reporting assessment on an app called SeeSaw. The reporting is aligned to the Illinois Early Learning Development Standards required of the Preschool for All Grant.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Eighth grade students Nora Maier and Ayden Barajas will proudly represent Parkside School at the Starved Rock Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast in Streator on Thursday, February 20, 2020.
- Mrs. Anderson Maier commended seventh grade science teacher Jade Hubinsky for an excellent job in preparing students for the annual science fair. A total of 65 students participated in the event and approximately ten students will move on to regional competition.
- The Building Leadership Team has been meeting monthly to explore options to implement both reading and math interventions to students, as well as implementing social emotional supports that help the social emotional curriculum, Suite 360. Teachers reported that the recent brainstorming activities and discussions with students have proven to be very successful.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reminded Board members of the IASB Starved Rock Division meeting to be held on Thursday, March 12, at LaSalle Elementary. The meeting will feature five minute "ignite" sessions on 21st Century Learning Environments, including our presentation on the Parkside STEM lab.
- Mr. Cross reported that the City of Peru has been billed \$1,547,491.89 which is needed for the 2020 Parkside bond payments. The remainder of the approximately \$2 million dollars collected from the 2019 city sales tax remains with the City of Peru. Mr. Cross touched briefly on the Parkside Debt Service and City payment schedule. He will report on the history of the sales tax collections and how this will look in the remaining years of the agreement with the City of Peru at a later date.
- Mr. Cross would like to replace the 2002 Ford Econoline Van which was purchased in used condition by the district in August of 2012. The van transports special education students and is used as needed by custodians. The van has recently needed some repairs and Mr. Cross recommends being proactive and pursue its replacement with another van. The Board agreed and Mr. Cross will follow up.
- Mr. Cross shared some ideas for preserving and updating the school district's history. This includes updating "The History of Peru Private and Public Schools," a book reporting the history of Peru Schools from 1840 to 1990, and possibly showcasing memorabilia from Washington School.

Update and Discussion Regarding the 2020 Maintenance Grant Application

Mr. Cross and the Building & Grounds committee reported on summer maintenance projects and the submission of the 2020 Maintenance Grant which were discussed at their recent committee meeting.

- The committee discussed priorities for the district's maintenance grant which includes the completion of the Northview security cameras and the replacement of the Northview library interior doors and windows.
- The 10-year life safety survey work at Parkside totals an estimated \$9,500. This includes 90-minute fire rated glass in door glass in the gymnasium and corridor, new duct-mounted carbon monoxide detector for the rooftop units to interlock with the building's fire alarm system, and providing a smoke detector in a storage room.

- The committee agreed the \$9,550 estimated cost of the annual maintenance of the gym floor refinishing was a priority; however, total stripping and painting of the floor would be delayed until it is necessary. They also agreed to delay the removal of the Northview chimney which is estimated to cost \$22,000. Putting the school district parking lot maintenance on alternating years was also discussed and Mr. Cross will make specific recommendations at a later date.
- Mr. Cross reported that there should be future consideration for an Energy Savings Program replacing some light fixtures with LED technology.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; for the discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining; and discussion of student disciplinary case. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 8:45 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to accept the resignation of Reilly Veloria as a Developmental Preschool teacher at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Sarah Breyne as a music teacher at Northview School for the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the employment of Tara Washkowiak as an art teacher at Parkside School for the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Appointment of District Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the appointment of Rita Strickler as the district's Freedom of Information Act Officer. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Updates to Job Descriptions and Evaluation Plans

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

Establishment of Date, Time and Location for Special Board of Education Meeting for the Purpose of Superintendent Candidate Interviews

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to establish Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and Monday, March 30, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Parkside School as the dates, times, and location for candidate interviews for the position of Superintendent. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary