

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
APRIL 28, 2021, 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of April 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 by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lamboley led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Austin Taylor, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Member Rob Ankiewicz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Kim Vezzetti, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Katie Budnick, and Phil Whaley.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of April 28, 2021. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Member Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Member Ankiewicz joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Kampwerth provided an update on the Illinois Association of School Boards quarterly meeting which he recently attended. He reported that the HB 7 school consolidation bill was defeated by a closer vote than anticipated. He believes that organizations like IASB and mass emails sent by School Board members who contacted legislators to advocate against the bill impacted the vote. He also reported that the association is pursuing in-person attendance for the annual Joint Annual Conference in November and will move the deadline for reservations from June to August.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- March 17, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 17, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- March 29, 2021 Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
- April 12, 2021 Building and Grounds Committee Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Mr. Craven presented the quarterly Treasurer's report in the absence of district treasurer, Eric Heagy. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields 0.18 percent. The roughly \$4.3 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a net return of 0.09 percent year to date, while the roughly \$2.1 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of return of 0.36 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$6.4 million at the end of the third quarter of FY21.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School:

- Mrs. McDonald reported that Peru Rotary members distributed dictionaries to third grade students. Rotary and School Board member Simon Kampwerth added that the students were as excited to receive the dictionaries as the members were to distribute them.
- IAR testing was completed last week. Testing for iReady math, ACCESS and AimsWeb will be administered over the next few weeks.
- Fourth grade end of the year awards will be celebrated safely in homerooms with parents being allowed to attend the event.
- Summer reading opportunities will be available the month of June. Students will be recommended by teachers and will be taught in small groups.

Parkside School

- Mrs. Anderson Maier reported that IAR testing is completed and 11 full remote students participated for in-person testing. Parkside will also begin ACCESS testing next week.
- Graduation will be celebrated safely in Howard Fellows Stadium at LaSalle Peru Township High School on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. The rain date for the event is Friday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- There was some brief discussion regarding student retention. The district has purchased some correspondence courses for those students who are at risk for retention which will begin in May on Saturdays.

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Craven reported that Teacher Appreciation week will be celebrated from May 3 - 7. The Board of Education, PTC, Parkside Student Council and the Regional Office of Education will provide various food for district staff throughout the week. Mr. Craven shared his appreciation for all that staff has done this past year with all of the challenges they went through, and how impressive the teachers have been.
- Mr. Craven hopes to be screening applicants for the technology position within the next couple of weeks. The district is using the services of Dyopath for the vetting of candidates.
- The Board will hold a special meeting for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the vacant position formerly held by Mark Lambole. The meeting will be Monday, May 3 beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Mr. Craven briefly shared the City of Peru Sales Tax report. He noted that although the total sales tax was down from the past two years, September had a record month. He reminded the group that a portion of the district's debt service is paid through local sales tax.

Technology Committee Report and 2022 Purchase Recommendations

Mr. Craven and Committee Chair Rob Ankiewicz reported on the recent Technology Committee meeting and the recommendations for purchases for next school year. Recommended purchases include:

300 Chromebooks
77 Smart Interactive Displays
80 iPads/Cases/Apps
12 Sub/Staff Laptops
GoGuardian Suite Upgrade

They are also interested in purchasing a 3D interactive learning program called zSpace. STEM teacher Katie Budnick reported that this program could be incorporated into the existing program. Once they have information on annual fees, they will bring the purchase back to the Board for approval.

Building and Grounds Committee Report and 2021 Maintenance Recommendations

Mr. Craven and Committee Chair Simon Kampwerth discussed summer maintenance projects and recommendations including:

Parking Lot Maintenance
Northview Sidewalk/Gate Project
Northview Roof
Parkside Tree Replacement
Parkside Gym Floor
Part-time Summer Help

ROE 35 Request of Five Percent of ESSER II Funds

Mr. Craven reported that the Regional Office of Education has requested area schools share five percent of ESSER II funds, approximately \$41,000, with the office to increase learning loss programs, summer learning/extended learning opportunities, and mental health services. There was discussion regarding the actual service the ROE provides to our district, mainly with truancy issues. The Board would like Mr. Craven to have further discussions with Regional Superintendent Chris Dvorak and return with that information at a later meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Final 2020-21 School District Calendar

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

Approval of the 2021-22 Technology Purchases

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the 2021-22 technology purchases as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Bids for Northview and Parkside Parking Lot Maintenance

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve bids for the parking lot maintenance at Northview and Parkside Schools as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2021-22 Substitute Pay Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2021-22 substitute pay schedule as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2021-22 Student Registration Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2021-22 student registration fees as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2021-22 Bids for Bakery and Milk Products

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth seconded by Member Pillai, to approve 2021-22 bids for bakery and milk products. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2021-22 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai to approve the 2021-22 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, 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 6:07 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, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. 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 6:13 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to accept the resignation of Michaela Copeland as Life Skills teacher at Parkside School at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to accept the resignation of Amanda Velazquez as second grade teacher at Northview School at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the employment of Briana Reardon as administrative assistant at Northview School effective July 29, 2021. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the employment of Holly Buczkowski, Sharon Strauch, Rebecca Wicinski, and Ashley Heagy as summer 2021 custodians. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary