

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**JULY 18, 2019, 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 in the Conference Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Thursday, July 18, 2019, 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 Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Craig Sterrett, and Courtney Klobucher.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the meeting agenda of July 18, 2019. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Klobucher was introduced and reported she was attending this evening's meeting as part of her graduate coursework.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- June 19, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Mr. Cross presented the Fiscal Year 2020 tentative budget and stated that this is very tentative in nature since it was done before some revenue and expenditure items are known, including evidence-based funding from the state for FY20. He stated that more work remains before the final budget is approved by the Board in September, and what is presented at this time is likely the worst case scenario for expenditures. The tentative budget assumes the use of \$500,000 in Working Cash Funds, leaving an estimated balance of approximately \$1.65 million and \$920,000 in the Education and Working Cash funds respectively. He also noted concern with the Transportation Fund, which has been diminishing reserves in recent years and may require the use of Working Cash Funds to balance in the FY20 budget.

Mr. Cross shared that the District is in Tier 2 of the Evidence Based Funding formula, and actually dropping to Tier 1 in the future would be very helpful to the district's budget shortfalls. He said that the district is not far off from Tier 1 funding, which is for the districts with the greatest need, while Tier 4 districts have the least need due to the greatest local resources. 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 in 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**

### **Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Review**

Mr. Cross gave a review of the final actual revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019. Revenue funds were spot on or a little higher than anticipated. All of the operating expenditure funds were under budget and actual balances ended higher than budgeted with the exception of the Transportation Fund. Overall, he was pleased with how the district ended up for FY19 and stated that the district had a perfectly clean audit earlier in the week. Mr. Cross remains hopeful that the district's financial outlook will improve with the economy and the continued state funding of the evidence-based funding model.

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

Mr. Cross presented the quarterly report in the absence of District Treasurer Eric Heagy. He reported the weighted average rate of return on all deposit accounts yields of 1.56 percent. The roughly \$3 million in brokered accounts with Vezzetti Capital Management have a net return of 2.35 percent year to date, while the roughly \$2.27 million in the cash management accounts with Peru Federal Savings Bank have a rate of return of 0.55 percent. The total investment concentration in both accounts is roughly \$5.2 million dollars at the end of the fourth quarter of FY19.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reviewed the revenues and expenditures in the food service program for the past year. He said the program is currently a break even business, which is ideal because the program should not make money for compliance with regulations, but we also want to avoid allowing it to drain down on the Education Fund. He believes that the program is appropriately staffed and the program is serving students well.
- Mr. Cross provided a document from the Illinois Association of School Board's PRESS service. The document shows specifically what is required for Board adoption when policy updates become available. He reported there will be some policy updates for review on the August regular meeting agenda.
- The Board discussed the upcoming 2019 Joint Annual Conference workshops. Board members were asked to let the district office know within the next couple of weeks which pre-conferences they plan on attending.
- The Board discussed upcoming regular meeting dates and agreed to change the regular August meeting from Wednesday, August 21, to Thursday, August 22, at 6:00 p.m. The September meeting will now be moved back to Wednesday, September 18, at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at Northview School in the gymnasium at which time the FY20 Public Budget Hearing will be held.

### **Update Regarding Summer Maintenance Projects**

Mr. Cross reported that summer maintenance projects are moving along well. Within a week the projector screen will be installed in the gymnasium at Parkside. The rock climbing wall at Northview will be installed with the assistance of Vissering Construction. Vissering will also begin work on the concrete

pavement infill, the installation of the swale for water drainage and the concrete bollards. Both the projector screen and the rock climbing wall are being funded by the Peru Education Foundation.

#### **Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation Report**

Mr. Cross stated that on Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan Implementation will be completed at a future meeting, along with the presentation of the new district dashboard for the Board and community to be able to quickly review district progress and information.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Approval of the Peru Elementary District 124 Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Peru Elementary District 124 Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Establishment of Date, Time and Location for the Fiscal Year 2020 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary District 124**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to establish Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Northview School as the date, time and location for the Fiscal Year 2020 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary District 124. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of 2019-20 Employee Handbook**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the 2019-20 Employee Handbook. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of School District Organizational Chart**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the Peru Elementary School District organizational chart. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of Recommended 2019-20 District Consolidated Plan**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the recommended 2019-20 District Consolidated Plan. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Adoption of Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt the Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for the discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining; and for 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 16, 2019; February 20, 2019; March 20, 2019; April 24, 2019; May 22, 2019. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to return to Regular Session at 7:54 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Dana Dawson as Title I/Reading Recovery teacher at Northview School effective immediately. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the resignation of Debbie Pletsch as second grade teacher at Northview School effective immediately. 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 Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Taylor, to adopt a resolution authorizing approval of the employee Health Insurance Reimbursement Arrangement, Health Savings Account Plan, and Health, Dental and Vision renewal as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Pillai. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Kampwerth. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to January 1, 2018 per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to authorize the destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Sessions held prior to January 1, 2018 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 Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, 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 16, 2019; February 20, 2019; March 20, 2019; April 24, 2019; May 22, 2019. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to adjourn at 7:55 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