

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of September of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the gymnasium at Parkside School by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, September 16, 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, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lamboley.

ABSENT: Member Austin Taylor.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Kim Vezzetti, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Katie Budnick, Dawn Ladzinski, Julie Chasteen, Olivia Boucek, Nicole Chase, Jessica Heiberger, Erika Echeverria, Heather Baker, Tara Washkowiak, Katie Meyer, Jennifer Heagy, Sarah Tomkins, Maribeth Patyk, Dana Berg, Rod Janssen, and Mike Vezzetti.

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of September 16, 2020. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Katie Budnick reported to the Board that the school year is going beautifully. Although it is not as perfect as we are used to, we are settling into the routine.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

New faculty and staff members were in attendance to briefly share their background information with the Board and audience. Those present included new staff at Northview School: Julie Chasteen, Olivia Boucek, Nicole Chase, Jessica Heiberger, Erika Echeverria, and Heather Baker. New Parkside staff included: Tara Washkowiak, Katie Meyer, Jennifer Heagy, and Sarah Tomkins. Mentors present at the meeting included: Katie Budnick, Maribeth Patyk, Dana Berg, and Rod Janssen. President Lamboley and Board members thanked the guests for taking the time to introduce themselves.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Leynaud, and Lamboley. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Superintendent Craven presented the Fiscal Year 2021 budget and stated there are few changes since the tentative budget presentation in July. The Education fund has an overall increase of \$123,000. The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax accounts for \$64,000 of that increase based on the county

tax distribution received. The Operations and Maintenance \$8,000 increase is due to Covid related expenses. Mr. Craven also reported that new to budget reporting this year is the total of the district's Activity Fund. Mr. Craven anticipates a deficit of \$602,323 at the conclusion of the fiscal year which he believes to be healthy should the budget run smoothly.

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:32 p.m. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Bruins, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Pillai. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- August 20, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- August 20, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Fire drills are being conducted this year through a different procedure and there are no Tornado drills required due to safety protocols. The drills will be reviewed in spring should any changes take place.
- Ms. Znaniecki and Mrs. McDonald are gathering information for a virtual Preschool for All compliance audit. This is the third year the program is in place.
- Bus procedures are running well. The largest number of students on a bus at Northview is 27 and 22 at Parkside.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson-Maier reported:

- There will be a second round of curriculum assessment training on Institute Day, October 9. Teachers have been training on the new math curriculum and Edgenuity.
- The baseball and softball seasons are approaching an end with the teams last home games to be played tomorrow.
- There are 52 students signed up for Band and 50 students for Choir this year. Due to low numbers, there will continue to be an open enrollment throughout the year.
- Paraprofessionals are providing academic assistance to students after the school day has ended.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- Mr. Craven reported it was a pleasure to meet the group and attend its first PTC meeting this school year. He was impressed by the great work they have done with fundraising. This year the

school district will be represented in the Celebration of Lights in LaSalle with a 14-foot display of a Raider holding a candy cane.

- The District Consolidated Plan has been completed by Principal McDonald. Mr. Craven praised Mrs. McDonald for all of her hard work preparing the plan for submission.
- The district will see a two percent increase in this year's HVAC maintenance services. Mr. Craven reported he will be watching the costs for services beyond the maintenance agreement closely this year.
- The Illinois Valley Community Hospital Athletic Trainer Agreement is renewed annually at no cost to the district. The hospital continues to be a major part of the Concussion Protocol required by school districts as well.
- Mr. Craven reported that a new survey went out to parents regarding the blended and remote learning plans thus far. A new Transition Committee will begin discussions on plans after the end of the first trimester, November 6.

2020-21 Fall Enrollment Report

Mr. Craven reported that the enrollment numbers are down by 10 students to begin this school year. Preschool was not included in the loss of students, but saw a significant drop likely attributed to Covid 19. He believes the numbers will not change much through the end of October at which time the enrollment will be officially reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in the student information system.

Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policy Changes

Mr. Craven explained that the majority of the changes in the updated policies were minor, with the exception of a new policy regarding Title IX. He recommends the Board approve the changes to the policies as presented.

Presentation of Vezzetti Capital Management Investment Fund Performance Report

Mike Vezzetti of Vezzetti Capital Management reviewed the district's fund performance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The earnings net of fees was in the amount of \$83,634 with a cash return of 1.77 percent for FY20. The beginning balance on July 1, 2019 was \$2,940,985 and contributions were made in the amount of \$5,942,947. Distributions from the fund were in the amount of \$6,010,000 while the average monthly distribution was \$500,833. The ending market value of the account under management on June 30, 2020 was \$2,963,759.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adopt the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2021 budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAY: None. ABSENT: Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2020-21 District Consolidated Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the recommended 2020-21 District Consolidated Plan as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Recommended Proposal for HVAC Maintenance Services

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

Approval of the 2020-21 Illinois Valley Community Hospital Athletic Trainer Agreement

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2020-21 Illinois Valley Community Hospital Athletic Trainer Agreement. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:220; 2:260; 2:265; 4:180; 5:10; 5:100; 5:20; 5:220; 7:10; 7:20; 7:40; 7:180; 7:185; 7:190; 7:340; 7:345

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:11 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, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to return to Regular Session at 7:27 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Recommended Reduction in Hours for Non-Certified Staff

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve a resolution authorizing a recommended reduction in hours for non-certified staff as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Taylor. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mark Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary