

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2019, 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 Northview School, 2100 Plum Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lambole, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Members Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Austin Taylor, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lambole.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Mark Cross, Kim Vezzetti, Rita Strickler, Brandi Anderson Maier, Sara McDonald, Carolyn Bryant, Matt Guenther, Kate Kolczaski, Kay Raineri, Chris Goodman, Jessica Urbanc, Samantha Foster, Gene Foster, Brynn Foster, Bryce Foster, Tanya Knowles, Morgan Knowles, Bailey Knowles, Makenzie Lannen, Ella Lannen, Lisa Donnell, Paizley Donnell, Cole Donnell, Sandy Dziarnowski, Jim Dziarnowski, and Aiden Dziarnowski.

**ABSENT:** Members Rob Ankiewicz and Josanne Bruins.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the meeting agenda of September 18, 2019. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lambole, Pillai, and Taylor. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF**

Mrs. McDonald introduced Northview physical education teachers Carolyn Bryant and Matt Guenther, along with nine students from Northview and Parkside Schools. The students enjoyed demonstrating activities on the newly installed rock climbing wall which was funded by a grant through the Peru Education Foundation. The teachers explained the activities are not only fun for students, but teach coordination, balance, various hand and foot holds, flexibility and motor planning. The teachers are looking forward to incorporating a variety of activities into the PE curriculum and thanked the administration and Foundation for the support and funding for the wall.

Member Bruins joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Member Ankiewicz joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- August 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- August 22, 2019 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer’s Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 DISTRICT BUDGET**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:16 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Cross presented the budget for Fiscal Year 2020. He stated that this budget looks somewhat better than the tentative budget as he was able to narrow down a few expenses in the Education Fund including the final staff changes, insurance selections, and Evidence Based Funding. Mr. Cross said the deficit is down to a little under \$200,000 in the Education Fund when the use of \$450,000 of working cash is included. He also explained that based on the proposed budget, to balance the Transportation Fund will require the use of an additional \$75,000 from the Working Cash Fund. Total FY20 estimated budget revenues are \$12,017,900, estimated expenditures are \$12,698,100, leaving an estimated FY20 budget balance of \$4,534,409.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:33 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Administrative Reports**

**Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Members from Peru police officers, firefighters, ambulance workers and city employees played kickball with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Northview School recently to “Kick off the School Year”. They entered the school grounds with lights and sirens during the students’ lunch and recess time. The emergency providers, students and recess supervisors enjoyed the event.
- The District Open House was held Monday, August 19 and was once again very well received. The event runs for one and a half hours in which time parents have an opportunity to meet their student’s teacher and drop off school supplies. Parent participation for the event was 90 percent.

**Parkside School**

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Monthly Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) have begun at Parkside School. The PLC’s are composed of professional teaching staff who are divided into inter-disciplinary teams by content areas. Each group reflects as a team on learning, assessing, and planning. The teams create a collaborative environment where teachers can share, problem solve, and set goals that will strengthen teaching and learning resulting in improved student learning and outcomes.

- The PBIS Universal Team held a fun-filled assembly where students and staff had an opportunity to play various games. Fun was had by all and the event was an excellent kick-off to begin the school year in a positive manner.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Cross reported:

- Mr. Cross reminded the Board of the upcoming Starved Rock Division meeting which will be held on October 1, at Waltham Grade School in Utica. The program for the evening features State Superintendent Carmen Ayala.
- Mr. Cross invited Board members to participate in the annual Wellness Clinic at either Northview School on October 30<sup>th</sup> or Parkside School on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The PTC is off to a great start with a new fundraiser this year. Students are incentivized to raise donations from family and friends through a business called "Step It Up!". In addition to some prizes at the beginning of the kick-off, students will be rewarded with a "Day of Awesomeness".
- Mr. Cross and the administration team are working on a proactive approach with students and parents for providing important information about kids and vaping. They plan to prepare a public service announcement to inform and educate the community, parents and students on this growing health concern.
- The Regional Office of Education has distributed "bleed kits" from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force. "Stop the Bleed" is a national campaign by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to train and equip bystanders to control severe bleeding before professional responders arrive at an emergency. It is recommended to train five adults and the district is awaiting training information.

### **2019-20 Fall Enrollment Update**

Mr. Cross reported that the enrollment numbers have not changed much since registration. He believes this trend will continue 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. He will share those numbers with the Board at that time.

### **Final Presentation of Recommended Board of Education Policy Changes**

Mr. Cross explained that the majority of the changes in the updated policies which were first presented in August were minor. He recommends the Board approve the changes to the policies as presented.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

#### **Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to appoint Member Bruins as the delegate and Vice President Leynaud as the alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference on Saturday, November 23, 2019. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Approval of Recommended Proposal for HVAC Maintenance Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the recommended HVAC maintenance services proposals from Mechanical Incorporated for Northview and Parkside Schools as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Pillai, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended Proposal for Garbage and Recycling Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended garbage and recycling services from Republic Services for Northview and Parkside Schools as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended Proposal for Replacement of the Parkside Phone System**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the recommended proposal for replacement of the Parkside phone system from Ficek Electric. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Lamboley, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the 2019-20 Illinois Valley Community Hospital Employee Wellness Clinic**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2019-20 Illinois Valley Community Hospital employee Wellness Clinic. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the 2019-20 Illinois Valley Community Hospital Athletic Trainer Agreement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2019-20 Illinois Valley Community Hospital athletic trainer agreement. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 2:110; 2:140; 2:230; 4:20; 5:180; 6:40; 6:340**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to adopt the recommended Board policies as presented for policy numbers 2:110; 2:140; 2:230; 4:20; 5:180;6:40; 6:340. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of 2019-20 Evaluators for Certified and Non-Certified Staff**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2019-20 evaluators for certified and non-certified staff as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Peru Elementary District 124 Paraprofessional, Teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal Job Descriptions and Evaluation Plans**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the Peru Elementary District 124 paraprofessional, teacher, assistant principal and principal job descriptions and evaluation plans as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:26 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