

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
AUGUST 16, 2017, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of August 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, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lambolely, on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Patti Leynaud, C.G. Pillai, Vice President Jim Renk, and President Mark Lambolely.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Mark Cross, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Lori Madden, Sara McDonald, Melissa Bosnich, and Ben Hohenstatt.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the meeting agenda of August 16, 2017. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Pillai, Renk, Lambolely, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Cross explained a couple of changes to the Consent Agenda. Due to the conversion of the new district financial program, some of the financial reports and the Treasurer's report are unavailable at this time. These reports will be provided at the next meeting. Also, the recently revised Board policy 2:125 calls for Board and Employee travel expense reimbursements to be a separate line in the Consent Agenda.

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

- July 19, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- July 19, 2017 Board of Education Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mr. Cross presented the Fiscal Year 2018 tentative budget and reviewed the various funds represented. He shared two different budgets, one with state funding included and one without. He reviewed the

budget summary of all nine funds and a five year history. Estimated revenues for the fiscal year are \$11.2 million and estimated expenditures of \$11.8 million. By transferring \$750,000 from the Working Cash Fund, the Education Fund is balanced in the tentative budget. He explained that some expenses up due to the costs incurred for the new Autism program, although this will be less costly in the long run because of other savings related to keeping the students in the district and costing out the program.

The tentative budget will be displayed for 30 days before a final budget hearing and adoption at the September meeting. With state funding still in limbo, Mr. Cross expects he will have to fine tune the final FY18 budget. He also mentioned that there is a possibility of the need for an additional aide. Adjustments made in the budget between now and the budget hearing and adoption will be reviewed at that time.

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Bosnich reported:

- The newly adopted English Language Arts curriculum series, Journeys has arrived. Mrs. Bosnich has sorted through and delivered the materials to the appropriate team grade levels. She feels the programs offer very good resources for both students and teachers.

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- There are six students in the new Autism Program. Four of them are out of district. The program is comprised of four kindergartners, one second grader, and one fifth grader. Mrs. McDonald said the program team has been working well together already.
- The transportation routes are being double-checked to make sure buses are not overcrowded. Special transportation routes are incorporated into regular routes.
- The Teacher Evaluation committee has been working hard to make sure assessments are good for the Student Growth Model. The administration team feels the committee went above and beyond helping teachers write their assessments.

Ms. Madden reported:

- Ms. Madden reported there will be a new ESL class taught by Abby Heider and Heather Hardin. The multi-grade level class will be taught to those middle school students who have been identified through Access testing and other indicators as ESL. As of now there are seven students who will attend the class during their normal social studies class period. Students will work on reading, writing and listening skills.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Cross reported:

- District registration was held last Tuesday, August 8. As always, the registration process ran smoothly. Kindergarten had the largest number of new students which makes the class size 95.
- Mr. Cross reported on the employee Full-Time Equivalent Employee History and Projection report he shares annually. With the addition of the new Autism Program, the district has added 5 new employees. The speech pathologist in this program will be shared 50% of the time with Tonica. He said there could still be additional needs, but this is where it stands at this time.
- Institute Day is Monday, August 21. The district will provide a luncheon for staff and Board members are welcome to attend. The District Open House will be held that evening.
- Mr. Cross and Ms. Pannier have been working on a new parent notification app and hope to implement it later this fall. This update aligns with the district's Strategic Plan and Goals for parent communication.

Fiscal Year 2017 Report of Contracts Exceeding \$25,000

Mr. Cross explained that this report lists all contracts over \$25,000 and also contracts the Board enters into with local bargaining. The informational report is required to be posted on the website annually.

Fiscal Year 2017 Report of Salary, Compensation and Benefits

Mr. Cross presented and reported on the Salary, Compensation and Benefits report which is also required to be posted on the district's website by October 1 of each year. This information is also reported to the Illinois State Board of Education and the Regional Office of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Peru Elementary District 124 Fiscal Year 2018 Tentative Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2018 Tentative Budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Establishment of Date, Time and Location for the Fiscal Year 2018 Public Budget Hearing for Peru Elementary District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to establish Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the choral room at Parkside School as the date, time and location for the Fiscal Year 2018 budget hearing for Peru Elementary School District 124. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2017-18 Employee Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2017-18 employee handbook. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2017-18 Substitute Pay Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Renk, to approve the 2017-18 substitute pay schedule. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of School District Organizational Chart

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2017-18 school district organizational chart. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2017-18 Athletic Trainer Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2017-18 Athletic Trainer Agreement with Illinois Valley Community Hospital. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Renk, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need to hold Executive Session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Leynaud, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Mark R. Lamboley, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary