

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
OCTOBER 18, 2023, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of October of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Learning Resource Center at Parkside School by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members John Atkins, Josanne Bruins, Alison Goode, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, Vice-President Rob Ankiewicz, and President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Brent Ziegler, Sara McDonald, Heather Baker, Wes Miller, and Eric Heagy. COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Jordan Stalter and Fabiola Mandujano.

MOTION: Moved by Simon Kampwerth, seconded by John Atkins, to approve the meeting agenda of October 18, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Jordan Stalter wished to speak to the Board on behalf of himself and a handful of 6th grade girls' basketball parents. Mr. Stalter spoke of incidents that took place at JFK School in Spring Valley, which hosted a 6th grade girls' basketball tournament and also his current standing for attending Parkside home events for 6th grade girls' basketball games.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- September 20, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- September 20, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- August Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer, Eric Heagy provided a summary of the district's quarterly treasurer's report. Per Vezzetti Capital Management, they cannot provide us with a yield figure on the investments under their management, so that information is not updated at this time.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- October 17th Northview hosted their 3rd annual Family Math Night with around 200 people in attendance. Each grade level in K-4 had fun math games, puzzles, and projects. Students went home with “take home packets” that will allow them to play the games that they’ve learned that evening.
- The Veteran’s Day Program is scheduled for November 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the Northview gym.
- On October 6th during the Teacher Institute Day, Northview teachers were involved in SAEBRs (SEL) training and work time for Standards Based Learning. Our district is using SAEBRs (social, academic, emotional, behavior risk screener) for students in grades K-8. Teachers will use the assessment to identify the strengths and needs of students.
- IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) preliminary test scores for 3rd and 4th grade have been released.
- The PreK for All Expansion program will be monitored again for compliance by ISBE.

Parkside School

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- MAP testing has been completed and results are being assessed to determine math and reading interventions.
- Attendance is at 95.6% days present with students. A new attendance incentive has been enacted to celebrate monthly attendance. Any student who has no more than one absence during a month of school, starting in October, is eligible to be entered into drawings. (Pizza with a friend in the Raider Rec Room, Ala carte tickets etc.)
- Parkside has made gains in their IAR state testing.
- Math is meeting to analyze FastBridge progress monitoring and Expo is working on designing new lesson plans and assessments.
- Parkside teachers will participate with LPHS feeder schools on October 25th to discuss curriculum practices preparing students for the next level of education. We have three staff members who will serve as facilitators.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- October 15-21 is Principal Appreciation week with Friday, October 20th being Principal Appreciation Day. On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of Peru ESD 1241, Mr. Craven would like to thank Principals Brent Ziegler and Sara McDonald, as well as Assistant Principals Heather Baker and Wes Miller for all of their hard work and dedication in making Peru schools a great place for kids.
- October 11th was our Regional Office of Education Health Life Safety inspection.
- We were notified that the St. Louis branch for the Zion Bancorporation is closing. They are currently the paying agent and registrar for our Series 2022A and 2022B bonds. Their email notification to the District stated that this service is being reassigned to a new agent in their Chicago Zion Branch. Upon speaking with John Vezzetti, he recommended that we move this service to BOKF, NA under Matt Biere. Matt used to work for Zion St. Louis but recently moved to BOKF, NA St. Louis. When Matt was with Zion, he was our Paying Agent.
- Mr. Craven recommends that we extend our snow removal contract with Stuart Tree Service and Snow Removal by one year, with the same prices as the last two years.
- The Board will need to select this year’s delegate and alternate for the School Board Convention Delegate Assembly.
- Mr. Craven provided the 2023-2024 Fall Enrollment Report with a PreK-4 total of 589 students, grades 5-8 totaling 360 students with a grand total of 949 students enrolled in our District.

- Mr. Craven provided the Full-Time Equivalent Employee History and Projection for the 2023-2024 school year. The grand total FTE is 130.50 with a 4.90 increase from the previous year.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to appoint Alison Goode as the delegate for the 2023 IASB Delegate Assembly with Rob Ankiewicz as the alternate. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Contract for Snow Removal Services

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the contract for snow removal services between Stuart Tree Service and Snow Removal and Peru Elementary School District 124 commencing at the beginning of the 2023 winter season and concluding on June 30, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of BOKF, NA as Paying Agent & Registrar for Bond Series 2022A & 2022B

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve BOKF, NA as the paying agent and registrar for bond series 2022A and 2022B. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:31 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: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to return to Regular Session at 7:44 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to employ Krista Miller as the part-time District Payroll Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Craven and the Board of Education discussed the current District Strategic Plan. Much of the discussion held was regarding modifying the current plan and goals or start fresh with a new plan and goals. Going forward, the Board finds value in retiring the current strategic plan and wishes to go forward with a whole new plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary