

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**MARCH 15, 2023, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of March 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, March 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Sara McDonald, and Brent Ziegler.

**MOTION:** Moved by Simon Kampwerth, seconded by Rob Ankiewicz, to approve the regular meeting agenda of March 15, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An introduction of the four John Ourth recipients, along with their family were introduced to the Board of Education by Principals Sara McDonald and Brent Ziegler. These four students were selected as they show characteristics of being leaders, good academic students, good role models and overall, just good student peers. Julia Smith, Simon Michaelson, Shayla Turczyn, and Brandon Lamps were recognized at Streator High School on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- February 16, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- February 16, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- March 6, 2023 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 6, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 6, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Goode, Taylor, Leynaud, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Administrative Reports:**

## **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Kindergarten Pre-Registration was held on February 21, 2023. To date, there are 92 students on the kindergarten list. 80 are returning from the PreK program and 11 are new students.
- March Book Madness began Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Opera for the Young was on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. This program is sponsored by the Peru Education Foundation.
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair and Family Reading Night are coming up. The Scholastic Book Fair is being held during the week of March 20, 2023 and Family Reading Night is on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.
- The Phonics Committee has decided on one specific program that they are wanting to implement at grades K-3. Going forward, working with the sales team and Mr. Craven will be needed to determine the cost of new resources to compliment teaching phonics standards at those grade levels.

## **Parkside School**

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- Parkside staff continue to work with all students to provide options and support for students and families.
- The Raider Academic Achievement was recognized. Donuts and certificates were issued to high honor roll, honor roll and teacher recommended students showing growth and effort. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball team heading to state all received an academic achievement award and ate their treats together.
- MAP tests have been completed and the fall/winter benchmarks are being assessed and utilized for reading and math interventions.
- Track season begins on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The Parkside Musical is practicing and preparing for their Willy Wonka production to be held on March 24-25<sup>th</sup> at Parkside.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Craven reported:

- Jacob Been is scheduled to come to walk the facilities and update the District 5 Year Facilities Plan on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
- We were notified two weeks ago by SHIELD that some of their testing labs were closing due to the reduced numbers of testing across the state. Our test results will now be processed at the University of Chicago location. We are being advised that results may not be available for up to 48 hours. A two-day delay somewhat defeats the purpose of testing knowing that we could have a positive individual in our building for two days or longer. It will be recommended that SHIELD testing be suspended at Spring break.
- As part of our ISBE Nutrition audit, it was noted that it was time for the district to review and reapprove our Wellness Plan. On March 9, 2023 a district committee met to review and update our plan in accordance to Board Policy 6:50. Each building will complete a triennial assessment to ensure that building activities align with district goals as outlined in the plan.
- There has been much discussion with changing our current financial software. We currently use Common Goal SchoolInsight as our student information system and parent communication system. The Common Goal system has features that would allow us to better streamline the current job duties in the District Office along with improving our efficiency when onboarding new employees. The financial software will be more user friendly as compared to our current system. The quote provide is \$1,100.00 less than what we are currently paying with SDS.

### **Establish Budget Amendment Public Hearing Date, Time and Location**

The Peru Elementary School District 124 will have to amend the 2022-2023 Budget to reflect revenue and expenditures related to Federal ESSER III and overall budgetary changes. An overview of the budget amendments will be provided at the May 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting. The amended budget will then be placed on Public Display at the District Office for the required 30 days. A Budget Hearing will be held on June 21, 2023, prior to the Regular Board of Education Meeting with a recommendation to adopt as presented on the Regular Board of Education June 21, 2023, Agenda.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Approval of 2023-24 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2023-24 Hillman Pediatric Contract as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Leynaud and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Approval of 2023-24 Contracts for the Provision of Food Services for L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2023-24 food service contracts as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Taylor, Leynaud, Good and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Approval of Common Goal System SchoolInsight Financial License**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2023-24 Common Goal Financial License as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Approval of the 2023 Mowing and Trimming Contract**

**MOTION:** Moved by member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to approve the 2023 mowing and trimming contract for services provided by Turtamers as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Taylor and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Approval of Budget Amendment Public Hearing Date, Time and Location**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended budget amendment public hearing date of May 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at Parkside School. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Approval of the Recommendation to Suspend SHIELD Testing After Spring Break**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the recommendation to suspend SHIELD testing on March 30, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Taylor, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

#### **Approval of Updated Peru Elementary School District 124 Local Wellness Policy**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the updated Peru ESD 124 Local Wellness Policy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Goode, Leynaud, Taylor, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:39 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: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

## **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 7:35 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

## **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Approval of Employment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommendation to employ Christian Parry as the Parkside Middle School Physical Education Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. ROLL CALL VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to approve the multi-year performance-based agreement for Brent Ziegler, Principal at Parkside School for a period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2026. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the multi-year performance-based agreement for Kim Evans, Director of Student Support Services for Peru Elementary School District 124 for a period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2026. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Taylor, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the multi-year performance-based agreement for Heather Baker, Assistant Principal at Northview Elementary for a period commencing July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2026. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Goode, Taylor, Leynaud, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of Resignation**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the resignation request from Janessa Larsen as a paraprofessional at Northview Elementary at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school term. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the resignation request from Monica Joerger as a paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school term. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

### **Approval of Request for Retirement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the request for retirement and contractual details as agreed upon, of Sara McDonald as Principal at Northview Elementary at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Goode, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Re-Employment of Recommended of Non-Tenured Faculty for the 2023-24 School Year**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the re-employment of the recommended non-tenured faculty for the 2023-24 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Proposed 2023-24 Non-Union Employee Salaries**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the proposed 2023-24 non-union employee salaries as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Patti Leynaud, Board President

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Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary