

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
APRIL 19, 2023, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of April 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, April 19, 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 Josanne Bruins, Alison Goode, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, Vice-President Rob Ankiewicz and President Patti Leynaud. ABSENT: Member John Atkins.

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

MOTION: Moved by Rob Ankiewicz, seconded by Simon Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of April 19, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Leynaud and Member Kampwerth provided the Board with an update on the COSSBA Inaugural Conference held in Tampa, Florida on March 31- April 2, 2023 in which they both attended. Keynote speakers were highlighted by President Leynaud. Member Kampwerth said it was a very successful conference with about 1,400 attendees. To date, there are 23 states that have secured a membership with COSSBA and on July 1, 2023 Wisconsin will join. The next Inaugural Conference is scheduled for February 2024 in Dallas, Texas. *IASB is a founding member of COSSBA (Consortium of State School Boards Associations), a national alliance dedicated to sharing resources and information to support, promote, and strengthen state school board associations. Through its membership, IASB is able to provide local districts access to COSSBA training opportunities, resources and services.*

Before moving on to the Consent Agenda, member Josanne Bruins wanted to address the Board Members as to why she will vote no to the consent agenda stating that tax-payer dollars funded the board member's attendance to the Joint Annual Conference in November 2022 and should a board member choose to attend another conference, it should not be on the tax-payers dollars. President Leynaud thanked member Bruins for her insight and concerns and stated that the district funded the conference fee and lodging fee for her attendance at the COSSBA Conference.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- March 15, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 15, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud, Taylor, and Ankiewicz.. NAYS: Bruins.
The motion carried 5-1.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report:

Eric Heagy Reported:

The district funds look good overall. The only fund that is lower than where it started is the O&M fund which is down about \$150,000.00. The Vezzetti Capital Management Funds are set to lock in this year for a little longer to see lower rates.

Discussion was held about the projected corporate personal dollars and that the next fiscal year's budget will be getting back to a structured deficit now that all the ESSER money has been expended. Working cash bonds were sold at the right time and growing fund balances.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- April 12th was the PBIS Culver's Night in Peru. A profit of \$560.00 will go to support the PBIS incentives that are provided to the students throughout the year.
- On April 25th the 4th Grade students will perform their Recorder Concert at 5:30 p.m.
- On April 28th all incoming kindergarten parents are invited to come to the school from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. to meet with the kindergarten team.
- The ROE will celebrate and honor teachers/staff at the Excellence in Education Award Program. Ronda Iossi, Kindergarten teacher, Jennifer Znaniecki, PreK teacher and parent coordinator and Chris Goodman, retiree will be honored on May 4th.

Parkside School

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- The academic goal upon returning from Spring Break is to continue to motivate students to finish strong. April and May are filled with activities and field trips. IAR was administered prior to break and make-ups are being conducted this week.
- PLC teams continue to analyze and discuss student strength and weaknesses based on standard based performance and local assessments. The 2023-24 school year data will begin to drive into the IAR scores to develop goals and lists for next year.
- Articulation meetings are occurring between Northview and Parkside in the areas of 4th/5th Math/ELA and in the EXPO areas.
- Congratulations to Rhonda Giachetto, teacher and Melissa Bosnich, retiree who were nominated for the Excellence in Education Awards through the ROE. They will be honored on May 4th.
- The Parkside Musical, Willy Wonka was held on May 24th and 25th.
- The 8th grade class toured the Area Career Center at Lp High School on April 17th.
- Track is off to a fast start.
- Parkside Scholastic Bowl will be hosting the regionals on April 26th, as no one expressed interest and the regional was going to be canceled.
- Band-O-Rama will be held at Spring Valley JFK on April 28th and 29th.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is scheduled for the week of May 8th, where the district will provide lunch one day.
- There was a recent request to add a Memorial Award and Scholarship at 8th grade graduation. A review of current awards, the graduation ceremony, and this request, along with much discussion with how to properly recognize former students and parents from the class was held.
- A review of Issue 111 March 2023 PRESS Memo Updated Policies: 2:110; 3:40; 4:60; 5:30; 5:90; 5:125; 5:150; 5:170; 5:260; 6:135; 6:230 and 8:20. Mr. Craven explained that the majority of the changes in the updated policies reflect updated footnotes and references with no major changes.
- District architect Jacob Been and the Building and Grounds committee toured and inspected facilities on March 22nd. General maintenance projects that were identified are the following:
 - Northview-
 - crack fill the parking lots
 - perform annual roof maintenance
 - perform limited side grading and re-seeding.
 - perform limited vinyl siding repairs at lower portions of the garage.
 - repair and repaint service door at the garage.
 - perform general interior and exterior painting and touch-up.
 - Parkside-
 - crack fill the parking lots
 - smooth and rough face exterior masonry
 - perform limited side grading and re-seeding
 - repair missing trim pieces at exterior metal fascia's
 - repair soffit trim at north elevation door portals
 - repair cracked or damaged cement board panels at garage
 - repair and repaint service door at the garage
 - perform general interior and exterior painting and touch-up (gymnasium)

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2023-24 Student Registration Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2023-24 student registration fees as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2023-24 Bids for Bakery and Milk Products

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2023-24 bids for bakery and milk products from Alpha Bakery and Prairie Farms as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Taylor, Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2023-24 IESA Membership and Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2023-24 IESA membership and fees as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud Bruins, Ankiewicz and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Final 2022-23 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the final 2022-23 school district calendar. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Goode, Leynaud Bruins, Ankiewicz and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 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: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Taylor and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 7:46 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins, to re-employ first year teachers, Alyssa Stuart and Hailey Bickett for the 2023-24 school term and Michayla Fassino for the 2023-24 school term earning her portable tenure. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to approve the recommendation to employ Chloe Cinotto as a 3rd grade teacher at Northview Elementary for the 2023-24 school term. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Taylor, Goode and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommendation that Wes Miller retain the Athletic Director Position for the 2023-24 school term. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Kampwerth and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2023-24 Updated Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2023-24 Updated Extracurricular Assignments with the recommendation that Sarah Breyne obtain the Northview webmaster position for the 2023-24 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Pam Beck as the Math Interventionist Coordinator at Northview at the completion of the 2022-23 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation of Yvette Pinter as a Kitchen Aide at Parkside School effective March 31, 2023. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Julie Plut as a Health Aide for Peru Elementary School District 124 effective April 21, 2023. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary