

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of January 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, January 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: Vice President, Rob Ankiewicz, Members, John Atkins, Josanne Bruins, Alison Goode, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor and President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Eric Heagy and Sara McDonald.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Leynaud provided a brief update and reminder of the Peru Education Foundation's Trivia Night Fundraiser, which is being held on March 18, 2023, at Senica's Oak Ridge.

Board Member Kampwerth provided a brief update on the COSSBA Inaugural Conference being held in Tampa, FL in March.

Board of Education Members requested that the Regular February Board Meeting be moved one day, from Wednesday, February 15th to Thursday, February 16th due to scheduling conflicts amongst the group.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 20, 2022, Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- December 20, 2022, Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- January 25, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements
- Board Travel Request

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer Eric Heagy presented the District's quarterly treasurer's report by providing cash management updates.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. McDonald Reported:

- Northview is well into their Winter Assessments. IReady Diagnostic Math Assessments were administered last week, Aimsweb Plus tests are administered to K-4 this week, MAP will be administered the week of January 31st for grades 1-4, and finally, the week of February 6th, ACCESS testing for the English language learners will be administered.
- Cinnamon Bosnich, 3rd grade teacher was nominated by a past student for the QHit Teacher of the Year Award.
- The PTC approved an assembly for Parkside and Northview. The ProKids show will be coming to the schools on Monday, February 6th.
- Preschool enrollment updates were provided, with a total of 131 students. Preschool screenings were held at Northview on January 9th with a total of 18 children screened.
- To date, there have not been any updates on the PreK Construction Grant.
- The PreK for All and PreK Expansion Grant will continue for the next 2 years without having to write the competitive grant.

Mr. Ziegler Reported:

- Academic updates were provided mid trimester progress reports going out next week. Aimsweb testing began on January 17th and MAP testing will be on January 30th.
- PLC meetings continue to address areas of student achievement, through a series of identified goals.
- Parkside teachers participated in a Youth Mental Health First Aid training on the January 4th Teacher Institute Day. This training certified our staff in procedures of first aid, stressing many areas of recognition to provide paths of appropriate responses. They were trained to identify and respond to crises, not to diagnose.
- Recognition was given to the Peru Elementary Staff referencing the variety of academic and family-based activities provided.

Mr. Craven Reported:

- The next IASB meeting will be February 2, 2023, at Streator High School. Registrations are due by January 30th.
- The December 7th Peru Education Foundation meeting was held and they began the discussion of the March 18th Trivia Night Fundraiser. Kate Kolczaski and Colleen Schmidt have begun organizing the gift baskets for the silent auction.
- A MENTA Group update was provide to the Board. LEASE Director Kathy Fox and Mr. Craven have begun discussions with the Menta Group, a private therapeutic day provider, about opening a facility in our region.
- Review of Board Policies and the 110 October 2022 PRESS updates were presented at the December Board of Education meeting and have no substantial material or changes. They are recommended for approval.
- The 2022 Annual Disclosure Report was presented.
- The Resolution to abate certain taxes levied was presented.
- The certified staff seniority list was presented.

Reapproval of March 2017, May/June, October/November 2018 & February/Marach 2019 Board of Education Policies: 2:40; 2:60; 2:80; 2:170; 4:20; 4:45; 4:50; 4:100; 5:170; 5:230; 5:285; 5:300; 5:320; 6:10; 6:30; 6:182; 6:190; 6:230; 8:895

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the above-Board Policies as presented. ROLL CALL VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Bruins and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Issue 110 October 2022 PRESS Updated Policies

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the Issue 110 October 20022 PRESS updates. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Goode, Leyaud, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2022 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 20015, 2015A, 2016, 2019, 2022A and 2022B Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2022 Annual Disclosure Report as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of the Resolution Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied for the Payment of the Principal and of Interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) Series 2015A, and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the adoption of the resolution providing for the abatement of certain taxes levied. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Goode, Taylor, Bruins and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Certified Staff Seniority List

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to approve the fiscal year 2022-2023 certified staff seniority list as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Leynaud, Goode, Taylor and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice-President Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:33 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; and for consideration of the appointment of a member to fill a board vacancy. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 6:37 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Taylor and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Review and Consideration of Release of Executive Session Minutes of Meetings Held on the Following Dates, with Exceptions as Noted in Minutes in Which the Need for Confidentiality Remains: July 20, 2022; August 17, 2022; September 22, 2022; October 5, 2022; November 7, 2022; November 15, 2022; December 5, 2022; December 20, 2022

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Release of Executive Session Minutes as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Authorization and Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Session Minutes Held Prior to July 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meeting Act, 5 ILS 120

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the authorization and destruction of verbatim audio records. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode to approve the recommendation to employ Tina Buffo as a part-time Preschool paraprofessional at Northview for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary

