

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MARCH 16, 2022, 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 Vice President C.G. Pillai, on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Pillai led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor and Vice President C.G. Pillai.

LATE ENTRY: Member John Atkins at 6:07 p.m., Member Rob Ankiewicz at 7:10 p.m.

NOT PRESENT: President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Sara McDonald and Jacob Been.

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of March 16, 2022. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Taylor and Pillai.

NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the following items in the Consent Agenda:

- February 16, 2022 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- February 16, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
- March 2, 2022 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 2, 2022 Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 3, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 3, 2022 Finance Committee Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Taylor, Pillai and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Domestic Boiler Replacement Options- Jacob Been

Jacob Been with Healy Bender Patton & Been Architects presented the Board of Education with a detailed paper packet that consisted of a review summary from the February 24, 2022 site visit. Visiting personnel included Jacob Been and Ed Kiger, Millies Engineering Group. Based on the site visit, the existing 300gal Sellers condensing domestic water heater was observed to be actively leaking and in

need of repair or replacement. The equipment is 12.5 years old and has been repaired multiple times, including in early 2021. Due to age and ongoing problems with this unit, it is recommended to replace the boiler. The recommended next steps following the site visit entail the following: The District should resolve the water temperature issue as soon as possible, the District will obtain a water sample analysis to determine water hardness, alkalinity, mineral content, etc. This information will be used to consider a need for a water softening/treatment system. Time is of the essence due to the unreliability of the current system. Replacement options for a new domestic water heater system were presented to the Board. The options are as follows: **Option 1-** Provide a central tank type water heater system OR provide two tank type water heater systems; one system to serve the kitchen and a separate to serve the remainder of the school facility. **Option 2-** Provide a tankless type water heater system to serve the entire facility OR provide two tank less water heater systems; one system to serve the kitchen and a separate system to serve the remainder of the school facility. Water quality is also a concern. Hardness was classified as approximately 120-140mg/l which falls into the moderately hard to hard range. Scope and estimated costs were presented based on the following: The four (4) existing showers in the two locker rooms will be include from plumbing calculations; showers will be disconnected and capped from the existing domestic piping system, not included: removing the existing master tempered water mixing valve in the boiler room and providing point of use tempered water mixing valves at each lavatory, wash fountain and sink, not included: any future capacity for future additions, estimates include approximately 10% contingencies and tank type unites run approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 each, tankless type runs approximately \$5,000 plus demolition/removal and installation labor, plus modifications to existing plumbing as needed. After much discussion with the options presented, Mr. Craven had asked which proposal should we have Jacob Been put out for a competitive bid. The consensus from the Board Members is to proceed with a central tankless type water heater system to serve the entire facility. Member Kampwerth stressed the importance of having to treat the water and add a water softener system. A water softener system estimated budget range is \$30,000 to \$35,000 plus ongoing maintenance. Jacob Been stated that he does not see the need to roll the water softener system project in with the boiler bid. It can be its own separate project and can be contracted out with a company such as Culligan.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Kindergarten Pre-Registration was held February 22, 2022. So far there are 79 students on the Kindergarten list.
- Northview is participating in March Book Madness which began on March 7th. There are 16 books that are put into brackets. Teachers read a book a day and then after they read two books, the students choose their favorite book of the two. It gets down to the elite eight and then the final four, before the winning book is chosen. They get the kids excited with a kick-off assembly and then end the “madness” assembly to announce the winning book.
- In person parent events are planned for March and April. March 31st Northview will host their first Family Reading Night since 2019! PTC is hosting a Family Bingo Night on April 1st at Parkside School. Spring Music Concerts for Grades 1 and 2 will be on April 5th the evening. And finally, there will be a PreK Parent Event (Petting Zoo outside) on April 8th during the school day.
- One 4th grade student was recognized at the 15th Annual Starved Rock Illinois Principal’s Association Student Recognition Breakfast on February 23rd. Rudy Dinges was chosen by the 4th grade team as the top student who deserved recognition because he is a good citizen, treats others with respect, performs well in the classroom and leads by example. Rudy, his parents and Mrs. McDonald traveled to Streator High School to celebrate his success.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier's report included the following:

- Parkside Middle School is continuing to send out weekly messages to parents or students with either a D or F in any course. Any student on the AAR List at this point of the school year has a parent meeting scheduled throughout the month of March. Additionally, any student that just fell short of the list will have a detailed grade report sent home and have an individual meeting with Mrs. Bosnich and Mrs. Anderson-Maier.
- The 2021-22 John Ourth Student Recognition Award recipient for Parkside is Ever McCormick. Ever is an excellent student and very deserving of this award. This recognition award is awarded to students who possess a good work ethic, high social and civil responsibility, above average academic achievement, a positive attitude and is an overall strong ambassador of Parkside Middle School.
- Volleyball season officially ended last week. Both 7th and 8th grade finished strong with a second place in the Regional Championships.
- Parkside will be taking the IAR test on March 22 through March 24.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- An over view of the 2022 Summer Projects was delivered to the Board which include the following: Crack fill and repaint parking lots, The Northview Gate, Installation of the SMARTboards, The Northview Roof, Parkside Gym Floor, Parkside Boiler and the Northview PTC Climbing wall.
- On March 10th the entire teacher evaluation committee met to review the subcommittee recommendations. All changes were approved by the committee and we will now update the evaluation tool. These changes will be shared with the Board, likely the April Board Meeting. This was a great collaborative effort in cleaning up the evaluation tool that is over ten (10) years old.
- On March 9th we hosted a vaccination clinic partnering with IDPH and Med-Call Healthcare. It was open to the public and publicized through our social media and Blackboard Connect calling/texting system. We had just under 30 people attend and receive their round 1 vaccination. Thank you to Kim Lamps and Chris Lambole for coordinating this event with IDPH and Med-Call.
- The Peru Elementary School District will have to amend the 2021-22 Budget to reflect expenditures relating to Federal Esser II & Esser III revenues and expenditures. An over view of the budget amendments will be provided at the April 27, 2022 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 15, 2022 prior to the Regular Board of Education Meeting with a recommendation to adopt as presented on the Regular Board of Education June 15, 2022 Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2022-23 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services as presented by Hillman Pediatric. ROLL CALL VOTING
AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Ankiewicz and Atkins. **NAY:** 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2022-23 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 Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the contracts for the provision of food services as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins Bruins, Taylor, Pillai and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Substitute Teacher Wages

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the Substitute Teacher wages as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, Ankiewicz, Atkins and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the School Maintenance Project Grant, Northview Cafeteria Roof Bid and Chimney Removal from Sterling Commercial Roofing, Inc.

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz to approve the School Maintenance Project Grant, Northview Cafeteria Roof Bid and Chimney Removal as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Pillai, Taylor, Kampwerth and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Parkside Gym Floor Resurface Quote from Veterans Floors Inc.

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth to approve the Parkside Gym Floor Resurface quote as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Ankiewicz and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Apple Inc. Education Three Year Lease Agreement

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Apple Inc. Education Three Year Lease Agreement as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Pillai and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:33 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. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Pillai, Taylor and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to return to Regular Session at 8:50 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignation

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation requests from Brittany Godsey, School Psychologist and Katherine Sramek, Life Skills Paraprofessional at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the recommendation to employ Allyssa Stuart as the Parkside Elementary Special Education Life Skills Teacher, effective March 16, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year. AYE 6, NAY, 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Request for Retirement

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the request for retirement from Julie Miller Peru Elementary School District Social Worker, at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY, 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of FMLA Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz to approve the request for FMLA from Ann Baumgarten, 4th grade teacher, effectively immediately for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. AYE 6, NAY, 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Re-Employment of Recommended Non-Tenured Faculty for the 2022-23 School Term

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the recommended non-tenured faculty for the 2022-23 school term as presented. AYE 6, NAY, 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2022-23 Non-Union Employee Salaries

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the proposed 2022-23 non-union salaries as discussed in the Finance Committee on March 3rd and as presented to the Board. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai and Ankiewicz. NAY: 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 7:54p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary