

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of September of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the gymnasium at Parkside School by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, John Atkins, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, Vice President C.G. Pillai, and President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Rita Strickler, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Dawn Ladzinski, Alexia Donovan, Beth Rich, Carol Happ, Pam Beck, Katy Faber, Kathy Sramek, Micky Fassino, Jaclyn Eng, Tony Carlson, Lindsay Ferrari, Beth Haskell, Cindy Vaske, Mollie Benner, Kathy Kasap, Jennifer Shonk, and John Vezzetti.

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of September 22, 2021. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements this evening.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

New faculty and staff members were in attendance, and the administrators briefly shared their background information and introduced them to the Board and audience. Those present included new staff at Northview School: Pam Beck, Beth Haskell, Mollie Benner, Kathy Kasap, and Jennifer Shonk. New Parkside staff included: Alexia Donovan, Micky Fassino, Katy Faber, Kathy Sramek, and Jaclyn Eng. The new district IT Director, Tony Carlson, was also introduced. Mentors present at the meeting included: Carol Happ, Lindsay Ferrari, Cindy Vaske, Beth Rich, and Dawn Ladzinski. President Leynaud and Board members thanked the guests for taking the time to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to enter the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:20 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Superintendent Craven presented the Fiscal Year 2022 budget and stated there are no changes since the tentative budget presentation in July. Due to the ESSER III Grant not being completed, the budget will need to be amended most likely in January to account for the grant expenditures. Mr. Craven anticipates an excess of \$430,225 at the conclusion of the fiscal year which he believes may change once the ESSER monies are utilized.

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to exit the Public Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022 district budget for Peru Elementary School District 124 at 6:31 p.m. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Bruins, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- August 18, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- August 18, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- August 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- August 23, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- August 26, 2021 Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- September 1, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

IASB Informational Report

Member Kampwerth shared information regarding the recent Board of Directors meeting in Chicago. He participated in the Trust Edge training offered by ISBE. He mentioned there are several important resolutions which should be discussed at the October meeting for the chosen delegate to be aware of the Board's vote preference. He also shared that he was interviewed and is expected to be nominated as President at the upcoming IASB election.

IASB Board Workshop Review

Superintendent Craven reviewed the documents from the IASB Workshop on August 23, and everyone was in agreement to accept the documents as presented.

Working Cash Bond Presentation

John Vezzetti presented information regarding the possibility of issuing an additional working cash bond while interest rates are low varying from \$1 million to \$2 million. The board will continue to discuss this possibility in the coming months.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The school year is off to a great start, and it is great to have all the students back in-person.
- There have been ongoing problems with the bus transportation. The AM routes are improving, but the PM routes continue to run very late. She commended the paraprofessionals and teachers for helping out where needed for supervision and added dismissal congestion.
- Math Intervention is going well with 16-20 students per grade level participating in grades 1-4. Kindergarten intervention will begin in October.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Project Success will begin in October for students who need extra assistance, and Academic Lunch and Extended Fridays are also utilized for students struggling to complete work when they are absent due to quarantine or illness.
- Math Intervention is going well with the help of a new aide, servicing 10-12 students per grade level.
- SHIELD testing went well the first week. She commended the nurses for their diligence and hard work in helping to make this new program run smoothly.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- The Full-Time Employee Equivalent History shows an increase of 5.25, which is mainly due to the additional paraprofessionals hired for math intervention and life skills.
- A Board Meeting Program Schedule was created to have an overview of what is scheduled throughout the year. This will be discussed further at the Strategic Planning special meeting on September 27.
- The District Consolidated Plan has been completed by Principal McDonald. Mr. Craven thanked Mrs. McDonald for all of her hard work preparing the plan for submission.
- The Illinois Valley Community Hospital Athletic Trainer Agreement is renewed annually at no cost to the district. The hospital continues to be a major part of the Concussion Protocol required by school districts as well.

2020-21 Fall Enrollment Report

Mr. Craven reported the PreK-8 enrollment numbers are up by 28 students to begin this school year, mostly due to our increase in PreK students, which was down last year due to Covid. He believes the numbers will not change much through the end of October at which time the enrollment will be officially reported to the Illinois State Board of Education in the student information system.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to adopt the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2022 budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended 2021-22 District Consolidated Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommended 2021-22 District Consolidated Plan as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of School Maintenance Grant Project

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the school maintenance grant project as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAY: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Proposal for HVAC Maintenance Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommended proposal for HVAC maintenance services as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2021-22 St. Margaret’s Health - Peru Athletic Trainer Agreement

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the 2021-22 St. Margaret’s Health – Peru Athletic Trainer Agreement. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Establishment of Date, Time and Location for Special Board Meeting for the Purpose of Strategic Planning and Establishing District Goals

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to establish September 27, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parkside School Learning Resource Center for the special board meeting for the purpose of strategic planning and establishing district goals. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to return to Regular Session at 7:59 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the resignation of Becky Delaney as food service employee at Parkside School. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation of Wendy Mau as paraprofessional at Northview School. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Rita Strickler, Board Secretary