

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
FEBRUARY 16, 2022, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of February 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, February 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members John Atkins, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, Vice President C.G. Pillai and President Patti Leynaud. LATE ENTRY at 6:55p.m: Member Rob Ankiewicz.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson-Maier, Walt Zukowski, Peru Educator Association Members, the Northview and Parkside Math Intervention Teams and members of the community.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of February 16, 2022. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Atkins, Kampwerth, Leynaud and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Peru Elementary School Board welcomed comments from members of the community who spoke in regards to the Possible Modifications of the 2021-2022 Peru Elementary Reopening Plan as it relates to Gubernatorial Mandates.

Board Member Kampwerth spoke on behalf of the Illinois Association of School Boards, stating that in-person meetings are being scheduled going forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- January 19, 2022 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- January 19, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud Atkins and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Math Intervention Presentation

A Power-Point Presentation was given by the Northview and Parkside Math Intervention Teams demonstrating the current status of their Math Intervention Program. This is the first year for this

program. The Northview Team noted that they use flexible groups, manipulatives and have more student participation with smaller groups. It is noted that the groups are working on pacing to help meet the curriculum guides and needs of the learners. The goal for Northview is to have 44% at or above grade level. The Parkside Team touched base on their student growth. There is more student-centered learning which leads to more confidence in the lower level students. They too, are working on pacing, along with working on Tier 1 classrooms and utilizing curriculum guides to help the needs of their learners. The Parkside goal is to have 40% at or above grade level by Spring. Currently, they are at 32% at or above grade level.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported: The Bright Futures PreK team made it through their in-person Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Visit. This visit was originally scheduled for 2020 but postponed due to COVID. The ISBE reviewer came to the school three times in December and visited all three classrooms. Classroom visits last three hours and are scored on a scale of 1-7. (1 being inadequate, 3 is minimal, 5 is good and 7 is excellent). There are 35 areas in which the reviewer scored the classrooms. The 35 areas are then sub categorized into 5 main areas of:

- Space & Furnishings- 3.43
- Language & Literacy- 4.40
- Learning Activities- 4.50
- Interaction- 5.80
- Program Structure- 4.33

Each classroom gets their own rating and then the program gets a combined rating. The combined rating or average was a 4.24. It is noted that this is the programs first time being rated like this and there is not anything to compare it with. The teachers then met with Mrs. McDonald to go over the reports and made note on all of the good things written about the program along with areas of improvement that need to be focused on. Mrs. McDonald noted that she now has to submit a Continuous Quality Improvement Plan to ISBE. In this plan, there are 5 big areas which were chosen to focus on over the next 2 years which include, space for gross motor, special education services, understanding written numbers, math in daily events and blocks.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- The 8th grade Volleyball Regionals start on March 5, 2022.
- The Scholastic Bowl and School Musical have recently both started practice. Scholastic Bowl has recruited 19 students and the dates for the School Musical will be March 25-26, 2022.
- An update with the academically at-risk students was presented to the Board. Parkside Middle School is continuing to send out weekly messages to parents of students with either a D or F in any course.
- Parkside Middle School has continued to meet monthly per content area PLC. Teachers have been focusing on developing their curriculum guides. The future goal is utilizing the IAR and MAP data to determine which standards should be prioritized.
- Coach Kasik celebrated her 400th win at Parkside.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- The boiler update was given to the Board. On Friday, February 18, 2022 Jacob Been and Ed Kiger from Millies Engineering are scheduled to be onsite to review possible replacement options including a water treatment system. All possible options need to be considered given the issues that the District has had with this unit. At this time the system is working, although it continues to leak.
- The process of collecting bids from various contractors to strip, sand and repaint the gym floor at Parkside School has started. On March 2nd at the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, the bids will be reviewed. At the regular March Board of Education Meeting, an award recommendation will be made to the full Board.
- The Northview Roofing Project Manual was reviewed with Jacob Been. The notice to bidders has gone out. The bid opening for this project is on February 24, 2022 at 10:00am. After the bid opening, a full review of the bids will be shared with the Board including an award recommendation.
- The District was recently notified that we qualify for a ComEd Large Energy Efficiency Project incentive. Jack Tipton and Jim Dziarnowski toured our facilities with a representative from Twin Supplies, Ltd. who represents ComEd. They share a proposal to upgrade lighting in some of our larger spaces at each building as well as the Parkside Parking lot. The incentive is a 20% incentive for standard projects plus the energy savings that the District will recoup going forward. We are having the City of Peru confirm their estimates for cost savings based on what was shared with us. After their review and some further investigation, this will be discussed further with the Building and Grounds Committee.
- I am recommending that the Board approve the dates and times of the following meetings:
 - Building & Grounds Committee Meeting**- Wednesday, March 2, 2022; 9a-10:30a.
 - Technology Committee Meeting**- Wednesday, March 2, 2022; 10:30a-11:30a.
 - Finance Committee Meeting**- Thursday, March 3, 2022; 2:00p-3:30p.
- A presentation of the recommended additions, deletions and modifications of the Board of Education Policy Issue 108-Memo Press was presented to the Board. *Policy number 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and rooming Behaviors-approve NEW/Legal.* Given that the district does not offer a "Comprehensive Sex Education Curriculum", it is included as a part of our health curriculum, I am recommending that the board select "No Comprehensive Sex Education" program.
- *6:50 School Wellness approve NEW - Food Sharing Plan*
- A request was presented to the Board to move the Regular April Board of Education Meeting Date from April 20, 2022 at 6:00pm to April 27, 2022 at 6:00pm.
- I am recommending that the Board approve April 27, 2022 as the Budget Amendment Presentation and Public Display along with June 15, 2022 as the Budget Amendment Public Hearing Date.

Discuss Possible Modifications to the 2021-2022 Peru Elementary Reopening Plan as it relates to Gubernatorial Mandates

Attorney Walt Zukowski spoke on the recent development in relation to the COVID mitigations as they relate to the recent Sangamon County Court Ruling and Governors Executive Order.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Date Change for the Regular April Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommended date change of the Regular April Board Meeting as presented. VOTING AYE:7. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Board Committee Meeting Dates and Times

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the recommended dates and times for the Board Committee Meetings as presented. VOTING AYE: 7. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Additions, Deletions and Modifications of the Board of Education Policy Issue 108-Memo Press

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommended additions, deletions and modifications to the Board of Education Policy 108 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Budget Amendment Public Hearing Date and Time

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz to approve the Budget Amendment Public Hearing date and time as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Pillai, Taylor, Kampwerth and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:32 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. Also, for the discussion of security procedures, school building safety and security. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to return to Regular Session at 8:13 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Family and Medical Leave Act Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the request for maternity leave, effective March 24, 2022 from Northview Secretary, Briana Reardon who plans to return at the start of the 2022-23 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Request for Retirement

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the request for retirement of Mary Jo Sonnenberg as 8th Grade Teacher at Parkside Elementary at the end of the 2024-25 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Consideration of Approval to the Possible Modifications and Amendments to the Peru Elementary 2021-2022 Reopening Plan that is Consistent with School Board Authority and Pursuant to School Code as it Relates to Gubernatorial Mandates

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the modifications and amendments to the Peru Elementary 2021-2022 Reopening Plan as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING

AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Pillai, Taylor and Kampwerth. NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 8:16p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary