

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MAY 19, 2021, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of May of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the choral room at Parkside School by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

President Leynaud introduced the newly appointed Board Member, Mr. John Atkins. Mr. Atkins and the Board read the oath of office together.

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, Kim Vezzetti, Rita Strickler, Sara McDonald, and Brandi Anderson Maier.

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the meeting agenda of May 19, 2021. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Kampwerth reported that the State of Illinois is at the tail end of the general session with over 7,000 bills awaiting passage. He is encouraging Board members to pay close attention to call to action items related to local control and mandates and to please respond to constituents and lawmakers.

Several thank you notes were received from staff members for the luncheon provided by the Board of Education during Teacher Appreciation Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- April 28, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- April 28, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- April 28, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- April 28, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- May 3, 2021 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 3, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports:

Northview School:

- Mrs. McDonald reported the Preschool and Autism programs will end on May 26, while the last day for K-8 students will be May 27. There are many fun activities planned, and parent volunteers will be allowed to help out for the first time this year.
- Summer reading interventions will be provided for four to five weeks this summer for those students currently receiving interventions in grades K-4. One-on-one services will be available for K-1 students and small group sessions will be held for students in grades 2-4. While there were many referrals for the program, the class sizes will be limited.
- Jump Start summer school will be held for three hours daily between July 26 and August 16 for grades K-7 students. There will be a grade level teacher for grades K-4 and two teachers for grades 5-7.
- The Summer Book Bag program, in conjunction with the Peru Public Library, will return again this year. Mrs. McDonald reported there is a high number of participation, and a special treat is provided if goals are met by the end of the program.

Parkside School:

- Mrs. Anderson Maier reported 102 8th grade students will participate in graduation this year at LaSalle Peru Township High School. She commended the LPHS staff for accommodating Parkside staff and students.
- There are three 8th grade students participating in correspondence courses held on Saturdays throughout the month of May. If completed, credit will be given for those students to pass on to the 9th grade.
- The very first assemblies of the year for student awards were held this week by grade level. Students were also treated to snow cones through PBIS.
- Parkside teachers and administrators have been collaborating with area schools for the district's new math intervention program. The team will present the new program at the regular Board meeting in June.

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Craven briefly reported on the number of students who were affected by Covid this year, in particular from blended learning to full in-person learning in mid-March after they were no longer able to be distanced by six feet. For the year, there were 56 students who contracted Covid.
- Mr. Craven reported a job has been posted for a Technology Director. He feels the new contract with Dyopath is not going as planned. The company has not provided several candidates for the vacant position as agreed upon in the timeframe established. He has arranged a meeting with the Dyopath representative to discuss ending the contract.
- President Leynaud and Mr. Craven spoke with IASB Field Representative, Dee Molinare to schedule a two-hour Board Member workshop this summer. The Board agreed on Monday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. Details will be provided at a later date.

Update Regarding Recommended Summer 2021 Maintenance Projects

Mr. Craven reported all summer maintenance projects are moving along as planned. He is meeting with a representative of Vissering Construction to discuss the single arm gate at Northview. There was some discussion regarding the Washington School bricks that have been housed in the Northview garage. Suggestions included offering bricks to staff and Foundation members, as well as the PTC for a possible

fundraiser. Mr. Craven will follow-up on the suggestions. Finally, the company from whom the district has purchased replacement smartboards for the entire district will be in charge of the take down and installation of the project over summer.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Kendra Landers as Life Skills teacher at Northview School at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the resignation of Taylor McDonald as a teacher aide at Parkside School at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Michayla Fassino as a Life Skills teacher at Parkside School beginning the 2021-22 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the employment of Ann Baumgarten as fourth grade teacher at Northview School beginning the 2021-22 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the employment of Mollie Benner as a Life Skills teacher at Northview School beginning the 2021-22 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Establishment of Board of Education Committee Membership

MOTION: Moved Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to establish the Board of Education Committee Membership as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of FY22 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the FY22 Property/Casualty and Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Resolution to Share a Portion of District ESSER Funds with the Regional Office of Education 35

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Resolution to Share a Portion of District ESSER Funds with the Regional Office of Education 35 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary