

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JUNE 16, 2021, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of June 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, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, June 16, 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, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Rita Strickler, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson-Maier, Katie Meyer, Lori Miller, and Katie Budnick.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the regular meeting agenda of June 16, 2021. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 20, 2021 Board of Education 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 Update

Member Kampwerth recently attended a quarterly meeting of the association and the focus is on revamping strategic priorities. There was also discussion regarding the upcoming Joint Annual Conference. He reported that this will be held in person and many districts have already registered. He encouraged members to stay apprised of the push notifications regarding pending legislation.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- There are 36 students attending summer school for reading instruction right now. Mrs. McDonald said there has been very good attendance. The extended school year Autism program class is also being held for 10 school days through the month of June.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Jump Start summer school will begin in late July. Due to a staff resignation there will be only one teacher available to service 8-10 students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- A pre-audit was held last week in preparation for the annual audit which will be held in late July. Mr. Craven reported there will be some difficult audits in the future due to all of the federal funds schools are receiving.
- The Peru Education Foundation recently awarded grants totaling \$8,050. The members are looking to hold a trivia night next spring.
- Peru Elementary will be hosting the Illinois Association of School Boards fall Starved Rock Division meeting this October.

Bright Futures Preschool Program Report

Mrs. McDonald reported on the Bright Futures Preschool Program. Although the program did not serve in full capacity this year due to Covid-19, she feels the program was very successful. In addition, the waiting list for the program continues to be high. She feels this will be an asset when renewing the grant in a couple of years. She reminded the Board we are entering into year four of the five-year grant.

Presentation and Discussion of zSpace Technology Program

Parkside STEM teacher, Katie Budnick presented on the proposed zSpace Technology Program. The program allows students to interact with simulated objects in virtual environments as if they are real. Mrs. Budnick explained how the technology would be integrated with the current core and expo curriculum. The proposal is for a three-year license for 20 stations to be shared between the STEM Lab and the computer lab. There was discussion regarding the warranty on the hardware for the program due to the high cost of replacements. The Board agreed it will be an excellent opportunity for students. The program will be funded through the ESSER II grant.

Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Math Intervention Programs

Sara McDonald presented the plan for math intervention at Northview School. She explained the recommended Math Intervention Coordinator along with two paraprofessionals will provide direct service and implement the current math curriculum to Tier II and III students in grades one through four during the last half hour of the one-hour math block. Kindergarten students will receive about 15-20 minutes of service daily. The coordinator will also collaborate with teachers, provide Professional Development for staff and coordinate programs.

Katie Meyer presented the plan for math intervention at Parkside School. Math intervention at Parkside School will focus on making sure students grasp current math concepts prior to moving on to the next. A Math Consultant is being recommended for hire to coach teachers how to successfully help students achieve those goals. These intervention services will be provided during part of the Social Studies period.

Administrators and teachers are excited to now provide math interventions as well as continuing with reading interventions.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of zSpace Technology Program Contract

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the zSpace Technology Program contract as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Math Intervention Programs

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

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the authorization to prepay the remaining June and July district bills. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Interfund Transfer of \$500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to adopt a resolution authorizing the permanent interfund transfer of \$500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Interfund Transfer of \$75,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt a resolution authorizing the permanent interfund transfer of \$75,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel; and for discussion of information related to employee salaries, benefits, and issues related to collective bargaining. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 8:58 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Abby Schenck as a teacher at Parkside School. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Anthony Carlson as the district IT Director effective July 1, 2021. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to employ Pam Beck as a Math Intervention Coordinator at Northview School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Lori Miller as a contracted Math consultant at Parkside School effective July 1, 2021. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to employ Emma Cantlin as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to employ Jaclyn Eng as a teacher aide at Parkside School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Kathleen Kasap as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to employ Katherine Faber as a teacher aide at Parkside School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to employ Jennifer Barr as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to employ Wendy Mau as a teacher aide at Northview School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the recommended 2021-22 extracurricular assignments as presented. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve an increase of \$1 per hour to teacher aides assigned to the Autism Program at Northview School and a \$1 increase to the substitute teacher aide hourly rate. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2021-26 contractual agreement with Peru Elementary School District 124 Food Service Employees, Local Union 138. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Aye 7, Nay 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary