

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JANUARY 19, 2022 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of January 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, January 19, 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 Rob Ankiewicz, John Atkins, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, Vice President C.G. Pillai and President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Brandi Anderson-Maier, Sara McDonald and Jacob Been.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Heagy

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the meeting agenda of January 19, 2022. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Ankiewicz, Atkins, Leynaud, Pillai, Taylor, Kampwerth and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Kampwerth, commented on the election move up and is anticipating a reprieve on the mandates.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 15, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- December 15, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- January 13, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer, Eric Heagy was not able to attend this month's meeting. He provided the Board of Education with a brief narrative in writing of the activity in the District's investment portfolio during the last quarter. Copies of the written narrative were distributed to the Board of Education Members, Board Secretary and Superintendent. The balance in the Cash Management accounts increased from \$2.11

million from \$2.07 million during the quarter. The weighted average rate of return on Cash Management accounts increased from 0.34% as of September 30, 2021 to 0.36% as of December 31, 2021, resulting from an increased balance in the District's Money Market Accounts.

Northview School Multi-Purpose Room Roof Replacement Preliminary Bid Documents

Jacob Been, Principal Director of Design with Healy Bender Patton and Been Architects gave a full overview and Power Point Presentation of developing a bid package for the Northview School Roof Replacement Project. Sterling Roof was provided a sample of the roof to help start developing a bid package. As advice to the Board when soliciting bids, the industry recommends that one annual visit/inspection a year and a visit after any significant storm be completed for maintenance/inspection. Once approved to proceed with the bid contracting, it is estimated to have the bid documents by the third week of February. The anticipated length of the project is estimated to take about a week to a week and a half to complete. The District is requesting that the date of service take place in June or July.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Anderson-Maier Reported:

- Parkside Middle School had a great transition to remote learning during the adaptive pause. All expectations were in place from previous remote learning periods so overall, the students adapted well. The teachers felt confident this time around. Compliments were given to the teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria staff, students and families.
- The PBIS team will be hosting a socially distanced PBIS assembly on Friday, January 21, 2022 as long as we continue to see a decline in COVID numbers.
- Unfortunately, Parkside Middle School had to postpone district wide testing the week of January 10th due to our adaptive pause. AIMSweb Plus testing will now take place on January 25 and January 27. Future assessments include ACCESS testing, MAP testing, DLM testing and IAR testing.

Mrs. McDonald Reported:

- Compliments were given to the teachers and students for rolling with the change to remote learning. Students in grades 2-4 at Northview were the ones that rolled the best with it. Students in grades Pre-k through 1st struggle with attention and knowing how to mute/unmute.
- Preregistration for students entering Kindergarten is set for February 22nd and Preregistration for Pre-k is set for March 18th. Right now Northview has 65 Pre-k students that will be Kindergarten age next year. They have 26 Pre-k students that will be 4-year old Pre-k students next year.
- A Preschool screening was held at Northview on Monday, January 10th. 17 students were screened and two were enrolled. There are still 3 openings in our Preschool, but are holding off for students that they know are coming up for special education meetings and will determine then, if parents want their child in our Pre-k classrooms or if they would qualify for Special Education Preschool DD classroom.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- On January 12th, updated guidance from IDPH/ISBE was shared with staff and families that announce the adoption of the January 6th CDC guidelines reducing quarantine time from 10 days to 5 days. A COVID update for the week of January 3-7 was given to the Board that led to the District's adaptive pause. Parkside student numbers had 28 positive and 40 in quarantine. Northview student numbers had 40 positive and 97 in quarantine. Staff numbers had 20 positives since Winter Break and 5 other (symptoms- tested negative).
- The Peru Education Foundation meeting was held on January 12th. The Board voted to cancel this year's Trivia Night that was scheduled for March 19, 2022. The Board was concerned

- about all of the planning that needs to begin right away and upfront expenses that would not be recovered if the event were to be canceled at a later date. The Board voted to bring the Donation Board back for this year and will also move forward with the 50/50 drawing.
- LaSalle-Peru High School Regional Band/Choir Festival scheduled for February was postponed until late April/early May. Peru Elementary will also cancel our Annual 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Tournament. Finally, Phil Whaley will have to cancel or postpone the IVCC Band Festival as well.
 - The recommended 2022-23 School District Calendar was presented. The calendar was developed with teacher and union input. As noted, August 16th and 17th will be teacher institute days with the first day of student attendance being August 18th. Other changes to note, there will be two days of November Parent-Teacher Conferences instead of 3, but both days will run until 7:00pm. Winter break was adjusted to account for New Year's day, leaving our last scheduled day of attendance on May 25, 2023.
 - The recommended date for the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony is Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00pm at Parkside School.
 - The Board Policy changes and recommendations will be included in the February Board Meeting.
 - The Board Packet included the budget update as of December 2021. We are running on target across all funds. Transportation is low at this point due to delay in billing and payments.
 - There has been an update to the 2021-22 Extracurricular Assignments. Karole Ochs has agreed to assist with the Scholastic Bowl team.
 - The 2021 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A, 2016 and 2019 Bonds was presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Recommended FY2022-23 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Recommended FY2022-23 School District Calendar. AYE: 7, NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Date and Time for the 2022 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Date and Time for the 2022 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies. AYE: 7, NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2021 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A, 2016 and 2019 Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the 2021 Annual Disclosure Report. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Pillai and Taylor. NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Resolution Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A, and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 of Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the Resolution for the Abatement of Taxes Levied. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai and Leynaud. NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to complete the remainder of the Bid Documents for Contractor Bidding for the Northview School Multi-Purpose Room Roof Replacement Project

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the completion of Contractor Bidding. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud Taylor and Pillai. NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Updated 2021-22 Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the Updated 2021-22 Extracurricular Assignments with Karole Ochs as the Scholastic Bowl Co-Sponsor. AYE:6, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: 1. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding to 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. There is a request to review and consider the release of Executive Session Minutes held on the following dates: July 21, 2021, August 18, 2021, September 22, 2021 and December 15, 2021 - *With the exception of November 16, 2021 as there was no Executive Session held on that date.* There is also a request for the authorization of destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions held prior to July 1, 2020.

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud and Atkins. NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth to return to Regular Session at 8:08 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins, Leynaud, Pillai and Taylor. NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions held prior to July 1, 2020

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the destruction of Verbatim Audio Records. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud and Ankiewicz. NAYS: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the release of Executive Session Minutes. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth and Taylor. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to employ Hailey Bickett as a 7th Grade Math Teacher at Parkside School, effective January 19, 2022. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary