

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
December 20, 2022, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of December of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Learning Resource Center at Parkside School by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski and Brent Ziegler.

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the regular meeting agenda of December 20, 2022. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Leynaud acknowledged that all existing board members who are up for election are all running for a seat in the April 2024 School Board Election. Member Atkins ultimately decided to run for re-election.

Member Atkins complimented Mr. Whaley and Mr. DeWalt on their work with the Winter Concert at Parkside on December 19th.

Mr. Craven provided an update on a recent FOIA request from a news media requesting Board of Education Member information.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- November 15, 2022 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- November 15, 2022 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
- December 5, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- Second trimester academic updates were presented to the Board.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC Meetings) updates were provided. The purpose of the meetings are to continue to address areas of student achievement, through a series of identified goals.
- Attendance continues to be the focus for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Athletic and activity updates consisting of boys' basketball, volleyball try outs, and the Parkside Jazz Band were provided.
- The January 4, 2023 Teacher Institute training day at Parkside consisted of the Regional Office of Education hosting a Mental Health First Aide Training.

Mrs. McDonald's report was presented by Mr. Craven:

The focus of this report was to provide an update on the Preschool for all Grant. As of December 16, 2022, there are 21 new students enrolled. There will be another PreK screening run by LEASE on January 9th which will allow students that need screening to register for our program. The timeline for the program is as follows:

- Wednesday, January 4th- invite new parents to an Open House during the day (This is a Teacher Institute Day for teachers.)
- Thursday, January 5th- first day of school for new students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven Reported:

- On Friday, December 9, 2022, he attended the mid-year liability insurance cooperative meeting.
- The Peru Education Foundation approved two grant requests totaling \$1,128.75. Other discussion items included the March 18, 2023, Trivia Night.
- Review of the 2022 Tax Levy as presented last month with a recommendation to under-levy in the IMRF and Social Security funds by 3 cents where we have grown a fund balance.
- Review of the March 2017, May/June, October/November 2018 and February/March 2019 Board of Education Policies in preparation for our ROE 5- year review, these policies were uploaded in the PRESS portal as approved but cannot find the minutes that reflect this approval. Out of precaution, there is a request for reapproval by the Board.
- Presentation of the Issue 110 October PRESS Policies.
- Review of the 2022-2023 District Improvement Plan.
- Review of the recommended professional travel rates to reflect current IRS and government reimbursement rates for meals and lodging.
- Review of the recommended 2023-2024 School District Calendar.
- Review of the recommended date, time and location for the 8th grade commencement ceremonies to be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Parkside Gymnasium.
- Mr. Craven and the Board complimented the IASB Joint Annual Conference workshops, speakers and sessions this this year.

Adoption of the Resolution for Approval of the 2022 Tax Levy

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the adoption of the resolution for the 2022 Tax Levy. ROLL CALL VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Bruins and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2022-2023 Peru Elementary School District 124 Discipline Improvement Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2022-2023 Discipline Improvement Plan as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Goode,

Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Professional Travel Reimbursement Rates

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the professional travel reimbursement rates as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Bruins and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Recommended 2023-2024 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Vice-President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the recommended 2023-2024 School District Calendar as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Goode, Taylor, Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Date, Time and Location for the 2023 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the recommendation of Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parkside Gymnasium to host the 8th Grade Commencement Ceremonies. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Taylor and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:43 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; and for consideration of the appointment of a member to fill a board vacancy. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 6:57 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Taylor and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Superintendent Evaluation Tool and Timeline

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Tool and Timeline as presented. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommendation to employ Bryana Esquivel as a kindergarten paraprofessional at Northview for the 2022-23 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Kampwerth, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the recommendation that Julie Chasteen and Jen Znaniacki split the PreK teaching assignments beginning January 5, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Goode, Taylor, Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to employ Payton Wenzel as a full-time paraprofessional in the Autism classroom at Northview for the 2022-2023 school year. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommendation to employ Tenille Bankson as a full-time paraprofessional at Northview for the 2022-2023 school year, supporting K-4 special education students in the morning and PreK students in the afternoon. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Atkins, Bruins and Kampwerth. Nays: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of FMLA Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the FMLA request from Eleanor Cullinan, full-day preschool teacher at Northview starting around April 4, 2023 and ending June 1, 2023 for maternity leave. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Taylor and Kampwerth. Nays: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary

