

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
Parkside School Library
1800 Church Street, PERU, IL
December 19, 2023, 3:15PM

Chair Simon Kampwerth Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

In attendance were Simon Kampwerth, Josanne Bruins, Patti Leynaud, Superintendent Craven and Jacob Been, Healy, Bender, Patton, & Been Architects.

Discussion: REVIEW CLASSROOM ADDITION OPTIONS FOR NORTHVIEW SCHOOL

Superintendent Craven provided a brief overview of the need to consider an addition at Northview School. He cited that since the last addition and renovation, there has been an expansion of the PreK program and Special Education programming creating a need for more classroom space and small meeting spaces and office space. He shared that the district would benefit from 4-6 new classrooms and itinerant office spaces.

Superintendent Craven provided an overview of the previous expansion plans that were developed in September 2022 when the district applied for the PreK Construction Grant. The group discussed the pros and cons of those plans.

Superintendent Craven and District Architect Jacob Been then reviewed three new options for consideration:

- A five classroom and commons area to the South of the building,
- A five classroom addition at the North of the building including a large commons area
- A Six Classroom addition at the end of the 2nd grade hallway

The committee discussed in detail the positive and negative aspects of each draft including flexible learning space and the possibility of having an 'open library' in one of the proposed common areas.

After much discussion and consideration, it was agreed to further explore the six classroom addition at the end of the second grade hallway. The committee asked Jacob if he could try to incorporate a small shared space in the next design.

It was agreed that Jacob would develop a more detailed draft for the committee to review in January or February. Jacob would also provide a more detailed cost projection for the project.

Update: MAINTENANCE GRANT UPDATE

Superintendent Craven reported that there was no update on if the district had been awarded the 2023-2024 Maintenance Grant to replace all of the exterior classroom doors at Northview School and the Library glass doors.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM