

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
JUNE 26, 2024, 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 Learning Resource Center at Parkside School by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven

MOTION: Moved by Simon Kampwerth, seconded by Alison Goode, to approve the meeting agenda of June 26, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Goode, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence or announcements at this time.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION & HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 AMENDED DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to enter the public budget hearing for the fiscal year 2024 amended district budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth to exit the public budget hearing for the fiscal year 2024 amended district budget and return to the regular meeting. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Atkins, Leynaud, Goode, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 15, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- May 15, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- June 10, 2024 Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
- June 10, 2024 Board of Education Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- Bill Newkirk and Associates have begun the audit process. A preaudit meeting was held on June 13, 2024 to review the necessary paperwork and documents needed to begin the audit during the week of July 22, 2024.
- The Peru Education Foundation reorganized the executive committee at their June 5, 2024 meeting.
- A preliminary 2024-25 budget will be presented in the regular July board meeting.
- All summer projects are under way and scheduled. Northview parking lots have been seal coated and re-striped. The Parkside gymnasium floor has been repaired and painted.
- Jump Start Summer School will begin on July 22, 2024. We have a total of 81 students signed up with 59 at Northview and 22 at Parkside.
- We will not need to make a working cash transfer to the education fund or transportation fund as initially budgeted. Both funds were balanced budgets without working cash and the district is going another year without using the working cash fund.
- By the request from Member Kampwerth, Superintendent Craven provided the Board of Education with updates referencing the newly adopted, District Strategic Plan.

2024-2025 Combined Parent & Student Handbook Revisions Overview

Mr. Craven provided the Board of Education with the 2024-2025 recommendations and revisions from the handbook committee for the combined parent and student handbook.

Review of Issue 115 PRESS June 2024 Updated Policies

Mr. Craven provided the Board of Education with the release of the June 2024 PRESS updated policies. There are no substantial changes. These policies will be introduced in the regular June meeting and on the July agenda for final adoption.

IASB Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Craven provided the Peru ESD 124 Superintendent search timeline. At the regular July meeting, an IASB search consultant, Al Mobly will present an overview of the search process to the Board of Education and answer any questions.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru Elementary School District 124 Fiscal Year 2024 Amended District Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the adoption of the Peru ESD 124 Fiscal Year 2024 Amended District Budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the authorization to prepay the remaining June and July district bills as received. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Goode, Atkins, Leynaud, Kampwerth, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Investment Depositories & Investment Managers

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the fiscal year 2025 investment depositories and investment managers as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins to approve the 2024-2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Goode, Leynaud, Kampwerth, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-2025 Combined Parent & Student Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode to approve the 2024-2025 Combined Parent & Student Handbook as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Goode, Leynaud, Taylor, Atkins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-2025 Employee Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the 2024-2025 Employee Handbook as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Atkins, Leynaud, Kampwerth, Taylor, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-2025 Substitute Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the 2024-2025 Substitute Handbook as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Goode, Atkins, Leynaud, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:50 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. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Atkins, Leynaud, Taylor, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 7:02 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation of Jenna Steve, Paraprofessional at Northview Elementary. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Erika Echeverria, Fourth Grade Teacher at Northview Elementary. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommendation to re-employ Gina Riva as a full-time substitute teacher at Northview Elementary for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the recommendation to re-employ Kelly Dinges as a full-time substitute teacher at Parkside Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommendation to employ Kaylee Kofoid as a Paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the recommendation to employ Mary Elizabeth Stewart as a Paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the recommendation to employ Stephanie Simpson as a Paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the recommendation to employ Abigail Zebron as a Paraprofessional at Northview Elementary for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the recommendation to employ Carly Christman as a Fourth Grade Teacher at Northview Elementary for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Amended Retirement Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to approve the request to extend Carol Happ’s retirement date by one year. AYE, 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-2025 Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2024-2025 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-2025 Substitute Pay Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2024-2025 substitute pay schedule as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary