

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**MARCH 17, 2021, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of March of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in person and via zoom in the choral room at Parkside School by Board President Mark Lamboley, on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, C.G. Pillai, Austin Taylor, Vice President Patti Leynaud, and President Mark Lamboley.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Jamie Craven, Kim Vezzetti, Sara McDonald, Brandi Anderson Maier, Katie Budnick, and students Jazelle Black, Joseph Bunnell, Elena Leone and Caden Lamps and their family members.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of March 17, 2021. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Anderson Maier introduced the recipients of the Starved Rock Illinois Principals Association. Because the awards banquet was not held in person this year, the students and their families were treated to a pizza party prior to the Board meeting. The two fourth grade students representing Northview School were Jazelle Black and Joseph Bunnell. Parkside School was represented by 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Elena Leone and Caden Lamps. Students are nominated by staff based on the following criteria:

- Respectful to all students and adults in the school
- Try their hardest and achieve to their potential in academics
- Leaders among their peers
- Overall awesome kid

The Board congratulated and thanked them all for a job well done.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- February 17, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- February 17, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- March 10, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

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- Financial Reports
- Treasurer’s Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Administrative Reports:**

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Anderson Maier both shared information on the return to full learning this week. There is a total of 19 students who remain full remote at Northview and 71 students are still remote at Parkside. Some buses are near full capacity and Northview will continue with bus monitors through the end of the year. Academic assistance is continuing at both schools until the end of the year. There was also discussion regarding retention and credit recovery. The administration staff continues to look at summer school options as well.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

- Mr. Craven reported that state IAR testing is still being required this year. The window for the spring testing is April 19-30. The district is to encourage, but cannot require, remote students to participate with the in-person testing.
- Mr. Craven is recommending the Board approve the purchase of 300 Chromebooks through the funds in the ESSER grants. ESSER II grant funds will be available from FY22 to FY23. The administration team is meeting to see where the approximately \$840,000 in funds can be spent. Allowable expenditures are broad but must be in relation to the impact of Covid-19.
- As of today, the Foundation Donation Board has generated \$8,300 or 40% of their target goal of \$20,100. The donation board is in lieu of the annual trivia event.
- The second group of employees received their second dose of the Covid vaccine on March 5, while the first round of employees has been fully vaccinated since February 19. A total of 106 out of 117 employees are now fully vaccinated.

**Discussion Regarding the Timeline for School Board Reorganization and Open Vacancy on the Board of Education After the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election**

Mr. Craven discussed the timeline for filling the vacancy of President Lamboley’s seat on the Board of Education. The Board secretary will report the vacancy to the Regional Office of Education and then post the position for three weeks immediately following the election. The Board agreed to hold its regular April meeting and reorganization meeting on April 28, 2021 which should fall in the timeline for canvassing votes after the April 6, 2021 consolidated election. At that meeting they will review any candidates for the open seat. They also agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, May 3, to interview potential candidates.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of 2021-22 Agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the 2021-22 agreement for Physical and Occupational Therapy services as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the 2021-22 Contracts for the Provision of Food Services for L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to approve the 2021-22 contracts for the provision of food services for L.E.A.S.E. Circuit Breaker School and the Regional Safe School Program. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, and Taylor . NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Approval of Dyopath IT Managed Services Contract**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve Dyopath IT Managed Services contract as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Approval of Bus Transportation Contract**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the Johannes Bus Service, Inc. transportation contract as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **Approval of Chromebook Purchases**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the purchase of 300 Chromebooks from the funds in the ESSER grants. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lamboley. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Vice President Leynaud, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:52 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, Leynaud, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Pillai, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 7:08 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **Approval of Resignation**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Jessica Stuart as teacher aide at Northview School at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of Employment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Stephanie Lippert as special education administrative assistant effective July 29, 2021. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the employment of Tanya Knowles as media center clerk at Northview School for the 2021-22 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Approval of Request for Retirement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the request for retirement of Tammy Carey, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Parkside School, effective at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Pillai, to approve the request for retirement of Dawn Ladzinski, Life Skills teacher at Parkside School, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended Updates to Job Descriptions and Evaluation Plans**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Leynaud, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended updates to job descriptions and evaluation plans as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Leynaud, Taylor, Lamboley, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Pillai. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Re-employment of Recommended Non-Tenured Faculty for the 2021-22 School Term**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to re-employ the recommended non-tenured faculty for the 2021-22 school term as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Recommended 2021-22 Non-Union Employee Salaries**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommended 2021-22 non-union employee salaries as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Lamboley, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Mark Lamboley, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary