

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**February 21, 2024, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of February 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, February 21, 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 Josanne Bruins, Alison Goode, Austin Taylor, and President Patti Leynaud.

ABSENT: Member Simon Kampwerth

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Sara McDonald, Brent Ziegler, and Jacob Been.

LATE ENTRY: Member John Atkins at 6:16p.m. and Vice-President Rob Ankiewicz at 6:20p.m.

**MOTION:** Moved by Josanne Bruins, seconded by Alison Goode, to approve the meeting agenda of February 21, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Goode, Taylor, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Natalie Lindig, Northview Music Teacher provided written correspondence about her time at the Illinois Music Education Conference in Peoria. Ms. Lindig was grateful for the opportunity to have attended.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- January 17, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- January 17, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- January 22, 2024 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Leynaud, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

## **REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Presentation of Northview Classroom Addition Plan**

Jacob Been provided a presentation of the Northview Classroom Addition Floor Plan Diagrams. 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, small meeting spaces, and office space. Options to consider consist of the following:

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade hallway
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After discussion about the positive and negative aspects of each floor plan suggested, the Board agreed to explore the six classroom addition at the end of the second grade hallway. The total project cost of this addition would be around \$4.3 million dollars.

### **Review of School Maintenance Grant Project at Northview School**

Jacob Been provided an overview of the maintenance grant door replacement and library glass entrance project at Northview. This project should be scheduled for bidding by early March.

### **Review of Northview 10 Year Health Life Safety Survey**

Jacob Been gave an overview of the 10-Year Health Life Safety Survey and items that need to be addressed. Items addressed will be relayed to the custodial staff to complete during their summer work schedule.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Two 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, Carson Lutes and Keegan McLane will be recognized at the Starved rock IPA Student Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, February 29, 2024.
- ACCESS test for ELL students have finished, with a total of 42 students. SAEBRs Social Emotional Screener benchmark #2 will be given in the coming week.
- The PFA and PFAE grant program monitoring visit window is March 4-27, 2024.
- Current enrollment is 615 students at Northview. Most are PreK students with an addition of three new 4<sup>th</sup> graders and two new 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Last month's enrollment total was 606 students.

#### **Parkside School**

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- Current enrollment is 350 students at Parkside.
- Two 8<sup>th</sup> grade Students, Arley George and Griffin Kellett will be recognized at the Starved Rock IPA Student Recognition Breakfast on February 29, 2024.
- The second trimester will conclude on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, moved back one week due to the cancellations in January.
- PLC teams, in correlation with the Building Leadership Team concluded work on the proposed grading scale and GPA averages/honors status what will be presented with possible additional handbook changes.
- New ELA curriculum materials are being reviewed and further discussed with the Literacy Committee. The committee is analyzing instructional practices with the recently released Illinois Literacy Plan.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Craven reported:

- The Spring Board Committee timeline was discussed in conjunction with upcoming projects. The Finance meeting will need to be held after negotiations are complete and Building and Grounds will need to meet to discuss summer work before the March Board meeting.
- The Board Strategic planning meeting overview was reviewed.
- Due to the 5 emergency days in January, Mr. Craven will be recommending that Graduation be moved to Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Parkside School Gymnasium.
- A proposed job description for a Behavior Interventionist Position at Northview Elementary was provided to the Board for review and approval.
- The recommendation to move forward with bidding for the Northview School Maintenance Project was requested for approval.
- A review of a 5-year camera license renewal with Step CG/Verkada agreement is recommended for approval. The 5-year total cost is. \$62,983.94.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Amended 2024 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Commencement Ceremonies Date, Time & Location**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Goode, to approve Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at the Parkside School Gymnasium to host the 2024 8<sup>th</sup> grade commencement ceremonies. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Goode, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of Northview Behavioral Interventionist Job Description and Position**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the proposed Northview Behavioral Interventionist job description as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Leynaud, Bruins, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval to Bid School Maintenance Grant Project**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to proceed with the bidding process for the school maintenance grant project for Northview Elementary. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Bruins, Leynaud, Taylor, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0**

### **Approval of Step CG Verkada 5-Year Camera License Agreement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the 5-year camera license renewal as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Goode, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:03 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, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Taylor, Leynaud, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz to return to Regular Session at 7:27 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Approval of FMLA Request**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the FMLA request from Karen Koplin effective May 7, 2024, with a return date at the start of the new fiscal year in August 2024. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the FMLA request from Sue Zeman effective March 5, 2024, with an anticipated return date of March 20, 2024. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of Resignation Request**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation of Jenifer Miranda. Her last day with the district was February 2, 2024. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Approval of Retirement Request**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the request for retirement from Karole Ochs at the end of the 2026-2027 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the request for retirement from Sue Atilano at the end of the 2026-2027 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the request for retirement from Rhonda Giachetto at the end of the 2026-2027 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to adjourn at 7:29p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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Patti Leynaud, Board President

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Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary