

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
June 24, 2026, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The 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 Choral Room at Parkside Middle School by Board President Rob Ankiewicz, on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members John Atkins, Justin Miller, Austin Taylor, Vice President Simon Kampwerth, Jessica Skolek, and President Rob Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Alison Goode.

Others Present: Superintendent Ryan Linnig, Tim Freed, and Carolynn Freed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOTION: Moved by Simon Kampwerth, seconded by John Atkins, to approve the regular meeting agenda of June 204 2026. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Skolek, Miller, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATION & HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 AMENDED DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Skolek, to enter the public budget hearing at 6:00 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Skolek, Miller, Ankiewicz, Taylor, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mr. Linnig presented the Board of Education with an updated amended budget for Fiscal Year 2026. After all questions have been addressed, the Board formally closed the budtet hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Miller to exit the budget hearing at 6:08 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Miller, Ankiewicz, Skolek, Atkins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- May 20, 2026 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Skolek, Miller, Atkins, Kampwerth, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Overview of 2026-27 Combined Parent & Student Handbook Revisions

Mr. Linnig provided the recommended revisions from the building committees and administration team for the 2026-27 combined parent and student handbook.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Peru Education Foundation:** Approved 12 grants totaling \$23,930.59, including \$7,100 for Parkside sound system upgrades and \$9,000 for the STEM Lab Virtual XR System. Seeking a Northview representative. Foundation assets totaled \$112,673.47 as of March 24, with \$88,742.88 remaining after grant payments.
- **Summer Maintenance & Projects:** Summer cleaning and maintenance are underway with updated checklists and weekly meetings to improve quality control. Seeking proposals for a new Northview floor scrubber (\$10,000–\$12,000) and a new Parkside kitchen steamer (\$27,000–\$29,000).
- **Depositories & Investment Managers Resolution:** Annual approval item with no changes recommended.
- **Consolidated District Plan:** Annual ISBE-required plan outlining district programs and needs for federal grant applications.
- **Northview School Improvement Plan:** Annual approval required due to Northview's ISBE Targeted status.
- **Athletic Handbook Revisions:** Proposed revisions were included for review.
- **2026-27 Calendar Revision:** Recommendation to remove Election Day as a non-attendance day, creating a full week of instruction and moving the last student attendance day to May 20.
- **PRESS Policies:** No significant policy changes; minor updates include revisions to FOIA request procedures (Policy 2:250)

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Updates to the strategic plan were provided to the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru ESD 124 Fiscal Year 2026 Amended District Budget

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Skolek, to approve the adoption of the fiscal year 2026 amended district budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Skolek, Miller, Taylor, Atkins, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June & July District Bills

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

Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Investment Depositories & Investment Managers

MOTION: Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the fiscal year 2027 investment depositories and investment managers as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Miller, Taylor, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Atkins, and Skolek. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2026-27 Consolidated District Plan

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the 2026-27 consolidated district plan as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Skolek, Miller, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2026-27 Northview Elementary School Improvement Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2026-27 Northview Elementary school improvement plan as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Miller, Taylor, Atkins, Skolek, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2026-27 Combined Parent & Student Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by member Miller, to approve the 2026-27 combined parent and student handbook as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Miller, Skolek, Atkins, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2026-27 Employee Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Skolek, seconded by Vice President Kampwerth, approve the 2026-27 employee handbook as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Skolek, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Miller, Atkins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2026-27 Parkside Athletic Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2026-27 Parkside athletic handbook changes as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Skolek, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Miller. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Updated 2026-27 School District Calendar Revisions

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Miller, to approve the 2026-27 school district calendar revisions as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Miller, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Taylor, and Skolek. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of PRESS Issue 121 March 2026 Updated Policies

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Skolek, to approve the PRESS Issue 121 updated policies as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Skolek, Atkins, Miller, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Akins, seconded by Member Skolek to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. for the Discussion of Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Skolek, Kampwerth, Miller, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller to return to Regular Session at 7:03 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Miller, Kampwerth, Skolek, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Employment Recommendations

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Skolek, to approve the recommendation to employ Hannah Muehlschlegel as a 7th grade ELA Teacher at Parkside Middle School commencing the 2026-27 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommendation to employ Claudia Arteaga-Carbajal as a special education teacher at Parkside Middle School commencing the 2026-27 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommendation to employ Vanessa Martinez as a paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School commencing the 2026-27 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller, to approve the recommendation to employ Amber Klein as a paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School commencing the 2026-27 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2026-27 Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Vice President Kampwerth, to approve the 2026-27 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resignation

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Vice President Kampwerth, to accept the resignation from Alexia Donovan. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to accept the resignation from Mel Cass as a PBIS internal coach at Northview Elementary. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Atkins, to accept the resignation from Jason Thompson. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of FMLA Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth to approve the FMLA request from Kelly Schaefer as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Rob Ankiewicz, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary