

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
June 25, 2025, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the month of May 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 Middle School by Board President Rob Ankiewicz, on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members John Atkins, Alison Goode, Justin Miller, Jessica Skolek, and President Rob Ankiewicz. Austin Taylor arrived at 6:01 p.m. ABSENT: Simon Kampwerth.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, and Ryan Linnig.

MOTION: Moved by John Atkins, seconded by Jessica Skolek, to approve the regular meeting agenda of June 25, 2025, 2025. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Skolek, Goode, Ankiewicz, Miller and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Education members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Craven for his years of service as Superintendent of Peru Schools and extended their heartfelt congratulations on his upcoming retirement.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION & HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 AMENDED DISTRICT BUDGET

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor to enter into the public budget hearing at 6:09 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Taylor, Skolek, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Miller. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mr. Craven presented the Board of Education with an updated amended budget for Fiscal Year 2025. After all questions had been addressed, the Board formally closed the budget hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller, to exit the public budget hearing at 6:19 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Miller, Goode, Skolek, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. **The motion carried 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- May 21, 2025 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- District Bills

- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

OVERVIEW OF 2025-26 COMBINED PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS

Mr. Craven provided the Board with the recommended revisions for the 2025-26 combined parent and student handbook.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Craven provided strategic plan updates which include the following:

- Northview hired an EL paraprofessional.
- A meeting with the City of Peru is pending for discussion and review of the financing options for creating additional classroom space at Northview.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Craven Reported:

- Bill Newkirk and Associates were in on May 15th to begin the audit process. During the week of July 23-25, they will return to complete the full portion of the audit.
- At the June 4th Foundation meeting, the Board approved 13 teacher grant requests.
- Summer cleaning is under way. Building custodians report that they are on pace with their cleaning schedule.
- SKI Sealcoat and Maintenance is scheduled to complete parking lot patchwork at Parkside during the week of July 7th.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of the Peru ESD 124 Fiscal Year 2025 Amended District Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 amended district budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Goode, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Skolek, and Miller. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Authorization to Prepay Remaining June and July District Bills

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

Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Investment Depositories and Investment Managers

MOTION: Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 investment depositories and investment managers as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Miller, Atkins, Goode, Skolek, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2025-26 Consolidated District Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the 2025-26 Consolidated District Plan as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Taylor, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Miller, and Skolek. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2025-26 Combined Parent and Student Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Skolek, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2025-26 Combined Parent and Student Handbook as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Skolek, Goode, Taylor, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Miller. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2025-26 Employee Handbook

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller, to approve the 2025-26 Employee Handbook as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Miller, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Goode, and Skolek. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2025-26 Registration Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Skolek, to approve the 2025-26 updated registration fees, which reflect a \$0.10 increase on all paid breakfast and lunch prices. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Skolek, Miller, Goode, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2025-26 Board Committee Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2025-26 Board Committee Assignments as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Goode, Skolek, Miller, Atkins, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2025-26 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2025-26 Board of Education meeting schedule as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Miller, Goode, Skolek, Atkins, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Issue 118 PRESS Updated Policies

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Skolek, to approve the Issue 118 PRESS updated policies as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Skolek, Goode, Taylor, Ankiewicz, and Miller. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Student Acceptable Use Policy

MOTION: Motion moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the updated Student Acceptable Use Policy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Goode, Skolek, Miller, Atkins, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of District School Improvement Plans

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the district school improvement plans as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Skolek, and Miller. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:49 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: Atkins, Miller, Skolek, Goode, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Note: Mr. Linnig exited at 6:49 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to return to Regular Session at 7:14 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Skolek, Ankiewicz, Goode, and Miller. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Note: Mr. Linnig returned to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Employment Recommendations

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Miller, to approve the recommendation to employ Lisa Kohr as a paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School commencing the 2025-26 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0**

Approval of 2025-26 Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Skolek, to approve the updated 2025-26 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0**

Approval of Resignation

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Miller, to approve the resignation of Rose Serna. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller, to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Rob Ankiewicz, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary