

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124  
AUGUST 17, 2023, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of August 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 Thursday, August 17, 2023, 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, Austin Taylor, and Vice-President Rob Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Member Simon Kampwerth and President Patti Leynaud.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Josanne Bruins, seconded by Alison Goode, to approve the meeting agenda of August 17, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Goode, Ankiewicz, Atkins and Taylor NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

Superintendent Craven provided an overview of the FY24 tentative budget and will present the final FY24 budget at the September board meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- July 19, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- July 19, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- July 27, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements
- Fiscal Year 2023 Reports of Contracts Exceeding \$25,000
- Fiscal Year 2023 Report of Salary, Compensation and Benefits

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Administrative Reports:**

## **Northview School**

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The summer school attendance numbers totaled 55 in K-4 grades with about 25 students being bussed.
- PreK enrollment numbers total 105 to date. There is availability for 136 in total. The morning and full day classes are full, with room in the afternoon.
- Northview is requesting police presence to help with morning drop off for the first few days.

## **Parkside School**

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- The Parkside Open House on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> was attended by many. There was a big rush of people with teachers seeing full attendance on their class roster.
- The Professional Development Focus for the 2023-2024 school year will center around the school improvement plan. Parkside will continue to work in subject level teams to identify areas of student performance and implement resources to improve their instruction.
- ELA is piloting a new series, Into Reading in grade 5 and Into Literature in grades 6-8. This curriculum is researched based and will hopefully provide the structure and resources to improve reading and writing abilities across the grade levels.
- Girls' softball and boys' baseball is currently underway. Currently, there are 15 participants in softball and 17 in baseball.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Craven reported:

- Board members were reminded that the deadline for making reservation changes for the Joint Annual Conference is October 13<sup>th</sup>. Changes after this date will not be reimbursed.
- This fiscal year's Crisis Response Meeting was held with local responders on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Conversations were held regarding ambulance response time given the recent hospital situation. The district is also in the process of updating the reintegration plan with our evacuation sites.
- Summer project updates were provided which included the following:
  - MDF AC Unit Replacement at Parkside*
  - Parkside Gym Floor*
  - Maintenance Grant*
- The custodial staff has done a fantastic job of cleaning the buildings from top to bottom. All the identified projects have been completed with the exception of the metal strips/fascia at Parkside. Continued communication with Koolmaster and the manufacturer will be necessary to get this completed.
- Mr. Craven thanked the secretarial and support staff who participated in the registration day held on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- New staff orientation was held on August 4<sup>th</sup>. All new employees were provided with information to assist with their transition to Peru ESD 124.
- Mr. Craven provided the STUDIO (Vezzetti Capital) Annual Investment Report.
- Peru Elementary School District 124 will be working with MENTA Group by providing meals for their students beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>. Contract details are underway.

## **Building School Improvement Plans**

Building principals provided their building school improvement plans for the 2023-2024 school year. Attendance is the main focus for this year.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of the 2023-24 Peru Elementary School District 124 Tentative Budget**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2023-24 Peru ESD 124 tentative budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Goode, Taylor, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of the 2023-24 Evaluators for Certified and Non-Certified Staff**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve 2023-24 evaluators for certified and non-certified staff as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Taylor, Goode, Ankiewicz, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Adoption of the Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to adopt the resolution for the IDOT Serious Safety Hazard Resolution. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Goode, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Adoption of ISSUE 112 June 2023 Updated Memo PRESS Policy Numbers 2:80; 2:170; 4:45; 4:100; 5:230; 6:10; 6:190; 6:240; 7:275; 7:305; 8:25; 8:95**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to adopt the ISSUE 112 June 2023 Updated Memo PRESS policies as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Goode, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:51 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: Taylor, Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 7:25 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Goode, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Approval of Resignations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the resignation of Amy Lund as a Paraprofessional for Peru Elementary School District 124. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the resignation of Gwen Hanford as a Paraprofessional for Peru Elementary School District 124. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Request for Retirement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the request for retirement of Judy Hubbard as an Administrative Assistant at Northview Elementary effective December 21, 2023. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Employment Recommendations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the recommendation to employ Leslie Rudnicky as a first-grade teacher at Northview Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins to approve the recommendation to employ Jenna Steve as a paraprofessional at Northview Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins to approve the recommendation to employ Angelina Gebhard as a paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the recommendation to employ Donna Alesky as a full-time substitute teacher at Northview Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Patti Leynaud, Board President

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Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary