

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**April 28, 2021, 6:20 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside School, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Mark Lambole, on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at 6:20 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Lambole 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 Lambole.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Jamie Craven, Board Secretary Kim Vezzetti, Sara McDonald, and Brandi Anderson-Maier.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the special meeting agenda of April 28, 2021. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Lambole, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Kampwerth presented a plaque to President Mark Lambole for his service to the School Board the past 16 years. Mr. Lambole thanked Mr. Craven and fellow Board members for their work throughout his four terms on the School Board.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CERTIFIED RESULTS OF THE APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION**

Mr. Craven presented the certified results of the April 6, 2021, School Board Election in a letter received from LaSalle County Clerk Lori Bongartz. The clerk's office serves as the Canvassing Board for LaSalle County and certified the total votes for all candidates for members of the Board of Education and proclaimed that a total of 2,918 voters cast ballots in Peru Elementary School District 124.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn sine die. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, and Lambole. **NAYS:** None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Appointment of the Superintendent as President Pro Tempore**

Mrs. Leynaud nominated Superintendent Jamie Craven as President Pro-Tem. There were no other nominations. Superintendent Craven was acclaimed the President Pro-Tem.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Oath of Office for Newly Elected or Re-Elected Board of Education Members**

Per the Illinois School Code, newly elected and re-elected school board members are required to sign the Oath of Office for Elected Board Members. The oath was read by re-elected board members Josanne Bruins, C.G. Pillai, and Patti Leynaud, and also by current members Rob Ankiewicz, Simon Kampwerth, and Austin Taylor.

**Election of Board of Education President**

President Pro-Tem, Jamie Craven called for nominations for Board President. Simon Kampwerth nominated Patti Leynaud. With no other nominations, Patti Leynaud was acclaimed the Board President.

**Election of Board of Education Vice President**

President Leynaud called for nominations for Board Vice President. Simon Kampwerth nominated C.G. Pillai. With no other nominations, C.G. Pillai was acclaimed the Board Vice President.

**Appointment of Board of Education Secretary**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to reappoint Kim Vezzetti as Secretary of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124 until July 31, 2021 and Rita Strickler beginning August 1, 2021. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Appointment of Board of Education Treasurer**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to reappoint Eric Heagy as Treasurer of the Peru Elementary School District 124. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**Establishment of Board of Education Committee Membership**

President Leynaud asked Board members to email her with their feedback on their interests in serving on committees.

**Establishment of Regular Board of Education Meeting Dates**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to establish the Board of Education meetings for 2021-2022 to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the choral room at Parkside School on the following dates:

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| Wednesday, July 21, 2021      | Wednesday, January 19, 2022  |
| Wednesday, August 18, 2021    | Wednesday, February 16, 2022 |
| Wednesday, September 15, 2021 | Wednesday, March 16, 2022    |
| Wednesday, October 20, 2021   | Wednesday, April 20, 2022    |
| Tuesday, November 16, 2021    | Wednesday, May 18, 2022      |
| Wednesday, December 15, 2021  | Wednesday, June 15, 2022     |

Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. for the discussion of the selection of a person to fill a vacancy of the School Board. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 6:45 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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Patti Leynaud, Board President

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Kim Vezzetti, Board Secretary