

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
NOVEMBER 16, 2021, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of November 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 by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: John Atkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Brandi Anderson Maier, and John Vezzetti.

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the meeting agenda of November 16, 2021. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz to enter the Public Hearing of November 16, 2021 at 6:08pm. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAYS: None.

The motion carried 6-0.

Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of sections 10 and 20 of the bond issuance notification act of the state of Illinois, as amended on the plans to issue general obligation school bonds, series 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. There were no written comments or statements shared.

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins to end the Public Hearing of November 16, 2021 at 6:13pm. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Leynaud, Pillai, Taylor, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- October 20, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- October 20, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Kampwerth, Bruins, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, and Pillai. NAYS: None.
The motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports:

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- The 5th and 6th grade students along with the 7th and 8th grade band/choir students attended the Percussion Assembly on October 28, 2021, which was very engaging and interactive. Sherry Rubins was in town to play percussion with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra.
- The Parkside Building Leadership Team is wanting to implement more parent involvement goals for next year. They are working on a variety of in-person presentations for the parents to share on how to help children be successful- such as navigating homework hotlines and Teacherease.
- Board Member, Pillai followed up on the report for the Academically At-Risk Students, to which Mrs. Anderson Maier clarified that Parkside Middle School is continuing to send out weekly messages to parents or students with either a D or F in any course.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- **School Board Appreciation Day**
 - Mr. Craven wanted to recognize the outstanding efforts of the School Board Members, given the challenges that have been encountered in the past year and a half.
- **Principal Appreciation Day**
 - Mr. Craven wanted to publically thank Sara, Brandi, Melissa, and Heather for all that they have done in the past year and a half to keep the buildings safe for the children and staff.
- **Building Inspections**
 - During the last week of October the annual insurance of Health/Life Safety Inspection was conducted. On October 25th a representative from PSIC toured our buildings and on October 28th the Regional Office of Education and Fire Marshal toured our buildings. Neither inspection returned any major violations. One area cited by the ROE and Fire Marshal was the glass doors in the Northview Library. Although they are not egress doorways, they will be recommending we replace them given they are deadbolt locking doors and did not freely swing and close to their specification.
- **Staff Booster Shot Clinic**
 - On November 12th the District partnered with HyVee Pharmacy and held a COVID Booster Clinic at Parkside School. Staff appreciated the opportunity to update their vaccination. Thank you to Laura Urbanski and HyVee for providing the clinic.
- **Climbing Wall**
 - The PTC would like to purchase an outside climbing wall (16' long x 6' tall) to be placed at Northview School. There is a timeline being worked on for the installation of this project. President Leynaud and Board Member Kampwerth asked questions regarding the excavating and installation, if the wall will be fenced in, discussed liability with volunteers assisting and who the lead organizer/contact for this project will be. Mr. Craven reported at this time his contact person is PTC Lead Organizer, Autumn Spayer.
- **Tentative 2021 Tax Levy**
 - It was stated that at the regular October board meeting, the tentative tax levy was presented. Based on the estimated EAV and tax rate presented, the overall tax rate would

remain at \$3.23 and show an increase of 4.9% over last year's levy. The final levy will be presented for action at the regular December Board of Education Meeting.

- **District Strategic Plan and Goals**
 - On September 27th the board met to review the Teaching for 2020 Strategic Plan, Goals and Strategies included within the plan. After review and discussion, the board decided to maintain the four goals and update, replace, or remove some strategies. With the adoption of the District Strategic Plan under action Item 9.3, the board will formally adopt the new goals and strategies for the district. These goals will be reviewed annually at a regular or special board meeting to be updated as needed.
- **District Risk Management Program**
 - The district maintains a comprehensive Risk Management Program designed to protect the District against liability or loss which may be imposed upon it or one of its employees for a tort related act, and to identify risk management, educational, inspectional and supervisory expenses directly attributable or relating to loss prevention and loss reduction. Districts are required to maintain and update as needed a Risk Management Program to support said expenditures.
- **Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois Supplemental Savings Plan**
 - Illinois law now requires the Teacher Retirement System, and thus all school districts, offer an optional defined contribution benefit, a 457 (b) plan. The TRS SSP is not a 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity plan although many of the contribution, investment and distribution features are similar. The TRS Board of Trustees adopted the TRS SSP document, effective October 29, 2019, and amended it on October 30, 2020. This plan must be adopted and made available to employees by January 2022.
- **Review of IASB Delegate Assembly**
 - IASB Resolutions were reviewed and lead by Member Kampwerth.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Board Secretary

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to appoint Megan Baltikauski as the Board Secretary. AYE: 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Updated 2021-22 Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to approve the updated 2021-22 Extra Curricular Assignments. ROLL CALL VOTING, AYE :Ankiewicz, Pillai, Leynaud, Bruins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Kampwerth. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the District Strategic Plan and Goals

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the District Strategic Plan and Goals. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAY None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the District Risk Management Program

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the District Risk Management Program. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Bruins, Pillai, and Leynaud.

NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of the Resolution for the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois Supplemental Savings Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Bruins for the adoption of the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Pillai, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz.. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary