

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
January 17, 2024, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of January 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 Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 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, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, President Patti Leynaud and entered at 6:03p.m., Vice-President Rob Ankiewicz.

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

MOTION: Moved by John Atkins, seconded by Austin Taylor, to approve the meeting agenda of January 17, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Leynaud, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Kampwerth spoke of the upcoming COSSBA National Conference in Dallas, Texas in February.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 19, 2023 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- December 20, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- December 20, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

District Treasurer Eric Heagy presented the district's quarterly treasurer's report to the Board of Education.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

- IReady Diagnostic Math Assessments for K-4 took place the first week after winter break, Fastbridge Assessments for K-4 the week of Jan. 16th, MAP Assessment for grades 2-4 the week of January 29th and the week of February 5th will be ACCESS testing for our English Language Learners.
- Current enrollment is 606 students at Northview School.
- An additional Preschool screening is scheduled on January 19th.

Parkside School

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- Current enrollment is 352 students at Parkside.
- Mid trimester progress reports will be going out as we hit the 6 week point of the second trimester on January 12th.
- Staff met again to discuss the SEL committee's work in joining the SEL Hub. Since the meeting, the action plan was approved and Parkside received a completion certificate and \$1,000 to use in meeting the established goals.
- The spring musical, Beauty and the Beast, is scheduled for March 22 and 23.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- The Peru Education Foundation held their January trivia night planning meeting and trivia night is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at Senica's Oak Ridge in LaSalle.
- The 2023 Annual Disclosure Report for Series 2015, 2015A, 2016, 2019, 2022A and 2022B bonds was presented.
- The tax abatement resolution was presented to the Board of Education. This year, the district will abate \$1,547,824. The district has received this amount from the City of Peru.
- The 2023-24 certified and non-certified staff seniority lists were presented to the staff to verify their hire date and spot on the seniority list.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2023 Annual Disclosure Report for the Series 2015, 2015A, 2016, 2019, 2022A and 2022B Bonds for Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the 2023 Annual Disclosure Report as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Atkins, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of the Resolution Providing for the Abatement of Certain Taxes Levied for the Payment and the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2015A, and General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 and General Obligation School Refunding Bonds (ARS) Series 2022B of Peru Elementary School District 124

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the adoption of the resolution providing for the abatement of certain taxes levied as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Leynaud, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2023-2024 Licensed Faculty and Support Staff Seniority List

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve 2023-2024 licensed faculty and support staff seniority list as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Bruins, Atkins, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:08 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, 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 Atkins to return to Regular Session at 7:37 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Taylor, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consideration and Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation of consideration and approval to release executive session minutes of meetings held on the following dates: July 19, 2023; August 17, 2023; September 20, 2023; October 18, 2023; November 14, 2023, and December 20, 2023 with the noted redactions. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Taylor, Kampwerth Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Session Minutes Held Prior to July 1, 2022, per the Illinois Open Meeting At, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Session Minutes Held Prior to July 1, 2022. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Bruins, Leynaud, Atkins, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of FMLA Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the FMLA request from Beth Coutre effective April 8, 2024, with a return date at the start of the new fiscal year in August 2024. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Extracurricular Activity Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the request from Denise Harper, to register her daughter as an individual bowler from Parkside. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 7:38p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary