

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
November 14, 2023, 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 14, 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, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, Vice-President Rob Ankiewicz and President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Sara McDonald, Brent Ziegler Ralph Grimm via Zoom and community member, Josh Mammen.

MOTION: Moved by Josanne Bruins, seconded by Alison Goode, to approve the meeting agenda of November 14, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Atkins relayed that the Safe School has hired a School Resource Officer with an expected start date of November 27, 2023. This individual is retired from LaSalle P.D. with 26 years as an officer.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- October 18, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- October 18, 2023 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Strategic Plan

IASA Field Service Director and retired Superintendent Ralph Grimm joined the meeting via zoom at 6:02pm to discuss the District Strategic Planning Process and how he can help facilitate. The recommendation from Ralph to the Board is to schedule a day off site in January for a day long retreat to start the planning process.

IASB Update

Member Simon Kampwerth provided his final IASB President's report to the Peru Board of Education and discussed the preparations for 2023 Joint Annual Conference scheduled for the upcoming weekend in Chicago.

Review of the 2023 IASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions

Member Alison Goode will serve as the Peru ESD 124 delegate at the Joint Annual Conference for the 2023 Delegate Assembly meeting on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The Board's recommendation is to vote on the resolutions as IASB recommends.

Review of the October 2023 Issue 113 Memo PRESS Updated Policies

After review and discussion of the updated policies presented, there is a recommendation for the December 20, 2023, meeting to approve all policies with the exception of policy 7:160 until further discussion is held.

Review of the District IAR Scores

A review of the District IAR Scores and the Illinois Report Card was provided by Mr. Craven. Parkside is sitting at the state average and receiving proficiency scores. Scores are not regressing like we were afraid would happen due to the pandemic. Northview has seen tremendous growth in both Math and ELA. Math scores at Northview are seeing nice movement due to our Math Intervention program and test scores are not moving backwards.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Rotary Club provides dictionaries to our 3rd grade students every year with this being the 16th year that they have been providing this service to our students. On October 25th, Rotary Members, Rob Ankiewicz and Simon Kampwerth delivered dictionaries to our students.
- The Northview Veteran's Day Program was held on Friday, November 10th with about 60+ Veterans with us. About 175 veterans and/or family members joined us for breakfast that morning with a music program operated by our first year music teacher, Natalie Lindig. Bethany Tinkler sung the National Anthem.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are taking place on Thursday, November 16th and Monday, November 20th with 811 conference slots that are filled as of today.

Parkside School

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- Attendance is at 95.6% days present with students.
- Parkside's Illinois Report Card received a commendable rating. Parkside has 27% of its students at meets or exceeds and 37% of students are approaching this goal. Growth of students relative to other students in the state is 54% in math. ELA at Parkside has a 33.7% at meets or exceeds. The growth of students relative to other students in the state is at 45% in ELA.
- PLC's met over the past two weeks to review recent articulation meetings with the LP feeder schools. There have been ELA discussions with grades 2-8, Ready math pacing/1st trimester student readiness, science room technology prep, and Expo articulation with Northview.
- The annual Veteran's Day Program is scheduled for November 15th at 1:10pm.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- Mr. Craven recognized the Board as November 15th each year is designated as “School Board Members Day” in Illinois thanking them for their time and service to the Peru Elementary School District.
- American Education week is November 13-17th this year.
- On Friday, November 3rd, the transportation cooperative met virtually to review Johannes bus counter offer. Their initial offer for a one-year extension was a 12% increase for regular routes. In their counter, Jason Johannes stated that if a two-year extension is considered, he would propose an 8% increase for year 1 and a 7% increase in year two. The cooperative will meet prior to the December meeting with hopes to have contracts ready.
- On Monday, November 6th a representative from Prairie State Insurance Cooperative, our liability, workman comp and cyber security carrier, was onsite to conduct our building inspection. We were given a clean audit.
- Mr. Craven provided a Parkside gym floor update as his correspondence with Steve Stalker from Stalker Flooring wants to allow three weeks for this project. We only have two weeks over the holiday break, so this project will be done over the summer. With no issues with the temporary fix, there should be no issue holding off until the summer.

Presentation of the Tentative 2023 Tax Levy

Mr. Craven presented the tentative 2023 tax levy. After discussion and questions were answered, Mr. Craven recommends that the Truth in Taxation Hearing for the final 2023 tax levy will be held in the December 20, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting for approval.

Review of the 2023-2024 District Risk Management Plan

Mr. Craven presented the 2023-2024 Risk Management Program for Peru ESD 124.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Tentative 2023 Tax Levy

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the tentative 2023 tax levy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Taylor, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the 2023-2024 District Risk Management Program

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2023-2024 District Risk Management program as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Goode, Taylor, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Discipline Improvement Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the ISBE Discipline Improvement Plan as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Bruins, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:42 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: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz seconded by Member Atkins, to return to Regular Session at 7:54 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Goode, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Extracurricular Activity Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the activity request from Melissa Olivero, parent to Andrew Olivero, to register Andrew as an individual bowler from Parkside for Sectionals and State this year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of FMLA Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the intermittent FMLA request from Reagan Shea. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Request for Resignation

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the resignation of Peyton Wenzel as a Paraprofessional at Northview School effective November 21, 2023. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment of Recommended Personnel

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to employ Michelle Novak as an Administrative Assistant at Northview Elementary effective November 27, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary