

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

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of April 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, April 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, Alison Goode, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, and President Patti Leynaud. LATE ENTRY: Vice President Rob Ankwicz at 6:19 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Brent Ziegler, Sara McDonald, John Vezzetti, Eric Heagy, Griffin Kellet and Family, and community member Doug Bernabei.

MOTION: Moved by Simon Kampwerth, seconded by John Atkins, to approve the meeting agenda of April 17, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Taylor, Leynaud, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Principal Brent Ziegler recognized the Parkside 2024 student IPA award winner Griffin Kellett as he was not able to attend the March meeting for recognition with his peers.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- March 20, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- March 20, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer Eric Heagy presented the district's quarterly treasurer's report. All funds are positive and in a surplus for the rest of the year.

Debt Restructuring Options

Superintendent Craven was notified on March 27, 2024 by Mayor Kolowski that after much discussion and consideration with City staff and council members, they do not feel that they can help support the potential Northview construction project by continuing the current city sales tax

agreement past 2028. John Vezzetti with Bernardi Securities provided the Board with an overview of three scenarios that the district could entertain should an expansion happen at Northview Elementary without the help of the City.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- The SEL Hub Team completed work needed with the ROE coach to get an action plan for the 2024-25 school year.
- To date, the Kindergarten numbers for the 2024-25 school year are at 75 students. Kindergarten round up is taking place on Friday, April 26th.
- The Young Author Conference is being held on Thursday, April 25th at Grand Bear Lodge.
- The 2024 Excellence in Education winners Sally Etzenbach and Kris Criss will be recognized at the ROE Excellence in Education Banquet on Thursday, May 2nd.

Parkside School

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- IAR Testing make ups and Illinois Science Assessments were administered the week of April 8th to grades 5-8.
- Attendance continues to be promoted with monthly recognition and incentives.
- PLC teams have been working with an emphasis on curriculum. The ELA PLC is exploring a possible pilot with StudySync/Wonders for the next school year.

First Reading of Issue 114 March 2024 PRESS Updated Policies

Mr. Craven does not see any policies that will require extensive review or discussion. These policies will be tabled for the required month and will be on the May agenda for approval.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation week is during the week of May 6th. The district will provide lunch one day and traditionally the PTC provides lunch as well.
- It is likely that this year's final budget will need to be amended to reflect some unexpected expenditures in the Building Fund that were not budgeted for.
- The Building and Grounds Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on May 2nd to review summer projects.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2024-25 Student Registration Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2024-25 student registration fees as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2024-25 Bids for Bakery & Milk Products

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2024-25 bids for bakery and milk products with Alpha Baking Company and Prairie Farms Dairy. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2024-25 Illinois Elementary School Association Membership and Fees

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the IESA membership and fees for the 2024-25 school year as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Goode, Taylor, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the Final 2023-24 School District Calendar

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins to approve the final 2023-24 school district calendar, which reflect the use of the 5 emergency reserve days. AYE, 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of 2024-25 SEL Contract

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2024-25 SEL Contract between Jamie Taylor and Peru ESD 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Goode, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. Member Taylor abstained. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval or Rejection of Northview Maintenance Grant Bid

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz to approve the base bid to replace the exterior doors in the amount of \$114,976.00 and reject the alternate bid. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Atkins, Taylor, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:53 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: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Atkins, Goode, Leynaud, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 7:49 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Atkins, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the resignation of Rachel Berger, Middle School 8th Grade Math Teacher and Cheer Coach for Parkside Middle School at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school term. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the resignation of Sydney Kasperski, Paraprofessional at Northview and Assistant Cheer Coach at Parkside at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school term. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth to approve the recommendation to employ Carly Bowman as a Northview Elementary 2nd Grade Special Education Teacher for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins to approve the recommendation to employ Melissa Preston as the PreK For All Expansion Teacher at Northview Elementary for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Goode to approve the recommendation to employ Ali Cuicci as a PreK For All Teacher at Northview Elementary for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Taylor, seconded by Member Kampwerth to approve the recommendation to employ Katie Robinson as Middle School 8th Grade Math Teacher at Parkside for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of FMLA Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the request for FMLA from Amy Perona tentatively effective May 14, 2024 through May 31, 2024. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Retirement Withdrawal Request

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz to approve the request from Karole Ochs, to withdraw her request for retirement which was submitted on February 1, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING YE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, and Atkisin. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary