

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124  
February 16, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of February 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 Vice- President Rob Ankiewicz, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice- President Ankiewicz led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Vice President Rob Ankiewicz, Members, John Atkins, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth and Austin Taylor.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the regular meeting agenda of February 16, 2023. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no public comments, correspondence, or announcements at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Member Josanne Bruins has asked that in the future, any new material added to the consent agenda be brought up for discussion.

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

- January 18, 2023, Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- January 18, 2023, Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- January 25, 2023, Special Meeting Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

## **REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Mrs. McDonald Reported:**

- Two 4<sup>th</sup> grade students were recognized at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Starved Rock IPA Student Recognition breakfast on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Simon Michaelson and Julie Smith were chosen by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team as the top students who exemplify being good citizens, treat others with respect, perform well in the classroom and lead by example.
- Standard Based Learning Leadership committee have been working hard on aligning their math and ELA priority learning standards into learning progressions and success criteria.
- On February 13<sup>th</sup>, Jennifer Jasensky from Curriculum Associates was at Northview again to work in the classroom with select teachers. This PD is provided with the annual contract with curriculum Associates.
- The ProKids Assemblies on February 6<sup>th</sup> were well received by both students and teachers. This event was sponsored by the PTC.
- On January 26<sup>th</sup> Northview offered an open gym for the PreK only students and their families. This event was quite a success.
- The end of the second trimester is Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents have only one. More trimester to work on goals and improvements.

#### **Mr. Ziegler Reported:**

- As the second trimester approaches on February 17<sup>th</sup>, several students have experienced increased time in morning lab, academic lunch, Project Success, and extended Fridays to work on their assignments, missing work and poor grades. Parent meetings continue addressing grades and attendance.
- PLC meetings continue to focus on assessment creations, cross curriculum use of resources and identifying student academic strengths and weaknesses.
- Teachers are currently being trained in SAEBRS, which is a teacher-based rating scale of student risk for social-emotional and behavioral problems. Parkside is implementing this program after President's Day to begin the screening process. This is a positive correlation with our parent community mental health night and Youth Mental Health First Aid training.
- Athletic and activity updates were provided. Boys Basketball, cheer and volleyball have wrapped up. Scholastic Bowl will begin competitions on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. The Parkside Dodgeball Tournament was a big success along with the ProKids Show Assembly. The LPHS Music of the Valley band/chorus concert was well represented by Parkside students and sponsors Mr. Whaley and Mr. DeWalt.

#### **Mr. Craven Reported:**

- As reported by Governor Pritzker on January 31, 2023, the Illinois Public Health Emergency will end of May 11, 2023.
- Upcoming Board Committee Meetings have been scheduled on Monday, March 6, 2023, for The Finance and Building and Grounds Committees.
- On February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, a representative from ISBE Nutrition Department was onsite to conduct a Food Service Audit. They went through paperwork, forms, applications, etc. He also conducted an onsite review of our meal services in action including menus, food labels, food safety and proper storage.
- To date, the Peru Education Foundation has 25 table sponsors and 30 teams registered to participate in Trivia Night on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- In compliance with state mandates, ISBE is offering a survey to our students in grades 5 through 8, teachers and staff, and also parents regarding our schools. The 5Essentials Parent Survey is required every other year.
- In late January, Governor Pritzker named Elgin U-46 Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders as the next State Superintendent replacing retiring Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala.

- The bond abatement resolution adopted by the BOE last month inadvertently left off the district's Series 2022B Bonds, which as you know partially refinanced the district's outstanding Series 2015A Bonds purely on an economic bases to save funds (\$143,411 in total). At the time the Series 2022B Bonds were issued by the district, it was an understanding that the 2022 levy was already abated due to the district having already having sufficient funds on hand to repay debt service. However, after review with the bond counsel and the LaSalle County Clerk, the 2022 levy was in fact no abated- hence the reason for having to now add to the previously adopted bond abatement resolution by the BOE.
- In the December 2022 Regular BOE meeting, the 2023-24 School District Calendar was approved. After review, Wednesday, October 25, 2023, will now reflect a noon dismissal for our students and Professional Development for staff due to the LP Articulation Day.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the tax levy resolution. ROLL CALL VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Amended 2023-2024 Peru School District 124 Calendar**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the amended 2023-2024 Peru School District Calendar. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:33 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; and for consideration of the appointment of a member to fill a board vacancy. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Bruins, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 7:03 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Approval of Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the recommendation to employ Yvette Pinter as a full--time kitchen aide at Parkside. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Taylor, Atkins, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Employment of Recommended Personnel**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth to employ Wes Miller at the Assistant Principal at Parkside School commencing July 1, 2023, and terminating June 30, 2026. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Atkins, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**Approval of Superintendent Contract**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins to approve the Superintendent Contract as preented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

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Rob Ankiewicz, Vice- President

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Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary

