

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**November 15, 2022 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of October 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 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Vice President, Rob Ankiewicz, Members, John Takins, Josanne Bruins, Alison Goode, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor and President Patti Leynaud.

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the meeting agenda of November 15, 2022. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Bruins and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board member John Atkins announced that he will not be running for re-election in April 2023 due to a promotion with his employer, Peru Police Department. The Board of Education, although sad to hear the news, congratulated John and his accomplishment with the Peru Police Department.

John also informed the Board that our local Peru Wal-Mart has pallets of backpacks and supplies to donate to the district. They will be coordinating a pickup or delivery time in the coming weeks.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- October 19, 2022 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- November 7, 2022 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meeting Minutes
- November 7, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

## REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### Administrative Reports

#### Mrs. McDonald reported:

- On November 2nd, Peru Rotary Club members Rob Ankiewicz, Mr. Craven, and Josie Kampwerth delivered the dictionaries to our students.
- Family Math Night was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Northview held an in person Veteran's Day Program for the first time in two years. The gym was packed.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place during the week of November 14-21<sup>st</sup>. The Book Fair will be open during the evenings of Parent-Teacher Conferences and during the day for students to shop.

#### Mr. Ziegler reported:

- First trimester grades and updates were finalized with Parkside staff and students finishing the trimester strong.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students participated in PSAT placement testing at LPHS on November 5<sup>th</sup> to assist counselors with developing incoming freshman schedules. LPHS counselors will meet with our students on December 5<sup>th</sup> to continue with freshman year prep.
- Professional Learning Communities met on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to finalize objectives for the 22-23 school year.
- Attendance is the main focus for this school year. There have been weekly check-ins with the LaSalle County Truancy officer. Parent calls, meetings and house visits have been implemented to improve student attendance.

#### Superintendent's Report

##### Mr. Craven Reported:

- Mr. Craven recognized the Board of Education as November 15<sup>th</sup> each year is designed at "School Board Members Day." Given all the challenges that we have been through in the last couple of years, Peru Elementary School District 124 and the community is fortunate to have the board leadership that it does.
- November 13-19<sup>th</sup> is American Education Week. The purpose of American Education Week is to raise public awareness of the importance of education.
- The Joint Annual Conference itinerary and final schedules were given to the board members.
- Presentation of the Tentative 2022 Tax Levy.
- Review of the 2022-2023 District Risk Management Program.
- Review of the 2022 IASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions.

#### Approval of the Tentative 2022 Tax Levy

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the tentative 2022 tax levy as presented. ROLL CALL VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Taylor and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### Approval of the 2022-2023 District Risk Management Program

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the 2022-2023 District Risk Management Program as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15 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, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, Goode, Bruins, Kampwerth and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to return to Regular Session at 7:18 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Leynaud, Taylor and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Approval of FMLA Request**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the FMLA request from Corrine Kimes. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of Employment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommendation to employ Gina Anderson as the Parkside School Administrative Assistant. AYE: 7, NAY: 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

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Patti Leynaud, President

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Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary