

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
MAY 15, 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 Vice President Rob Ankiewicz, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members John Atkins, Josanne Bruins, Alison Goode, and Vice President Rob Ankiewicz.
LATE ENTRY: Member Austin Taylor at 6:01 p.m. and Member Simon Kampwerth at 6:24 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Brent Ziegler, Sara McDonald, Elle Cullinan, and community member Doug Bernabei.

MOTION: Moved by John Atkins, seconded by Josanne Bruins, to approve the meeting agenda of May 15, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Ankiewicz, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eleanor Cullinan addressed the Board of Education to discuss working for Northview Elementary during the 2023-24 school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- April 17, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- April 17, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- May 2, 2024 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- May 8, 2024 District Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Update

The Board of Education was provided with an update regarding the Northview exterior door replacement project, Parkside gym floor project, Parkside landscaping plan, Parkside BESCO US lighting upgrade, as well as other typical summer work and maintenance plans.

Administrative Reports:

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- As of today, we have 82 students registered for the Bright Futures Preschool for the 2024-25 school year. Of those 82 students, 52 are returning 2nd year PreK students and 30 are new to the district.
- We have 76 students pre-registered for Kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year.
- The Summer Book Committee will be sending 147 summer bookbags home with students this summer.
- The 4th Grade Awards Program is scheduled for May 29th at 2:00 p.m.
- The Northview Fun Run will be on the last full day of school, May 30th. The money collected this year will again go to St. Jude's Midwest Affiliate in Peoria.
- The Northview Summer Jump Start program has 59 students signed up.

Parkside School

Mr. Ziegler reported:

- ELA is going to explore a pilot with StudySync. This was agreed upon by grades 6-8 and a meeting with a representative is schedule for next week to explore a pilot schedule. Grade 5 would like to explore Into Reading, based on this year's pilot of the curriculum.
- Attendance continues to be promoted with monthly recognition and incentives. In April, we had 280 students with 1.5 or fewer absences.
- Professional development has been focusing on scheduling for the 2024-25 school year. In addition, our Math PLC is meeting with FastBridge to discuss the best testing platforms and analyzing reports, prior to next year's testing schedule.
- The Parkside Jump Start Summer Program has 22 students signed up and teachers ready to roll. The program will run from July 22-August 8.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven reported:

- Reminder, that Graduation is set for Wed., May 29th at 7:00 p.m.
- It is likely that the 2023-2024 final budget will have to be amended to reflect some unexpected expenditures the Building Fund that were not budgeted for.
- A final review of the Issue 114 March 2024 PRESS updated policies was presented.
- Superintendent search firm options were presented for the Board for discussion and review.

Presentation of the 2023-2024 Amended Budget

In the fall, the air-conditioning unit in the Parkside MDF room needed replaced, our 5-year license agreement for the security camera system was renewed, updated internet infrastructure switches, and higher than normal Healy Bender bills due to the 10-year Health Life Safety survey. The FY24 budget updated expenditures and revenues was presented. A Notice of Public Hearing-Amended Budget will be sent to the NewsTribune Legal Advertisements. A budget amendment adoption will be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 26, 2024 in the LRC at Parkside School.

ACTION ITEMS

Adoption of Issue 114 March 2024 PRESS Memo Updated Policies: 2:44; 2:60; 2:140; 2:260; 2:270; 4:20; 4:165; 4:190; 5:10; 5:20; 5:100; 5:120; 5:300; 6:60; 7:10; 7:20; 7:180; 7:185

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the Issue 114 March 2024 PRESS Memo updated policies as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Goode, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of 2024-25 PSIC Renewal Pricing and Loss

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the 2024-25 PSIC renewal as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Goode, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Bruins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to Table the Northview Classroom Addition Project

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the recommendation to table the Northview classroom addition project. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Goode, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of the District Strategic Goals Plan

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor to approve the Strategic Plan for Peru Elementary School District 124 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Taylor, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to Reschedule June Regular Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to reschedule the June Regular Board of Education Meeting to June 26, 2024, 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center at Parkside Middle School. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Bruins, Goode, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Superintendent Search Process

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the recommendation to employ IASB to provide assistance in a professional executive search for the next superintendent. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:46 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, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Goode, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to return to Regular Session at 7:22 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Goode, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Employment

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the recommendation to employ Nikki Chase as a Behavioral Interventionist at Northview Elementary for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins to approve the recommendation to employ Addison Konczak as a 4th Grade Teacher for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the recommendation to employ Paige Champlin as a Paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Gillian Sondgeroth, Paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation of Abigale Baker, Paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the resignation of Kathy Sramek, Paraprofessional at Northview Elementary at the conclusion of the 2023-24 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary