

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
November 19, 2024, 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 19, 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, Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, and President Patti Leynaud. ABSENT: Alison Goode

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

MOTION: Moved by Josanne Bruins, seconded by John Atkins, to approve the regular meeting agenda of November 19, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no public comment, correspondence, or announcements at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- October 23, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- October 23, Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- November 1, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- November 1, 2024 Executive Session Special Meeting Minutes
- November 2, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- November 2, 2024 Executive Session Special Meeting Minutes
- November 8, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- November 8, 2024 Executive Session Special Meeting Minutes
- November 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- November 12, 2024 Executive Session Special Meeting Minutes
- November 13, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
- November 13, 2024 Executive Session Special Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

STATUS OF SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

President Leynaud stated that after careful consideration, the Board has decided to reopen the interview process to ensure that they select the most qualified candidate for the position of superintendent for Peru Elementary School District 124."

REVIEW OF DISTRICT IAR SCORES

ISBE released the IAR scores for Northview and Parkside schools. Parkside remained in the Commendable designation. Northview, however dropped to a Targeted designation due to our children with disabilities scores. Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Ziegler provided the Board of Education with a detailed explanation and breakdown of the data received.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Mrs. McDonald Reported:

- The Rotary Club provides dictionaries to our 3rd grade students every year. This is the 17th year that they have been providing this service to our students.
- The Northview Veteran's Day Program was held on November 11th.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held on November 21st and November 25th. So far, 1070 conferences have been scheduled.
- Currently, there are 6 IVCC students that are getting their early childhood associates degree. Thanks to the Northview teachers who are allowing them to come in and observe.

Mr. Ziegler Reported:

- The School Report Card designation was released with Parkside scoring a commendable status, which is 3% points higher than the previous year.
- The Building Leadership Team met to further discuss the strategic plan goal of establishing a PACE model for Parkside. The next phase is to contact and meet with Emmy Carney, Lead Counselor at LPHS to review their college and career pathways and build our pace model on their needs for incoming 8th graders.
- The Parkside Veteran's Day Program was a tremendous success, with a good crowd and great performance by students and leadership from staff.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven Reported:

- Mr. Craven recognized the Board of Education for their outstanding efforts for making Peru Elementary School District what it is. November 15th each year is designated as "School Board Members Day" in Illinois.
- American Education Week is November 18-22.
- The Veteran's Day Programs at Northview and Parkside did not disappoint. They were very well done, well attended and much appreciated by our visitors. A special shout out to Phil Whaley, Connor DeWalt, and Natalie Lindig for their program selections and having the children so well prepared.

- Mr. Craven presented the 2024-2025 Discipline Improvement Plan. This year's plan includes the addition of the behavioral interventionist at Northview and the \$130,000 SEL grant for Tier II & Tier III students.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Craven provided the Board with a Strategic Plan update. The next BPAC meeting has been scheduled for December 3rd. Northview custodians have completed almost all of the 10-year Health Life Safety items that were addressed. A deficit reduction plan will be presented at the December meeting. Technology Director, Tony Carlson met with Mr. Craven to discuss the remaining ERate funds in this cycle, along with the future infrastructure needs that are identified to be included in the 2025-2026 budget. We are also at the end of our MacBook lease and Tony will be recommending a new lease that will begin in the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

PRESENTATION OF THE TENTATIVE 2024 TAX LEVY

This year's overall Net Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) increased from \$225,778,495 to \$248,446,395. This is a 10.3% increase. Overall revenue across all funds, including bond and interest, will increase from \$7,175,224 to \$7,913,456 or a 10.3% increase. A Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held on December 19, 2024, prior to the regular meeting.

REVIEW OF 2024 IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

The Board of Education reviewed the outlined proposals to be acted upon at the annual meeting of the IASB Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 23rd.

FIRST READING OF PRESS ISSUE 117 UPDATED POLICIES

The Board of Education reviewed the updated policies that were released in the PRESS Issue 117. The policies presented will be adopted the regular December meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Tentative 2024 Tax Levy

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

Approval of the 2024-2025 District Risk Management Program

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the 2024-2025 District Risk Management Program as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Taylor, Bruins, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Contract for Mowing and Trimming Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the contract for mowing and trimming services from TNT Lawn and Snow, LLC for the 2025 and 2026 mowing seasons. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Bruins, Taylor, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2024-2025 Discipline Improvement Plan

MOTION: Moved by member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the 2024-2025 Discipline Improvement Plan as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Leynaud, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:02 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 discussion regarding denial of access to school property as it related to board policy 8:30. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to return to Regular Session at 8:29 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of FMLA Requests

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the FMLA request from Karen Koplín. AYE, 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the FMLA request from Kristine Criss. AYE, 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the FMLA request from Holly Buczkowski. AYE, 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the resignation from Abby Zebron, effective November 15, 2024, 2024. AYE, 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary