

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
OCTOBER 23, 2024, 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 Learning Resource Center at Parkside School by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, October 23, 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, Alison Goode, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, and President Patti Leynaud.

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

MOTION: Moved by John Atkins, seconded by Rob Ankiewicz, to approve the regular meeting agenda of October 23, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Ankiewicz, Bruins Kampwerth, Goode, Taylor, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Kampwerth stated that the 2024 Joint Annual Conference is shaping up to be the largest conference in the last fifteen years with around 700 school district's attending. Also, next Wednesday, October 30th, Rotary will be hosting their annual delivery of dictionaries to area school districts.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- September 18, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- September 18, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

PRESENTATION OF THE DISTRICT QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT

Eric Heagy reported that bonds are in the 4% yield range. Rates went down about 50 basis points and funds are in the positive for the first quarter.

PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 DISTRICT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, INDEPENDENT AUDIT, ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AND SHARED SERVICES AND OUTSOURCING REPORT

Bill Newkirk of Newkirk and Associates presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report. He reviewed the revenues, expenditures and fund balances for the fiscal year and reported that all of the numbers are the same as reported by the district.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Mrs. McDonald Reported:

- The district continues using SAEBRs (Social, Academic, Emotional, Behaviors Risk Screener) for students in grades K-8. This is the second year implementing this SEL screener.
- Problem solving meetings (RtI) with grade level teams are underway now that we are more than halfway through the trimester. Most of the parent meetings of problem solved students will initially take place in Parent Teacher Conferences in November.

Mr. Ziegler Reported:

- IIRC (Report Card) should be received at the end of this month. Information will be shared at the November meeting.
- The Building Leadership Team met to continue a discussion on the PACE Model for students at Parkside. The end goal is to create a curriculum designed to advance student's abilities in aspiration, self-advocacy, and planning, in reflection to college and career exploration prior to entering high school.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Craven provided the Board with a Strategic Plan update. EL teacher Brittany Muller has scheduled a BPAC committee meeting which was held on October 22nd at Northview. Mr. Craven and Mrs. McDonald filled out a Capital Needs Assessment Survey which was due mid September. The week of September 30th, Nikki Chase started to implement Tier 3 SAIG (lunch bunch) groups. There currently is a small number of students right now in the SAIG groups. After looking at the SAEBRs data results, it is expected that these numbers may increase. Northview has discussed SIP plans with teachers and Mrs. McDonald brought up the fact that we need to make sure that the emotional needs of teachers and not just the students.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Craven Reported:

- Principal's Appreciation Week is this week. Thank you to Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Ziegler for the great work that they do in their buildings and all that they do for our kids, staff, and families.
- Building inspections from the Regional Office of Education and Prairie State Insurance Cooperative were held on October 10th and October 17th. Both inspections went very well with no major infractions.
- On October 17th Mr. Craven met with Key Builders to review the list of items that need to be addressed to complete the Northview door replacement project.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2024-2025 FALL ENROLLMENT REPORT

Each year the district provides an official fall enrollment report as of September 30th of each year. The grand total of enrolled students at Peru Elementary is 976. This includes grade levels PreK-8.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEE HISTORY AND PROJECTION

Each year the district provides the full-time equivalent employee history and projection report. The total number of non-certified employees is 55 which is one less than FY24 and the total number of certified employees is 86 which is two more than FY24.

ACTION ITEMS

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to appoint Alison Goode as the delegate and Austin Taylor as the alternate for the IASB Delegate Assembly. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz Bruins, Goode, Leynaud, Taylor, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Recommended Contract for Snow Removal Services

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the contract for snow removal services from Stuart Tree Services for the 2024-2025 winter season. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Atkins, Kampwerth, Taylor, Bruins, Leynaud, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Northview Ten-Year Health Life Safety Report

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the Northview 10-year health life safety report as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to Reschedule the Regular December Board of Education Meeting

MOTION: Moved by member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommendation to move the regular December meeting to December 19, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins Ankiewicz, Goode, Leynaud, Atkins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:07 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, Goode, Taylor, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to return to Regular Session at 8:12 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Ankiewicz, Taylor, Bruins, Kampwerth, Leynaud, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignations

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the resignation from Julie Bulak effective October 16, 2024. AYE, 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation from Kelsey Suarez effective December 23, 2024. AYE, 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the resignation from Becky Wicinski effective October 18, 2024. AYE, 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of FMLA Requests

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

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

Approval of Employment Recommendations

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommendation to employ Briza Henry as a full-time food service employee at Parkside for the 2024-2025 school year. AYE, 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to employ Kathy Boyer Briza Henry as a part-time food service employee at Northview for the 2024-2025 school year. AYE, 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to employ James Weber as a part-time temporary custodian at Parkside. AYE, 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary