

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the month of September 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, September 18, 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, Josanne Bruins, Alison Goode, Simon Kampwerth, and President Patti Leynaud. Member Rob Ankiewicz entered at 6:02 p.m. ABSENT: Austin Taylor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Brent Ziegler, Sara McDonald, Mike Vezzetti, and community member Doug Bernabei.

**MOTION:** Moved by John Atkins, seconded by Josanne Bruins, to approve the regular meeting agenda of September 18, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Bruins Kampwerth, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Kampwerth stated that the COSSBA Federal Advocacy Event held in Washington D.C. September 8-10<sup>th</sup> had a successful turnout with 38 states in attendance, Illinois being one. The ISBE quarterly meeting with Superintendent Sanders hosted a total of 673 attendees for the conference with most administrators in attendance.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 DISTRICT BUDGET**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by member Kampwerth, to enter the public budget hearing for the fiscal year 2025 district budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Mr. Craven presented the fiscal year 2025 district budget to the Board of Education. The budget presented is a balanced budget that does not include any working cash transfers.

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by member Goode, to exit the public budget hearing for the fiscal year 2025 district budget. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Goode, Atkins, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- August 21, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- August 21, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

- September 17, 2024 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Treasurer’s Report
- Quarterly Treasurer’s Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**PRESENTATION OF VEZZETTI INVESTMENT, A STUDIO COMPANY ANNUAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

Mike Vezzetti presented the district’s annual investment account stating that FY24 was one of the best years by far with a cash basis earing of \$374,069.00. This year is shaping up to be excellent as well.

**REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Administrative Reports**

**Mrs. McDonald Reported:**

- The District Open House took place on August 19<sup>th</sup> with an overall 92% parent attendance that evening.
- PreK home visits were held on August 21-22 with a total of 74 visits held between the four Preschool teachers.
- The Bright Future’s Preschool Program was under an ISBE review last school year. The state looks at several different aspects of the program. The overall rating received from the state was the top Gold Excele Rating.
- The PTC Fundraiser is in full swing. PTC set of a goal of \$35,000 for Northview. To date, \$31,000 has been met.

**Mr. Ziegler Reported:**

- To date, 371 students are enrolled at Parkside which is an increase of 21 students compared to May 2024.
- iReady math diagnostics and Fastbridge benchmarking were administered and completed the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A training on interpreting the FastBridge data was held at the first PLC meeting and interventions have begun for the students.
- The 6-8 PLC will be utilizing their updated curriculum guide with their new reading series, Into Reading in grade 5 and StudySync in grades 6-8. ELA scores have increased the past two years.
- Fundraising through the PTC has kicked off with Parkside’s goal being \$20,000.00. Of that \$20,000, \$16,000 has been met. Classes compete against each other, and prizes continue to be awarded to students.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Ziegler presented the 2024-2025 School Improvement Plans for Northview and Parkside. Attendance continues to be the focus at Parkside along with the implementation of the Illinois Learning Standards, through the use of Math Ready and iReady. Northview continues to focus on ELA instructional practices within the grade level priority

standards and will develop an English Language Learner Program with the help of our new EL Teacher, Brittany Muller.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Mr. Craven provided the Board with a Strategic Plan update. EL teacher Brittany Muller has been assessing PreK and new students at Northview who indicate another language is spoken at home. She is working with small groups at Parkside while assessing new students using the Duolingo app and iPads for translation. Mr. Ziegler and Mr. Craven met with Bonnie Campbell, ROE PACE Framework Coordinator to identify curricular guidelines for middle schools.

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE**

The Building and Grounds Committee met on September 17, 2024 to discuss all possible options for creating additional classroom space at Northview School. All agree to educate the public for this need.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- The consolidated district plan was presented to the Board for approval. Thank you to Mrs. McDonald who completes this grant application.
- HVAC maintenance service agreements from Helm Mechanical were presented for Northview and Parkside. These agreements represent a 3% increase over last year.
- The recommendation that Kriha Boucek, LLC be an additional Legal Counsel for Peru ESD 124.
- The recommendation to move the October Board of Education Meeting to October 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the IASB Search Firm and Superintendent Search.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025 District Budget**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 District Budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **Approval of Recommended 2024-2025 Consolidated District Plan**

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

#### **Approval of Recommended Proposal for HVAC Maintenance Services**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the proposal for HVAC maintenance services from Helm Mechanical as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **APPROVAL OF ADDITIONALLY NAMED LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**

**MOTION:** Moved by member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve Kriha Boucek, LLC as an additionally named legal counsel for Peru ESD 124. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:

Goode, Bruins, Ankiewicz, Atkins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **APPROVAL TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR OCTOBER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**MOTION:** Moved by member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the recommendation to move the regular October meeting to October 23, 2024, to accommodate the IASB Search Firm and Superintendent Search. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud, and Atkins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **ADOPTION OF ISSUE 116 AUGUST 2024 PRESS UPDATED POLICIES: 2:260; 2:265; 5:100; 7:20; 7:185**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the adoption of the updated PRESS policies a presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Goode, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Atkins, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:56 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: Atkins, Ankiewicz, Goode, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to return to Regular Session at 8:08 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Bruins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Atkins, Leynaud, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Approval of FMLA Requests**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the FMLA request from Beth Coutre. AYE, 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the FMLA request from Becky Wicinski. AYE, 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Motion Regarding Denial of Access to School Property as Related to Board Policy 8:30**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins to deny access to school property to Tammy Davis with a recommended one calendar year suspension through

September 5, 2025, pursuant to board policy 8:30. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Bruins, Goode, and Leynaud. Members Atkins and Kampwerth abstained. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Bruins, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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Patti Leynaud, Board President

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Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary