

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
AUGUST 18, 2021, 6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the month of August 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, 1800 Church Street, Peru, IL, by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Rob Ankiewicz, Josanne Bruins, Simon Kampwerth, Austin Taylor, Vice President C.G. Pillai, and President Patti Leynaud. ABSENT: Member John Atkins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven and Katie Budnick.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to approve the regular meeting agenda of August 18, 2021. **ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE:** Ankiewicz, Pillai, Leynaud, Bruins, Kampwerth, and Taylor. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A thank you note was received from Kim Vezzetti in gratitude for her retirement recognition. Email correspondence was received from various parents regarding the mask mandate.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- July 21, 2021 Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- July 21, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

IASB Informational Update

Member Kampwerth shared information regarding the National School Board Association. He mentioned there will continue to be a large number of bills being presented, and information will be shared as needed.

Administrative Reports

Northview School

Mrs. McDonald reported:

- Northview School is ready for the students to arrive and classrooms and teachers are excited to have the students back in person.
- Teacher Institute activities are planned for the first two days and the District Open House will be held on August 19th for supply drop-off.

Parkside School

Mrs. Anderson Maier reported:

- Parkside School is excited to have the students back in person as well, and preparations have been made to keep the students safe throughout the day.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Craven reported that the annual Crisis Response Meeting was held on July 30 and there were minimal changes needed to the Crisis Plan.
- Mr. Craven shared that the New Staff/Mentor meeting was held on August 6 for our 16 new staff members.
- Mr. Craven shared the changes in members and officers for the Foundation Board following the meeting held on August 11.
- Mr. Craven reminded the board of the IASB Starved Rock Division Meeting on October 14, which will be hosted at Parkside School.
- Mr. Craven commended the custodial staff on the tremendous job of cleaning the buildings this summer, as well as the entire secretarial and support staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing for registration and the new school year.

Presentation of School Improvement Plans

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Anderson Maier presented the School Improvement Plans for their respective buildings. There was a time for discussion and questions following the presentations.

Update and Discussion Regarding 2021-22 Return to School Plan

Superintendent Craven shared that the Return to School Plan remained the same as was previously shared last month. Masks will be required for all staff and students in the buildings with continued social distancing measures and cleaning protocol being followed.

Final Presentation of Recommended Additions, Deletions and Modifications of Board of Education Policy Numbers: 1:20; 2:10; 2:30; 2:130; 2:240; 5:10; 5:30; 6:100; 6:145; 6:160; 6:235; 6:255; 6:260; 7:280; 8:90

Mr. Craven shared the final presentation of the recommended policy updates for adoption at tonight's meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2021-22 Peru Elementary School District 124 Tentative Budget

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Vice President Pillai, to approve the 2021-22 Peru Elementary School District 124 Tentative Budget as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Taylor. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of the 2021-22 Peru Elementary School District Reopening Policy

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to adopt the 2021-22 Peru Elementary School District Reopening Policy as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the 2021-22 Evaluators for Certified and Non-Certified Staff

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2021-22 Evaluators for Certified and Non-Certified Staff as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Taylor, Pillai, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommended Illinois Department of Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Taylor, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Adoption of Recommended Board Policies as Presented for Policy Numbers: 1:20; 2:10; 2:30; 2:130; 2:240; 5:10; 5:30; 6:100; 6:145; 6:160; 6:235; 6:255; 6:260; 7:280; 8:90

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Taylor, to adopt the recommended board policies as presented for policy numbers: 1:20; 2:10; 2:30; 2:130; 2:240; 5:10; 5:30; 6:100; 6:145; 6:160; 6:235; 6:255; 6:260; 7:280; 8:90. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. for the discussion of information regarding the employment, performance, or dismissal of employees or district legal counsel. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Ankiewicz, Taylor, Pillai, Leynaud, Bruins, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to return to Regular Session at 7:19 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Pillai, Kampwerth, Taylor, Leynaud, Ankiewicz, and Bruins. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Atkins. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Bruins, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the resignation of Somer Moore as a teacher at Northview School. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation of Katie Wellner as a paraprofessional at Parkside School. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to employ Beth Haskell as a 1st grade teacher at Northview School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Taylor, to employ Kathy Sramek as a paraprofessional at Parkside School for the 2021-22 school year. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the updated 2021-22 extracurricular assignments. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Vice President Pillai, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Aye 6, Nay 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Rita Strickler, Board Secretary