

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
AUGUST 21, 2024, 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 by Board President Patti Leynaud, on Wednesday, August 21, 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, Austin Taylor, Rob Ankiewicz, and President Patti Leynaud.

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Jamie Craven, Megan Baltikauski, Alan Mobly IASB Executive Search Consultant, Brent Ziegler, Sara McDonald, 2024-25 New Faculty and Staff Members with Mentors, and PEA Member, Beth Rich.

MOTION: Moved by Simon Kampwerth, seconded by John Atkins, to approve the regular meeting agenda of August 21, 2024. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Bruins, Goode, Taylor, Ankiewicz, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AL MOBLY, ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARD EXECUTIVE SEARCH UPDATE

Mr. Mobly provided the Board of Education with the results of the Superintendent Search Survey and an overview of the next steps in the search process.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

Building Administrators along with staff mentors introduced the new faculty and staff for the 2024-25 school year. The Board of Education welcomed the following:

Ali Ciucci, PreK teacher at Northview; Addison Ripka, 4th grade teacher at Northview; Carly Christman, 4th grade teacher at Northview; Carly Bowman, 2nd grade special education teacher at Northview; Madison Pearson, 6th grade ELA at Parkside; Brittany Muller, bilingual/ESL teacher for the district; Mary Lindig, media center clerk at Northview; Abby Zebron, paraprofessional at Northview; Paige Champlin, paraprofessional at Parkside; Mary Stewart, paraprofessional at Parkside; Kaylee Kofoid, paraprofessional at Parkside; Autumn Spears, paraprofessional at Parkside; Sarah Bernard paraprofessional at Parkside.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- July 21, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
- July 21, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- Quarterly Treasurer's Report

- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements
- Fiscal Year 2024 Report of Contracts Exceeding \$25,000
- Fiscal Year 2024 Report of Salary, Compensation, and Benefits

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

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Administrative Reports

Mrs. McDonald Reported:

- Enrollment is currently 593 students at Northview starting off the 2024-25 school year. This number will likely increase when more PreK students fill the roster.
- PreK screenings were held on August 8-9, with 33 students screened in those two days. As of August 12, there are a total of 112 PreK students enrolled.
- The PTC is bringing back their big fundraiser. Kickoff for this fundraiser is the first full week of school with incentives for kids that can email/text family and friends for monetary donations.
- Summer school at Northview was held during the weeks of July 22-August 9. 89 students were recommended, and 56 students attended.

Mr. Ziegler Reported:

- Parkside’s focus on student achievement is centered around improving attendance, motivation, standards aligned curriculum, and continued SEL resources.
- Our preliminary state scores show a positive increase in Math and ELA scores, with math scores one percent above the state average and ELA scores 4 percent above the state average.
- The 6-8 team is piloting a new series, StudySync. This curriculum is researched based and will provide additional structure and resources to improve reading and writing abilities across grade levels.
- Girls softball and boys baseball is currently underway with 18 participants in both softball and baseball.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Craven Reported:

- Our annual Crisis Response Meeting with local first responders was held on August 1, 2024.
- New staff orientation was held on August 2, 2024.
- Summer projects have been well underway and ready to go for staff to return. Other projects include: Northview Door Project, Parkside Concrete Project, Northview HLS list.

FIRST READING OF ISSUE 116 MEMO PRESS UPDATED POLICIES

Mr. Craven provided the Board of Education with the first reading of PRESS policies 2:260; 2:265; 5:100; 7:20; 7:185. These policies were reviewed during the regular August meeting and will be presented for adoption in the regular September meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT

Mr. Craven provided an update to the strategies under each goal with further discussion on if those strategies have been met or are emerging now that the school year is upon us.

2024-25 BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Craven provided the Board of Education with the fiscal year 2025 budget summary. This summary does not include any working cash transfers. The adoption of the 2024-25 final budget is scheduled for September 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parkside School Library.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2024-25 Evaluators for Certified and Non-Certified Staff

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the 2024-25 evaluators for certified and non-certified staff as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, Goode, Taylor, Leynaud, and Bruins. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Adoption of Illinois Transportation Serious Safety Hazard Resolution

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Bruins, to approve the IDOT serious safety resolution as presented. CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Bruins, Goode, Leynaud, Taylor, Atkins, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Goode, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15 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: Ankiewicz, Goode, Bruins, Kampwerth, Atkins, Leynaud, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Atkins, to return to Regular Session at 7:37 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Atkins, Ankiewicz, Bruins, Taylor, Goode, and Leynaud. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Resignation

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the resignation from Alyssa Stuart, life skills teacher at Parkside School. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of Employment Recommendations

MOTION: Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the recommendation to employ Autumn Spears as a paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Ankiewicz, to approve the recommendation to employ Sarah Bernard as a paraprofessional at Parkside Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION: Moved by Member Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the recommendation for Katy Faber to be employed as a long-term substitute teacher in the life skills/cross category classroom at Parkside Middle School. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-**

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Approval of 2024-25 Extracurricular Assignments

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins to approve the 2024-25 extracurricular assignments as presented. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Member Ankiewicz, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. AYE 7, NAY 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Patti Leynaud, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary