

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**PERU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124**  
**July 15, 2026, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the month of July of the Board of Education of Peru Elementary School District 124, LaSalle County, Illinois, was called to order in the Choral Room at Parkside Middle School by Board President Rob Ankiewicz, on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Members John Atkins, Justin Miller, Austin Taylor, Vice President Simon Kampwerth, Alison Goode, and President Rob Ankiewicz. ABSENT: Jessica Skolek.

Others Present: Superintendent Ryan Linnig, Megan Baltikauski, Eric Heagy and Phil Slevin.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MOTION:** Moved by John Atkins, seconded by Justin Miller, to approve the regular meeting agenda of July 15, 2026. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Miller, Kampwerth, Goode, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- June 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 24, 2026 Executive Session Minutes
- Financial Reports
- Monthly Treasurer's Report
- District Bills
- Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements

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

**REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Eric Heagy presented the quarterly Treasurer's Report. He reported that the District's Cash Management Account balance is approximately \$2 million while the Brokerage account balance is approximately \$8.3 million. He noted that the Education and Operations & Maintenance Funds have increased due to a working cash transfer and stated that the District's overall financial status remains in good standing.

## **STUDIO INVESTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

Mr. Phil Slevin provided a general overview of the District's Investment Account. Cash basis earnings for the fiscal year were \$358,233. Current duration is currently 0.67 and we will be increasing slightly with new tax monies. Available fund history recap, cash basis earnings, summary worksheet and the bond analysis report were all provided to the Board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Parkside Food Steamer: The Parkside kitchen steamer, identified for replacement on the 1–5 Year Facilities Plan, is beyond repair. Two proposals were received, with the lowest proposal submitted by KaTom Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$22,440. Approval is recommended.

Health Insurance: Health insurance renewal options were reviewed. The initial BCBS renewal increase of 21.5% was negotiated down to 15.2%. Additional options from BCBS and United Health Care, including the Difference Card, were presented. Current proposals include a 5% increase with BCBS and a 7.2% decrease with United Health Care.

FY26 Budget Review: Preliminary, pre-audit figures indicate the District ended FY26 approximately \$457,000 (4%) under budget in the Education Fund. The planned \$295,000 transfer from Working Cash will not be necessary. A summary of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures was provided.

Legislative Update: A summary of 2026 legislation passed by both houses and awaiting the Governor's signature was provided.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Updates to the strategic plan were provided to the Board.

## **FIRST READING OF PRESS ISSUE 122 JUNE 2026 UPDATED POLICIES**

PRESS Policies: Policy updates were reviewed. Changes consisted primarily of updated legal references, unchanged policies, and items addressed through the five-year review process to maintain ROE compliance.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Medical Insurance Proposal for Peru Elementary School District 124**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Kampwerth, to approve the medical insurance proposal for Peru ESD 124 as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Kampwerth, Miller, Taylor, Goode, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of 2026-27 Certified Athletic Trainer Agreement**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Miller, to approve the 2026-27 certified athletic trainer agreement as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Goode, Miller, Atkins, Kampwerth, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

### **Approval of the Proposal for Food Service Equipment**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the proposal for food service equipment as recommended. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Goode, Miller, Taylor, Ankiewicz, and Kampwerth. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Atkins, to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. for the Discussion of Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees and

Review and Consideration of Release of Executive Session Minutes of Meetings Held on the Following Dates, with Exceptions as Noted in Minutes in Which the Need for Confidentiality Remains: January 21, 2026; February 18, 2026; March 12, 2026; March 18, 2026; April 15, 2026; May 12, 2026; May 20, 2026; June 24, 2026. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Miller, Atkins, Goode, Kampwerth, Taylor, and Ankiewicz. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller to return to Regular Session at 7:02 p.m. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Miller, Kampwerth, Goode, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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

##### **Approval of the Authorization of Destruction of Verbatim Audio Records from Executive Sessions Held Prior to January 1, 2025, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120**

**MOTION:** Moved by Vice President Kampwerth, seconded by Member Goode, to approve the authorization of destruction of verbatim audio records as presented. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Kampwerth, Goode, Miller, Atkins, Ankiewicz, and Taylor. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

##### **Consideration of Approval to Release Executive Session Minutes**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the recommendation to retain all executive session minutes from the dates provided. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Miller, Atkins, Taylor, Ankiewicz, Kampwerth, and Goode. NAYS: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

##### **Approval of Employment Recommendations**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Taylor, to approve the recommendation to reassign Hannah Muehlschlegel as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and Social Science teacher commencing the 2026-27 school term. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller to approve the recommendation to employ Lisa Goddard as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and Social Science Teacher commencing the 2026-27 school term. ROLL CALL, VOTING AYE: Atkins, Miller, Goode, Taylor, and Atkins. NAYS: None. Vice President Kampwerth Abstained. **The motion carried 5-0.**

##### **Approval of Resignation**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Goode, seconded by Member Atkins, to approve the resignation from Jennifer Calhoun, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective July 13, 2026. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Member Atkins, seconded by Member Miller, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Rob Ankiewicz, Board President

Megan Baltikauski, Board Secretary