



**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ~ COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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**Committee:** Curriculum Committee

**Date:** April 12, 2017

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Lincoln Cultural Center, 240 Warren Avenue Room 217, Kankakee, IL 60901

Committee Members present:

Mrs. Barbara Wells

Mrs. Angela Shea

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Committee Members absent:

Mrs. Mary Archie

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Other attendees:

Dr. Genevra Walters

Mrs. Felice Hybert

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The following discussion was held:

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Wells.

Curriculum Committee Board minutes from the February 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Mrs. Hybert updated the committee on the PARCC testing. Due to the volume of students on the wireless network at the same time, a couple of buildings experienced technology issues. Our technology staff identified the problem with the router and had everyone up and running and back in schedule quickly. Other than this issue things went much smoother than the first year and we are optimistic that the process will continue to improve.

PSAT/SAT testing at the high school went well. Avis Huff has issues testing at their sight. To avoid this in the future, the students from Avis Huff will take this test at the high school.

Mrs. Hybert was proud to inform the committee that we had six students secure a place in Kankakee Community College's Early College Program. Mrs. Shea has spoken to other parents regarding this program and all are excited for it to continue into the 17-18 school year.

A textbook adoption request was presented on behalf of the high school. The proposal, for Consumer Education books to be used by all freshman, was approved. The purpose of returning to a required consumer education course in high school, as opposed to allowing

students to test out of the class, was to be sure in the future all students will have basic knowledge of fiscal responsibility and be able to balance a checkbook.

Mrs. Hybert informed the board that we are redesigning our kindergarten through third grade report card. The revised report card will be more standards based and built on competences, tied to mastery and application of skills. Jenny Way is heading up this project. The revised report card will be shared with all K-3 teachers before the end of the school year and again in August.

Representatives from the high school will be visiting Barrington High School to take a look at their incubatorEDU classroom. Our high school plans to offer one pilot class of incubatorEDU in the fall. This new style classroom will focus on entrepreneurship and be a part of the Business Academy. The curriculum will showcase the future of teaching and learning, being very student driven allowing students to create a business or design a product with guidance from teachers and mentors from our community.

Mrs. Hybert presented members with a quick glance at our AIMSWeb scores. Gifted, honors and our College and Career Ready student scores are all increasing. Mrs. Hybert plans create a three year trend report for the full Board in June.

With increased support in the buildings, reading and math are scores are improving. We plan to focus on reading in the 17-18 school year with continued coaching from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Consultants and an Achieve 3000 pilot.

Mrs. Hybert shared a video showcasing our teachers. A task was introduced, teachers discussed the data and collaborated on how to implement change to improve instruction. This video was taken during our early release at King Middle Grade School. Mrs. Hybert would like to see this type of collaboration continue in the district, even taking it one step future by bring the students in and having them help self-analyze their needs. This type of professional development empowers teachers and gives them a voice in building capacity in their grade level while making instructional changes based on data.

Mrs. Hybert presented an overview of the district's summer school programs. We will not be partnering with the Kankakee Valley Park District this summer, instead returning to a more traditional summer school format. Our plans are to serve 100 K-3<sup>rd</sup> students and 110 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students in addition to the junior high and high school programs. Target students will be those who need more help sustaining levels over the summer. We will also offer a pre-kindergarten camp this year that will help prepare these students for full day kindergarten. These programs will be funded by Title I and IDEA.

Kankakee School District #111 has been selected for the Illinois Competency Grant. This grant will provide invaluable resources and support for our high school. The Walter Payton High School is this group and it is the highest rated high school in Illinois.

Parent choice for students ends in the sixth grade in our district. We are working on changing our programs to allow junior high parents' choice as well. We would like to offer Montessori, CCR/AVID, Honors, and International Baccalaureate as the four choices for junior high parents. To start toward this goal, we are hosting a Civil Air Patrol Informational Meeting at King Middle Grade school. This program is similar to a junior ROTC program and opens the door to consider an ROTC program in our district. Flyers will be going out soon inviting our 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to come and see what this program is all about.

Mrs. Wells asked Mrs. Hybert to look into a program called *Blue Streak*. She had the opportunity to view this program at a conference and felt the program was very engaging and might work well in our district.

Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Shea congratulated Mrs. Hybert on a great first year as Assistant Superintendent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.