

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 11, 2022**

The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:36 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at Thomas Edison 1991 E Maple St Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mary Archie
Deb Johnston
Jess Gathing
Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary
Barbara Wells, Board President

Roll Call

Members Absent: Chris Bohlen (entered at 5:36 pm)
Darrell Williams, Board Vice President (entered at 5:36 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 5:36 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

Closed Session

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the district, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Archie, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells, Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

At 7:09 pm., the regular session was reconvened.

Reconvened

JROTC Presented the colors and Barbara Wells, Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Dr. Nicole Terrell-Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Dr. Genevra Walters, Superintendent
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

No reporters were present.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Good News: Dr. Walters gave condolences to the Williams and Smith family on the passing of Ms. Rosie Williams and asked for a moment of silence. Dr. Walters discussed the Community Partnership grant of \$635,000. The goal is to create opportunities for students in the summer and after school in the fall.

School	Event	Explanation
Edison	Donation	Edison would like to thank Alderwoman Kelly Johnson and the City of Kankakee for donating two trees. The trees will be planted outside of Edison on Earth Day, April 22nd.
Kennedy	Recognition	Kennedy, has two winners from the NAACP Black History

		Month Essay Contest, "59 Years of Fighting: Is the Dream Still Alive and Relevant in 2022?" In the 3rd-5th Grade Division, 1st place went to Emma Lazdins, 4th grader, and 2nd place went to Jacky Ramirez-Delacruz, 3rd grader.
KHS	Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The high school recently had 50 students accepted into the early college program at KCC. The track team recently received a \$14,400 grant from Brooks Running Club (2020 Brooks Booster Club Grant)
District	Recognition	Linda Peterson of Student Support Services, was honored as Special Educator of the Year by the Kankakee Area Special Educators Symposium Selection Committee. Her video was shared on the district FB page and she was given a plaque and monetary award. Congratulations, Linda

- ❖ Instruction:
 - Mrs. Hybert discussed summer learning, currently 350 students are enrolled, Lit Camp Purchase, and planning for the next school year.
- ❖ Finance:
 - Dr. Smith discussed the memos on the agenda, online registration, insurance premiums increase, and the LCC/King boiler project. The Architects presented the past assessments of each building.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed and introduced the Administrators and Teachers that are to be approved at tonight's board meeting.

Principal's Report

Mr. Kuester introduced the staff and honored the retirees. And showed a brief video.

Principal's Report

Public Comments

The following public comment was made.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Mr. Snipes discussed the difference in pay between junior high and high school admin and discussed equity.
Amanda Wells	Ms. Wells discussed the way her child has been dealt with since the 4th grade and is worried about how far behind she has fallen.
Traci Jordan	Ms. Jordan addressed concerns regarding not having lockers at the high school and drugs/smoking on campus. Ms. Jordan discussed the HBCU trip and the great experience she had.

Board Report

Board President Report: Mrs. Wells discussed a program at Eastern Illinois University the students can sign up for the "The Minority Teacher Identification and Enrichment Program" from June 13-July 1st on EIU Campus. The information will be available in the principles office. For more information please call 217-581-2524 Ms. Henderson.

Board Reports

Finance Facilities Committee Report: Mr. Gathing discussed the March 24th Finance Meeting.

Barbara Wells and Board were in agreement that Galen Strole be added to Item 6 Resignation Licensed Educational Professional.

Consent Agenda

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The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
 - **March 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council Information** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation (Administrative Personnel)		
Terrence Lee	Principal at Taft Primary School	June 30, 2022
Resignations & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Ashlee Ekhoft	Social Worker at Mark Twain	June 30, 2022
Timothy Lehman	Music Teacher at KJHS	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Galen Strole	Social Worker at Kennedy (Added by Board)	April 11, 2022
Resignation (Support Personnel)		
Stacey Flournoy	Clerical at KHS	March 31, 2022
Appointment (Administrative Personnel)		
Dr. Taiyuan Banks	Principal at Mark Twain	July 1, 2022
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Yakelin Pizano	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	April 12, 2022
Amanda Stosiek	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	April 25, 2022
Appointment (Extra Duty Assignment)		
Sydney Christon	Assistant Track Coach at KJHS	2021-2022 School Year
Internal Appointments (Administrative Personnel)		
Bonita Anderson	Assistant Principal at KHS	July 1, 2022
Amanda Grace	Assistant Principal at Kennedy	July 1, 2022
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Cristina Medina	Attendance Clerk at KJHS	April 4, 2022

A motion was made by Bohlen and seconded by Archie to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of Recommendation for Position Letters First, Second, Third, and Fourth Year Staff.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the recommendation for position letters first, second, third, and fourth-year staff as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Board Minutes

Regular Bills

Head Start Policy Council
Information
Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirements

Appointments

Action Items

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and Fourth Year Staff.

2. Approval of Contract with Hygieneering for Abatement Project Management.

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3. Approval to Purchase LitCamp.

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A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve LitCamp as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Old Business

Tracy Jordan, Andrea Short, and Dr. Walters discussed the success of the HBCU Trip.

Old Business

Information

- 1. 4-Day Workweek Guidelines-Summer 2022
- 2. Head Start Information
- 3. Previous Bill Run
- 4. Budget Update
- 5. State & Federal Revenue Report
- 6. Suspension Report-February & March

Information

At 8:25 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: _____
Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Verrett, Secretary

APPROVED MAY 9, 2022