

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
July 24, 2023

The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:34 pm in the Auditorium at Kankakee High School 1200 West Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

Members Present: Mary Archie
Chris Bohlen, Board President
Deb Johnston
Darrell Williams

Members Absent: Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary (entered at 5:36 pm)
Jess Gathing, Board Vice President (entered at 6:10 pm)
Tracy Verrett (entered at 5:51 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

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At 5:34 pm, a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- ❖ 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.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Reconvene

The regular session was reconvened at 7:11 pm.

Pledge

Chris Bohlen, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting with the Board were:

- Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent
- Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
- Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Montessori Pre-K-Kindergarten Rooms & Instruction
 - Dr. Walters discussed the vision of the transition center & also discussed the Montessori Pre-K-Kindergarten Rooms at LCC.
- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Tudor discussed and answered questions regarding the transportation department.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain introduced Mr. Bochenek Assistant Principal at KHS. Ms. Fountain also discussed the hiring process and discussed open positions.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

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Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

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- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
 - **July 24, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Minutes
Regular Bills

Personnel

Name	Position	Effective Date

Resignation (Administrative Personnel)		
Dr. Robert Lopez	Assistant Principal at KHS	July 21, 2023
Dr. Karen Burns	Assistant Principal at KHS	July 27, 2023
Joseph Davies	Assistant Principal at KJHS	July 24, 2023
Resignations & Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Melanie Daniels	ESL Teacher at Mark Twain	July 20, 2023
Barbara Green	Special Education Teacher at Steuben	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Arisa James	Speech Language Pathologist	July 31, 2023
Elizabeth Milne	Teacher at Steuben	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Mikayla Riggi	Teacher at KHS	Never Started
Elizabeth Turner	CCA at Kennedy Middle School	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Resignation & Retirements (Support Personnel)		
Sueanne Goodrich	Executive Secretary Curriculum	November 30, 2023
Andria Pollock	Paraprofessional at KHS	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Mercedes Swisher	Childcare Worker at Steuben	July 13, 2023
Tracey Underwood	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Appointment (Administrative Personnel)		
Brad Bochenek	Assistant Principal Coordinator of CTE	2023-2024 School Year
Appointment (Extra-duty Assignment)		
LaDesha Nelson	Head Softball Coach at KJHS	2023-2024 School Year
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Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Sarah Bowman-Steffes	CCA Instructor at King	August 17, 2023
Davion Bradley	Physical Education Instructor at KHS	August 17, 2023
Nicholas Crowe	Physical Education Instructor at KHS	August 17, 2023
Parts Daniels	SEI Coach at KJHS	August 17, 2023
Teresa Jones	Part-Time Math Interventionist at Kennedy	August 17, 2023
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Makyla Armstrong	Paraprofessional Head Start at Proegler	August 17, 2023

Resignations & Retirements

Appointments

Brianna Burrage-Johnson	Head Start Floating Substitute	August 17, 2023
Kimberley Gardner	Bus Driver	TBD
Abalene Gomez	Bilingual Paraprofessional at KJHS	August 17, 2023
Daphne Gutierrez	Interpreter District Wide	August 17, 2023
Jonathan Lee	Bus Monitor	TBD
Hadiya Makura	Bus Monitor	TBD
Deborah Osbourne	Bus Monitor	TBD
Kyley Overman	Bus Monitor	TBD
Mitzi Rosales	Bilingual Paraprofessional at King	August 17, 2023
LeeAnn Riley	Van Driver/ Trainer Transportation	TBD
Anna Santillan	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 17, 2023
Myrna Quezada	Head Start Support Staff at Proegler	August 17, 2023
Walter Wilson	Bus Monitor	TBD
Internal Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Patricia Christopherson	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	August 17, 2023
Kristina Decker	Family Support Specialist Head Start at Proegler	August 1, 2023
Ronald Talamantes	Groundsman	July 2, 2023
Salary Adjustment (Support Personnel)		
Keyonna Beaulieu	Dispatcher Transportation	July 1, 2023

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

Action Item

1. Approval to Lease Mobile Units for Additional Space at Kankakee High School.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the lease for mobile units for additional space at Kankakee High School as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Bohlen. NAYS:, none. Motion carried.

Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run

Action Items

Lease Mobile Units for Additional Space at Kankakee High School.

Information

At 8:13 pm, a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: _____
Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST: _____
Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED August 14, 2023