

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
April 8, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Kennedy Middle Grade School, 1550 West Calista Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mary Archie  
Jess Gathing, Vice President  
Angela Shea, Secretary  
Barbara A. Wells, President  
Darrell Williams  
Calvin Works

Members absent: Christopher Bohlen (\*entered at 5:40 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 5:36 p.m., motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn to the Student Success Center for closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Gathing, Shea, Williams, Works, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

At 7:16 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the fifth and sixth grade choir at Kennedy Middle Grade School. The choir performed the *Riversong* by Andy Beck.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Genevra A. Walters, Superintendent  
Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent  
Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent  
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

No news reporters were present.

**Superintendent's Report**

➤ **Good News**

Mrs. Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, recognized the following teachers who recently undertook and completed the National Board Certification: Ann Bernard, Krystal Clifton, Karen Dannenhauer, Shirlene Holden, Tara McCasland, Holly Knupp, and Susan White.

**Principal's Report – Cynthia Veronda**

Mrs. Veronda reviewed Kennedy's opportunities for celebrations, student extracurricular involvement, the positive climate and culture, the building leadership, their continuous shift in achievement, PARCC data, their School Improvement Plan, their partnerships, and commitment.

Roll  
Call

Closed  
Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Superintendent's  
Report

Good News

Principal's  
Report

Mrs. Harris introduced the Kennedy staff that were present and honored Thedi Trost with a gift of appreciation for her retirement at the end of the school year. Angela Jones is also retiring, but was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Trost has been with the district since 1985 and Ms. Jones since 1992.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

1. The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
  - **March 18, 2019-Regular Meeting** (Regular and Executive Session Minutes)
2. The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
3. The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
4. The **Board Member Reimbursements** were presented for approval.
5. The following **personnel items** were presented for approval:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>Resignation – Support Personnel</b>		
Kayla James	Paraprofessional at Montessori	March 21, 2019
<b>Appointments - Administrative Personnel</b>		
Shari Demitrowicz	Principal at KHS	July 1, 2019
Jennifer Hartmann	Assistant Principal at KHS	July 1, 2019
<b>Appointments – Licensed Educational Professionals</b>		
Joan Colomb	Teacher at Steuben	August 15, 2019
Leahfern Coyle	Teacher at Avis Huff	August 15, 2019
Samuel Jordan	PE Instructor/Strength & Conditioning at KJHS	July 1, 2019
John Lambert	Permanent Substitute at KHS	April 1, 2019
Corie Rivera	Co-teacher at Montessori	April 1, 2019
Carol Szyal	Claims Coordinator at Avis Huff	April 3, 2019
<b>Appointments – Support Personnel</b>		
Ricky Austin	Security Officer at KHS	March 18, 2019
Maurice Carson	Custodian at KJHS	April 9, 2019
Jalesa Franks	Paraprofessional at Taft	April 9, 2019
Cheryl Hall	Restorative Practice Coordinator at KHS	July 1, 2019
Zully Montoya	Head Start Teacher Assistant at Proegler	April 9, 2019
Danielle Norton	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	May 6, 2019
Michael Prude	Security Officer at Avis Huff	April 12, 2019
<b>Appointments – Extra-Duty Assignments</b>		
Camille Badley-Andrews	Kids on the Run	2018-19 School Year
Erika, Baptist	Track, JH - Girl	2018-19 School Year
Tywon Bender	Track, JH, King/Kennedy - Boy	2018-19 School Year
Christina Brown	Academy, Hosts	2018-19 School Year
Lisa Brown	Summer School - Asst. Coordinator	2018-19 School Year
Margarita Carson	Track, JH - Girl	2018-19 School Year
Deanna Cassady	Drama Club, HS	2018-19 School Year
Deanna Cassady	Academy, Fine Arts	2018-19 School Year
Latrice Grant	Summer School Coordinator	2018-19 School Year
Hugo Hernandez	Soccer, Assist - Girl	2018-19 School Year
Emmanuel Jackson	Track, JH - Boy	2018-19 School Year
Rachel Jordan	Kids on the Run	2018-19 School Year
Shelly Lingo	Academy, Business	2018-19 School Year
Tara McCasland	Academy, Freshman	2018-19 School Year
Richard Olmstead	Track JH, Head - Boy	2018-19 School Year
Ayana Smith	Track, JH - Girl	2018-19 School Year
Kate Szczypka	Kids on the Run	2018-19 School Year
Tracy Toepfer	Drama Club, HS	2018-19 School Year

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Resignation

Appointments

Tracy Toepfer	Summer Band Camp	2018-19 School Year
Angela Walls	Kids on the Run	2018-19 School Year
Melissa Wilkins	Summer School - Asst. Coordinator	2018-19 School Year
Jason Worden	Academy, Human and Public Services	2018-19 School Year
<b>Leave of Absence – Licensed Educational Professional</b>		
Jordan Byrne	Teacher at Kennedy	May 10-End of School Year
<b>Leave of Absences - Support Personnel</b>		
Tiffany Brown	Nurse at Avis Huff	April 1-End of School Year
Frederick Gyles	Custodian at KJHS	April 1-June 30, 2019
Bonnie Rudolf	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	April 1-End of School Year

Leave of Absences

President Wells asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the above listed Consent Agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Shea, Williams, Works, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **Action Item**

- 1. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Declaring the Intent of the District to Issue \$6,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the Purpose of Increasing the District's Working Cash Fund (See Insert C.)**

Resolution

President Wells asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the Resolution declaring the intent of the District to issue \$6,000,000 working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's working cash fund.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the Resolution as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Shea, Williams, Works, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

1. Special Board Meeting for Reorganization  
A discussion was held regarding a Special Board Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed upon that two Special Board meetings will be held on April 30, one beginning at 7:00 PM and the second one scheduled for 7:15 PM.

New Business

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

Old Business

### **Information and Proposals**

The following items were provided for information:

1. 4-Day Workweek Guidelines - Summer 2019
2. Recommended Board Policy Manual Changes (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)
3. TNTP - The New Teacher Project
4. FOIA Request
5. Budget Update
6. State and Federal Revenue Report
7. March Suspension Report
8. Staff Absence Report

Information

Summer Workweek  
Policy Manual  
Changes  
TNTP  
FOIA Request  
Financials  
Suspension Report  
Staff Absences

Dr. Walters reminded the Board that the District will be working with a new teacher project. TNTP will be in our District April 24 & 25 and randomly select students from Mark Twain, Edison, Kennedy, the junior high school, and high school. They will collect data on students work and learning and then we will provide support based on the information they give us in the summer or fall.

Comments

Board members complimented the high school on their recent Open House. They also expressed gratitude to the teachers and students who provided assistance, as well as the Food Services Department for their hard work and delicious food that they provided throughout the day.

Dr. O'Connor introduced and welcomed the following newly hired employees:

- Dr. Shari Demitrowicz, KHS Principal
- Ms. Jennifer Hartmann, KHS Assistant Principal
- Ms. Cheryl Hall, KHS Restorative Practice Coordinator

At 7:56 p.m., motion was made by Shea, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

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Barbara A. Wells, Board President

ATTEST:

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Angela F. Shea, Board Secretary

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**Approved: May 13, 2019**