

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Avis Huff Student Support Services Center, 369 North Fifth Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: John Coghlan
 Karen Johnston, President
 Angela Shea
 Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

Members absent: Amelia Davis
 Jess Gathing (*entered at 6:01 PM)
 Joseph Lightfoot

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:00 p.m., motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Shea, to adjourn to the Conference Room for closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and negotiations. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Coghlan, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Karen Johnston.

Meeting with the Board were:

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

News reporter, Mr. John Dykstra, was present from The Daily Journal.

Superintendent's Report

➤ **Good News**

School	Event	Explanation
District	Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Betty Peters-Lambert recently applied for and received a grant from the Presidential Youth Fitness Program. The grant is for \$9,236.30 (the maximum for a school district was \$10,000). This grant will provide the District with the equipment necessary to implement FitnessGram testing with fidelity at all schools, especially the high school.• Dr. Betty Peters-Lambert also applied for and received the Soft Stick Lacrosse Grant for KHS. The District will receive the following equipment for the KHS PE Department:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 15 blue soft lacrosse sticks

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 15 red soft lacrosse sticks ○ 30 orange soft lacrosse balls ○ One copy of the US Lacrosse Physical Education Curriculum Guide and Reproducible Packet ○ One copy of the US Lacrosse Teaching Soft-Stick Lacrosse DVD, a video-based workshop for PE teachers and recreational program leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Betty Peters-Lambert contacted a local individual who is an investor in the official Spikeball games. This investor gave her the contact information for Chris Ruder, a Kennedy Middle School alumnus. Mr. Ruder and his brother developed this game and brought it to Shark Tank! A shark invested in Spikeball and it is now world-wide with tournaments popping up all over the country. Mr. Ruder is donating 24 Spikeball games to the District. The retail value is \$1,440. The District will also receive free Spikeball professional development for the PE specialist this fall. The games will be distributed to the PE departments as determined by student enrollment.
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- Dr. Walters stated that the District was selected for the Competency-Based High School Graduation Requirement Pilot Program. This program allows high schoolers to advance at their own pace. For example, a student who demonstrates mastery of ninth grade English requirements can move on to 10th grade English immediately rather than having to wait an entire school year. The district will develop a detailed plan for a competency-based learning system and it will be implemented at the high school during the 2018-19 school year.
- Mr. Hensley and Mrs. Shellie addressed the Board regarding their proposal on a STEM trip to Boston in June 2018.

Principal's Report – Dr. Cynthia Levy, Principal of IMPACT/CIPS

Dr. Levy reported that the CIPS and IMPACT Programs supports academic, behavior, and social-emotional learning. Their vision is to develop a learning community where all learners reach their highest potential, are prepared to meet the challenges and excel in a complex, interconnected, changing world. Their mission states that Avis Huff CIPS and IMPACT Programs will work with families to prepare students for the 21st Century by engaging all learners in the meaningful, rigorous, appropriate learning experiences that meet the highest educational and ethical standards in a caring and collaborative environment.

Dr. Levy explained that there is a short-term alternative placement (10 days or less) and a long-term alternative placement (11 days or more). Each placement offers academic support, social emotional and behavior support and alternative placement in lieu of suspension. The long term placement can also be in lieu of expulsion. Dr. Levy reviewed the success of the programs. She stated that from 2013-2017, 276 students were served and 162 students successfully returned to their home school. During the 2016-2017 school year, 85 students are presently being served through the CIPS and IMPACT Programs with 29 students on track to return to their home schools.

Dr. Levy introduced Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Rose from the Kankakee Public Library to speak on Project Next Generation at Kankakee Public Library in Partnership with Avis Huff IMPACT/CIPS and Kankakee School District #111. Four student participants, Giovanni Davis, Angel Jackson, Nathanael Lunn, and Myia Brown, were also introduced and spoke about the program.

Dr. Levy concluded her presentation with the introduction of the staff at Avis Huff.

Amendment to the Agenda

President Johnston requested an amendment to the agenda to remove Item H.4.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Coghlan, to amend the agenda to remove Item H.4., Recommended Salary Increase for the Superintendent, Dr. Genevra Walters, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes: Coghlan, Gathing, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments

The following public comments were made:

Name	Topic
Claudia Cottage	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Charleszetta Williams	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Karen Bond	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Natalie Jordan	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Kenya Collins	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Marilyn Jones	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Loretta Rogers	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Dr. Jarman Porter	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Alfred Hollis	Spoke in support of head basketball coach Joseph Lightfoot, III.
Justine Dal Canton	Spoke about an issue regarding her son at Taft Primary School.

Return to Closed Session

At 8:17 p.m., motion was made by Wells, seconded by Shea, to adjourn to the Conference Room for closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Wells, Coghlan, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

At 8:24 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - **March 7, 2017-Regular Meeting** (Executive Session Minutes)
 - **March 20, 2017-Regular Meeting** (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
- The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
- The **Board Member Reimbursement** was presented for approval.
- The **Kankakee Junior High School Trip Request to Boston in June 2018** was presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council** documents were presented for approval.
- The following **personnel items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations/Retirements – Support Personnel		
Charlene Haisma	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	March 20, 2017
Stephanie Meredith	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	March 24, 2017
Angela Parks	Paraprofessional at King	End of 2016-2017 School Year
Appointments – Support Personnel		
Maricruz Carmon	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	April 11, 2017
Analú Perez	Teaching Assistant at Proegler Headstart	April 11, 2017
Maria Spargur	Dual Language Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	April 11, 2017

President Johnston asked if there was any discussion needed on any of the consent agenda items and

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hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

Action Items

1. Food Service Contract

Food Service
Contract

President Johnston asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the ratification of the Food Service Contract.

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the ratification of the Food Service Contract as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Shea, Wells, Coghlan, Gathing, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Grant Funded Programs and Initiatives

Honorable
Dismissal

The Resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of grant funded programs was presented for approval. (See Insert C.)

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President Johnston asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for honorable dismissal of grant funded programs.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Coghlan, to approve the Resolution for honorable dismissal of grant funded programs and initiatives as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Coghlan, Gathing, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Declaring the Intent of the District to Issue \$20,600,000 Funding Bonds for the Purpose of Paying Outstanding Claims Against the District (See Insert D.)

Bonds

Secretary, Barbara Wells, read the following statement:

Resolution setting forth and describing in detail claims heretofore authorized and allowed for proper school purposes which are presently outstanding and unpaid, declaring the intention to issue \$20,600,000 bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the Kankakee School District, No. 111, Kankakee, County, Illinois, and directing that notice of such intention be published as provided by law.

President Johnston asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, she asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the Resolution as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Wells, Coghlan, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

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Mr. Coghlan thanked the Board members, members of the community, administrators, teachers, staff, and everybody who has been so kind to him for the last six years. He stated that he greatly enjoyed the opportunity to be here and serve on the Board. Mr. Coghlan said he is confident that

Dr. Walters is taking this District in the right way and believes the new Board members will continue in that direction. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve Kankakee School District No. 111.

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

1. Transfers (Support Personnel)

Name	Transferred To	Effective Date
Support Personnel		
Tinerio Johnson-Fossier	Night Custodian at KJHS	March 27, 2017
Christopher Wiatrolik	Head Custodian at KHS	March 24, 2017

2. Dr. Larry Gray – Adjustment to Start Date
3. 2016 Kankakee Holiday Tournament Report
4. Head Start Policy Council Information
5. Freedom of Information Act – Request for Information
6. Budget Update
7. State and Federal Revenue Report
8. Staff Absence Report

At 8:30 p.m. motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Coghlan, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Karen Johnston, Board President

ATTEST:

Barbara A. Wells, Board Secretary

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Approved: May 8, 2017

Information

Transfers
Adjusted Start Date
Holiday Tournament
Head Start
FOIA Requests
Financial
Staff Absences

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