

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
August 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Kankakee Junior High School, 2250 East Crestwood Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mary Archie  
Christopher Bohlen  
Jess Gathing, Jr.  
Karen Johnston, Vice President  
Angela Shea, Secretary  
Barbara Wells, President  
Darrrell Williams

Members absent: All present.

A quorum was declared present.

Barbara Wells, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent  
Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

There were no news reporters present.

**Superintendent's Report**

Good News:

- The Back to School Bash is set for August 20<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Kankakee at the Harold and Jean Miner Festival Square (the Depot) from 5:00-7:30 PM. This is a school district and community celebration with many partnering community organizations.
- Dr. Walters shared that Pastor Montel Crawford from Morning Start Baptist Church presented the District with a gift of \$2,850.00. For the past year, for their church's 90th Anniversary, he challenged his congregation to give \$90 every 90 days and a portion of that was donated to the school district. Dr. Walters said she would like to use the money to bring the Nypum Minibike Program back to Kankakee. The YMCA originally offered this program in the community. This program teaches children the proper way to ride and take care of a minibike or four-wheeler while it builds confidence and self-esteem.
- Dr. Walters complimented the high school freshman academy teachers, Mr. Harris, and Adrienne LaCour for all the hard work they have been doing during the past two months to prepare for Competency Based Education. Mr. Harris and Ms. LaCour gave a presentation that was shared to educate the parents. Mr. Harris and Ms. LaCour explained Competency Based Education and Mr. Harris stated the high school chose to go along this path because they want to reach and have a larger impact on their body of students. A question and answer period followed the presentation.
- Dr. Walters stated that all students will start school on August 22. The 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will start school online. Sometime after Labor Day, those students will actually come into the bricks and mortars of the building. She said the other important piece of information is that the

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District has a strategy to make sure that students are accessing their google classroom on their Chromebooks.

### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
  - **Regular Meeting ~ July 23, 2018** (Regular Session)
  - **Special Board Meeting ~ July 23, 2018** (Regular Session)
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
- The **Resolution for Serious Safety Hazard Findings** was presented for approval. (See Insert C.)
- The **2018-2019 Food Service Hours** were presented for approval.
- The **2018-2019 School Fees** were presented for approval.
- The **KHS Senior Trip to New York City** was presented for approval.
- The following **personnel items** were presented for approval:

Staff Member	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations (Licensed Educational Professionals)</b>		
Tommy Conner Jr.	Co-teacher at KHS	End of 2017-18 School Year
Dawn Cousins	Music & Piano Teacher at Montessori	End of 2017-18 School Year
Brandon Eylander	Physical Education Teacher at King	End of 2017-18 School Year
Randi Feltz	English Teacher at KHS	June 28, 2018
Julie Hanhart	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Edison	June 13, 2018
Melinda Kimmel	Language Arts Teacher at KJHS	End of 2017-18 School Year
Vanessa Norfleet	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fine Arts Teacher at Kennedy	End of 2017-18 School Year
Megan Parks-Webster	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at King	End of 2017-18 School Year
Rosemary Sexton	Guidance Counselor at KHS	End of 2017-18 School Year
Alicia Young	Interventionist at Kennedy	August 1, 2018
Antonio Young	Language Arts Teacher at KJHS	June 28, 2018
<b>Resignations (Support Personnel)</b>		
Naomi Brown	Paraprofessional at Edison	June 28, 2018
Kate Burgess	Paraprofessional at Montessori	End of 2017-18 School Year
Sunceray Crawford	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	End of 2017-18 School Year
Mary Wilson	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	End of 2017-18 School Year
<b>Appointments (Licensed Educational Professionals)</b>		
Mariza Avalos	IB Spanish Instructor at KJHS	August 20, 2018
Maura Barfield	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Kennedy	August 20, 2018
Constance Beatty	Academic Interventionist at King/Kennedy	August 14, 2018
Joshua Evans	Social Studies Teacher at KHS	August 20, 2018
Christina Freeman	Physical Education Teacher at King	August 20, 2018
Sarah Ganster	K-1 Dual Language Teacher at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
Lilia Garcia-Belka	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Dual Language Teacher at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
Adam Gent	Biology Teacher at KHS	August 20, 2018
Dana Gray	Math Instructor at KJHS	August 20, 2018
Glenwood Griffin	Math Instructor at KJHS	August 20, 2018
Megan Howard	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Kennedy	August 20, 2018
Brooke Joerms	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at King	August 20, 2018
Toni Jordan	Coding Instructor at KJHS	August 20, 2018
Lakeisha Kizer	Guidance Counselor at KHS	August 6, 2018
Katharine Knight	Co-Teacher at Avis Huff	August 20, 2018
Tricia Knowles	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Edison	August 20, 2018
Mary Ellen McElroy	Reading/Math Interventionist at Kennedy	August 22, 2018
Christina Nottke	General Music Teacher at LCC	August 20, 2018
Cynthia Palmer	Assessment Coordinator at Avis Huff	August 14, 2018
Juan Pizano Diaz	Native Language Instructor at KJHS	August 20, 2018
Carrie Quigley	Co-Teacher at Kennedy	August 20, 2018
Savannah Riestenberg	General Music/Piano Teacher at Mark Twain/KJHS	August 20, 2018
Kate Szczypka	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at King	August 20, 2018

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Safety Hazards

Food Service

School Fees

KHS Trip Request

Personnel

Resignations

Appointments

Nancy Thornton	Preschool for All Teacher at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
James Vegovich	Co-Teacher at Kennedy	August 20, 2018
Allison Waide	Preschool for All Teacher at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
<b>Appointments (Support Personnel)</b>		
Patricia Adams	Preschool for All Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
Gayle Alvey	Part-time Paraprofessional at Taft	August 20, 2018
Erica Baptist	First Taste Program Supervisor at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Dawn Beedy	Part-time Paraprofessional at Taft	August 20, 2018
Sue Bennett	Part-time Librarian at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
April Blalock	Parent Educator at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Selena Brown	Head Start Teaching Assistant at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Maureen Cahill	Preschool for All Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Rosaura Calderon	First Taste Bilingual Parent Educator at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Christine Case	Part-time Librarian at Kennedy	August 20, 2018
Amanda Chorak	First Taste Parent Educator at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Benjamin Clark	Bookkeeper (12 month flex) at KHS/KJHS	August 14, 2018
Kelly Costanza	Part-time Librarian at Taft/Edison	August 20, 2018
Alan Ford	Student Support Interventionist (CIPS) at KJHS	August 20, 2018
Jalesa Franks	Part-time Paraprofessional at LCC	August 20, 2018
Stacey Gall	Part-time Librarian at King	August 20, 2018
Juan Gutierrez	Dual Language Paraprofessional at King	August 20, 2018
Dan Harris	Parent Coordinator at Kennedy	August 20, 2018
Erin Haut	Part-time Paraprofessional at LCC	August 20, 2018
Rebecca Howard	First Taste Parent Educator at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Rhonda Love	Part-time Librarian at LCC	August 20, 2018
Marques Lowe	Student Support Interventionist at Avis Huff	August 20, 2018
Kelly Martin	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	August 21, 2018
Mary Martinez	Preschool for All Coordinator at Steuben	August 6, 2018
Dora Mendez	Preschool for All Coordinator at Mark Twain	August 6, 2018
Ryan Morris	Part-time Paraprofessional at LCC	August 20, 2018
Christina Nojd	First Taste Parent Educator Supervisor at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Lynne Papineau	Part-time Paraprofessional at Steuben	August 20, 2018
Rosemary Payton	Part-time Cafeteria Helper at King	August 21, 2018
Amanda Pepin	Part-time Paraprofessional at Edison	August 20, 2018
Alejandra Perez	Bilingual Parent Educator at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Mary Randle	First Taste Parent Educator at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Michelle Randle	Preschool for All Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
Jocelyn Robinson	Part-time Paraprofessional at Taft	August 20, 2018
Iliana Salazar	Preschool for All Paraprofessional at Steuben	August 13, 2018
Janice Seemann	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
Ayana Smith	Parent Educator at Proegler	August 20, 2018
Jimmie Smith	Security Officer at KHS	August 20, 2018
Jamie Spiese	Part-time Paraprofessional at Taft	August 20, 2018
Shellie Storevik	Part-time Cafeteria Helper at Mark Twain	August 21, 2018
Amelia Toronjo	Part-time Librarian at Steuben	August 20, 2018
Crystin Ward	Part-time Cafeteria Helper at KJHS	August 21, 2018
Carol Williamson	Part-time Paraprofessional at LCC	August 20, 2018
Lisa Zarate	Part-time Engineering Maker Space Interventionist/ Non-Instructional at Edison	August 20, 2018
<b>Correction (Support Staff)</b>		
Mary Kestel	Mental Health Consultant (salary corrected to \$42,405.00)	From July 23 Board Meeting
<b>Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Melanie Daniels	Kindergarten/First ESL Teacher at Mark Twain	August 20, 2018
Rebecca Hase-Plefka	Head Start Teacher Assistant at Manteno	August 20, 2018
<b>Salary Adjustment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Dominick Layne	Student Support Interventionist	August 20, 2018
<b>Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)</b>		
Eva Muniz	Custodian at KHS	July 24-Aug. 31, 2018

Correction

Appointments

Salary  
Adjustment

Leave of Absence

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

**Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

**Information and Proposals**

1. Policy Manual Changes (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

Dr. Walters informed the Board that upon the recommendation from our attorney, Policy 2:230 - Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board should be revised. In #1, the last sentence, it should read - Individuals who do not sign up prior to the beginning of the Board meeting may be (instead of will be) denied the opportunity to do so.

2. Freedom of Information Act Requests

3. Previous Bill Runs

At 8:04 p.m., motion was made by Shea, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

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Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

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Angela F. Shea, Secretary

vs

**Approved: August 27, 2018**

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Adjourn