

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 15, 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 Library at Kankakee High School, 1200 West Jeffery Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mary Archie (*left at 7:02 PM)
Karen Johnston, Vice President
Joseph Lightfoot
Angela Shea, Secretary
Barbara Wells, President
Darrrell Williams

Members absent: Jess Gathing, Jr. (*entered at 6:08 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

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

The closed session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:07 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barbara Wells, Board President.

Meeting with the Board were:

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

News reporter John Dykstra was present from *The Daily Journal*.

Public Hearing

At 7:08 p.m., President Wells opened the public hearing for the proposed Resolution approving the Breakfast After the Bell exemption. All ayes. Motion carried.

Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, stated that at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, there is an Illinois School Breakfast mandate stating that all public schools with at least 70% of students receiving free or reduced lunches must operate a breakfast after the bell program. Breakfast must be provided to children after the instructional day has officially begun.

Pursuant to Section 16 of the *Illinois Childhood Hunger Relief Act*, the Board of Education is authorized to pass a resolution, following a public hearing, that it cannot afford to operate a breakfast after the bell program. If the District were to implement a Breakfast After the Bell program, it would have two options: shorten the instructional minutes of the school day or extend the hours in a school day in order to satisfy the Breakfast After the Bell mandate. The District cannot afford to do either. Eliminating any instructional

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minutes during a school day would be detrimental to the students and extending the school day would add a financial burden that the District cannot afford.

Mr. Grossi stated that the District still recognizes the importance of having its students eat breakfast in the morning. Beginning in school year 2017-18, all schools will be serving "Grab and Go" breakfast for the students. It is the recommendation of administration to approve and execute the Resolution of Breakfast After the Bell exemption.

President Wells asked if anyone had any questions about the proposed exemption.

Public Hearing Comments

There were no written comments received or any public comments made.

At 7:13 p.m., President Wells adjourned the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:13 p.m., the regular session was reconvened with the following responding to roll call: Gathing, Johnston, Lightfoot, Shea, Williams, and Wells.

Superintendent's Report

Good News:

- Dr. Walters announced that the Back-to-School Bash was a huge success. It started with an all staff rally at the Depot at 3:00 PM, a Community Walk at 4:00 PM, and the Back-to-School Bash from 5:00-7:30 PM. It was a really good time for the entire community.
- Mrs. Wells announced that she had an opportunity to win a contest for the District. The contest asked for testimony about a teacher who made a difference in students' lives. Mrs. Hamilton, a third grade teacher for Edison, made a huge difference in the life of her nephew, by closing his achievement gap in both reading and math. Mrs. Wells entered Mrs. Hamilton to win free coffee for a year for herself and her fellow teachers at Edison Primary. Everyone at Edison is very excited about receiving free coffee for a year.
- Mr. Grossi announced that the District profited \$14,000 this year from the golf outing. He said it was a great turnout with over 100 golfers along with more individuals coming to the dinner. This money will be put back into our athletic programs as well as support academic programs like Robotics.
- Ms. Scott thanked the Asbury Community Outreach Ministries for partnering with Kankakee School District in the Uniform Exchange Program.
- Mr. de Oliveira presented information on the Global Ambassadors travel. He announced that in 2019 the trip will be to Austria, Switzerland, and Germany. He stated that the trip link will open on Wednesday, August 16th, at 9:00 AM and he expects this trip to fill up quickly. Mrs. Shea thanked Mr. de Oliveira for the opportunity to go on the 2017 trip to Greece, Italy, and Spain.
- Mr. Grossi said that since last October or November the District began to develop the renovation plan for the high school. They have had meetings with the community, Finance Committee, high school staff, students, and parents. The District was asking, what are the important things to spend this money on and how do we want the high school to operate not only in the next three years but the next 25 years? Mr. Grossi said that we want the spaces to provide flexibility and be able to fit our new way of learning that we want to implement not only at the high school but throughout the district. Mr. Grossi introduced Mr. Ed Wright from DLA Architects and Mr. Dan Petrarca, owners representative from Grilli Construction. Mr. Wright did a presentation on the renovations that will take place at the high school. He stated that approximately 40% of the building will be renovated. Mr. Wright reviewed the areas to be renovated:
 - Outside of the building – main drive and main entrance
 - Band room space, practice rooms, and office space
 - New culinary lab - restaurant
 - New addition in the courtyard space
 - Remodeling the theatre area
 - Remodeling kitchen and cafeteria

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Good
News

- Expanding the front lobby space
- Creating a fine arts wing
- Rework the academies
- Credit Union space
- Senior lounge area
- Relocating Teachers' Lounge
- Relocating Assistant Principals and their teams

Mr. Gathing thanked the architects for the great job they've done on Phase I, the football field. He stated that it is really beautiful. Mrs. Wells stated that on September 1st the celebration for the field will take place. Mrs. Wells also asked about the bid process for the renovation and Mr. Wright explained the process. Mr. Wright said this work won't be done in one summer; it is going to take several years to complete. Mrs. Johnston stressed that the parents, students and staff will have to cooperate and understand that the education process will look a little bit different while construction is taking place. Mrs. Wells asked for the people to say good things and stay positive throughout this renovation.

Dr. Walters said her goal before retiring is to finish the high school. She said she will continue to look for additional funds to finish the high school after 2020. Hopefully, before she leaves the District will have a new high school.

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 10, 2017** (Regular & Closed Session)
 - **Special Board Meeting ~ July 27, 2017** (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 **Applications for Use of Temporary Facilities** were presented for approval.
- The **KHS Trip Request to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland** was presented for approval.
- The **Board Members Reimbursements** were presented for approval.
- The following **personnel items** were presented for approval:

Staff Member	Position	Effective Date
Resignations (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Annabelle Arellano	Dual Language Pre-School Teacher at Steuben	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Geoffrey Gross	English Teacher at KHS	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Carrie Quigley	Special Education LD Resource Teacher at KJHS	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Taurus Scurlock	CIPS Teacher at Avis Huff	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Amanda Thrun	Speech Pathologist at Avis Huff	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Resignations (Support Personnel)		
Stephan Burse	Night Custodian at KJHS	August 4, 2017
Linda Campbell	Special Ed Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Melissa Guzman	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Kennedy	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Ashley Haley	Teacher at Head Start	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Aaron Harrison	Family Support Specialist at Head Start	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Joseph Lightfoot Jr.	Student Support Specialist at KHS	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Kristen Lonberger	Special Ed Paraprofessional at Kennedy	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Caitlyn Maricle	Teaching Assistant at Head Start	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Estefania Martinez	Non-Instructional Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Blanca Pena	Teaching Assistant at Head Start	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Tewaine Wicks	Security Officer at Avis Huff	End of the 2016-17 School Year
Resignations (Extra-Duty Assignments)		
Geoffrey Gross	Newspaper Publisher at KHS	August 15, 2017
Geoffrey Gross	Yearbook Publisher at KHS	August 15, 2017

Public Comments

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Board Minutes

Bills

Safety Hazards

Temporary Facilities

KHS Trip Request

Reimbursements

Personnel

Resignations

Appointments (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Courtney Hartman	5 th Grade College & Career Academy at King	August 14, 2017
Kevin Jurek	Special Education Teacher at Avis Huff	August 14, 2017
Connie Lambert	Part-time Social Worker at King	August 14, 2017
Cynthia Palmer	Assessment Coordinator/Gifted Coach at Avis Huff	August 14, 2017
Christine Reilly	English Teacher at KHS	August 18, 2017
Randy Rose	Data/Assessment Coach at LCC	August 14, 2017
Nora Stowe	Math Teacher at KHS	August 14, 2017
Erik Van Der Stuyf	Physical Education Teacher at KHS	August 14, 2017
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Patricia Adams	ECE Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 14, 2017
Gene Brooks	Night Custodian at King	August 16, 2017
Maureen Cahill	ECE Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 14, 2017
Raphels Malone	Security Officer at Avis Huff	August 14, 2017
Crystal Martinez	Dual Language Paraprofessional at Kennedy	August 14, 2017
Mary Martinez	Parent Coordinator at Steuben	August 14, 2017
Dora Mendez	Parent Coordinator at Mark Twain	August 14, 2017
Michelle Randle	ECE Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 14, 2017
Illana Salazar	ECE Paraprofessional at Steuben	August 14, 2017
Guadalupe Sorich	Bilingual Interpreter District Wide	August 14, 2017
Alyssa VanSwol	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 14, 2017
Appointments – Title I (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Maureen Antognoli	Academic Interventionist at King	August 15, 2017
Karen Deam	Academic Interventionist at Taft	August 15, 2017
Melissa Denoyer	Academic Interventionist at Montessori	August 15, 2017
Joseph Fuhrmann	Academic Interventionist at Taft	August 15, 2017
Margaret Smith	Academic Interventionist at Kennedy	August 15, 2017
Cynthia Somerville	Academic Interventionist at King	August 15, 2017
Appointments – Title I (Support Personnel)		
Gayle Alvey	Instructional Paraprofessional at Taft	August 15, 2017
Dawn Beedy	Instructional Paraprofessional at Taft	August 15, 2017
Pam Brusio	Library Aide at King	August 15, 2017
Jalesa Franks	Instructional Paraprofessional at Taft	August 15, 2017
Dawn Gaudet	Instructional Paraprofessional at Taft	August 15, 2017
Dana Gray	Instructional Paraprofessional at Montessori	August 15, 2017
Christine Hallberg	Instructional Paraprofessional at Edison	August 15, 2017
Dan Harris	Family & Parent Liaison at Kennedy	August 15, 2017
Erin Haut	Instructional Paraprofessional at Montessori	August 15, 2017
Theodis Pace	Family & Parent Liaison at Taft	August 15, 2017
Lynne Papineau	Instructional Paraprofessional at Steuben	August 15, 2017
Jocelyn Robinson	Instructional Paraprofessional at Taft	August 15, 2017
Patricia Santoyo-Marin	Family & Parent Liaison at Steuben	August 15, 2017
Ma Susana Shelton	Instructional Paraprofessional at Montessori	August 15, 2017
Jamie Spiese	Instructional Paraprofessional at Taft	August 15, 2017
Appointments (Extra-Duty Assignments)		
Edith Bender	Hispanic Heritage Asst. Director at LCC	August 15, 2017
Christina Brown	Freshman Assistant Volleyball at KHS	August 15, 2017
Maria Chavez	Hispanic Heritage Asst. Director at LCC	August 15, 2017
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Black History Music Director at LCC	August 15, 2017
Annette Flournoy	Ticket Manager at KHS	August 15, 2017
Barbara Hensley	Hispanic Heritage Asst. Director at LCC	August 15, 2017
Kendra Leftridge	Volleyball Coach at Kennedy	August 15, 2017
Eric Penrod	Stage Manager at KJHS	August 15, 2017
Paige Smith	Music Honors Society Sponsor at KHS	August 15, 2017
Jessica Watson	Black History Asst. Director at LCC	August 15, 2017
Antonio Young	Black History Asst. Director at LCC	August 15, 2017
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Sunceray Crawford	Special Ed Paraprofessional at Kennedy	2017-18 School Year

Appointments

Leave of Absence

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

Action Item

- 1. Resolution of Breakfast After the Bell Exemption (See Insert D.)

Motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Gathing, to approve the Resolution of Breakfast After the Bell Exemption as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Johnston, Lightfoot, Shea, Williams, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

Information and Proposals

- 1. Personnel Transfers

NAME	TRANSFERRED TO	DATE
Transfers (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Cassady Lancaster	5 th Grade Dual Language at King	August 14, 2017
Maria Spargur	2 nd Grade Dual Language at Mark Twain	August 14, 2017
Tracy Toepfer	Choir/Piano at KJHS/KHS	August 14, 2017
Transfer (Support Personnel)		
Alejandra Perez	Dual Language Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 14, 2017

- 2. Policy Manual Changes (1st Reading)
- 3. Board Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4. Opening of School Activities – Letter to Staff Members
- 5. Response to Freedom of Information Act Request
- 6. State and Federal Revenue Report
- 7. Budget Update

At 7:52 p.m. motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST: _____
Angela F. Shea, Secretary

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Approved: August 28, 2017

Resolution

Old Business

Information

Transfers
Policy Changes
Committee Minutes
Opening of School
FOIA
Financial Reports

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