

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
February 10, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County Illinois; was held at 6:03 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room at Avis Huff Student Support Services Center, 369 North Fifth Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: All Present

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 6:05 p.m., a motion was made by Shea, seconded by Johnston to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for 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, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

At 7:02 p.m, the regular session was reconvened.

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

Meeting with the Board were:

- Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent
- Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Geneva Walters, Superintendent
- Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Chris Breech, a reporter from the Daily Journal was present.

**Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ Good News:

School	Event	Explanation
Proegler	Donations	<p>The following donations were made to Proegler: *River Valley Arbor Gleaner Life provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 204 children and adults had breakfast with Santa in addition to getting photos and playing games.</li> <li>• 227 children and adults watched the Grinch Movie at Paramount Theater and were eligible for door prizes</li> </ul>

Roll Call

Closed Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Superintendent's Report

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 375 children received pumpkins while visiting Benoit's Pumpkin Patch</li> </ul> <p>*The American Federation of Labor provided hats, gloves, scarves, and underwear for 150 students at Proegler</p> <p>*Alderman Mike Prude and Alderwoman Cherry Malone-Marshall donated 32 boxes of crayons for students in Room 108</p> <p>*St. John United Church of Christ donated \$500 for Gingerbread activities for 140 students at Steuben and Mark Twain</p> <p>*Bob and Susie Hoevet and Mike O'Brien provided 363 Gingerbread houses, frosting, and all the toppings for preschool students at Proegler, Herscher, YWCA, Bourbonnais, Manteno, and KCC. Twenty Volunteers helped with this project.</p> <p>*Kankakee Community College Policemen donated 20 Christmas Gifts/Toys for preschool students at the KCC location.</p>
<p>District</p>	<p>Funding Proposals</p>	<p>The following building Principals submitted proposals for additional funding.</p> <p>*Kennedy –\$ 640.00 for registration fees for four teams of students to attend IKAN STEAM Challenge 2020.</p> <p>*JHS - \$5000 for after school programming to prepare students for Illinois Assessment for Readiness test.</p> <p>*LCC – \$285.00 for a field trip for Montessori Kindergarten students to visit the Aquarium, \$ 8,240.00 for six Montessori teachers to attend the Montessori Conference in Dallas, TX, March 12-15, and \$ 200.00 for Nerf sports equipment for a Nerf Club.</p> <p>*Edison – \$900.00 for a software program to provide after school test prep.</p>

- ❖ Safe School Award: Mr. Cassagrande presented the Safe School Award to Mark Twain.
- ❖ Be Aware STOP Violence Grant: Ms. Rayburn and Mr. Clark explained the grant and what it will be used for.
- ❖ Audit Presentation: Carmen Huzinga explained the highlights of the 2019 Financial Statement Audit. The audit was submitted on time. The district is currently waiting on final approval from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Once the Federal Audit Clearinghouse approves the audit they will send the audit to the State and we can finalize the 2019 Audit.
- ❖ Community-Based Youth Organizations: Junior Kays:
  - A discussion was held regarding the Junior Kays and other Community Organizations.

**Principal's Report**

Mr. Baker discussed the Avis Huff Culture and Climate Improvements. Mr. Baker talked about how the school is helping at-risk students. Teachers will receive trauma-informed care for students on how we can better meet students' needs. He discussed how they provide individualized Student Support and Interventions. Kendra Wright and Samaje Smith, current students, read letters they wrote about how Avis Huff saved and helped

them. Mr. Baker introduced staff members.

### Public Comments

The following public comments were made.

Name	Topic
Bonnie Brewer	Voiced her concerns as to why students will not be able to take French next year. Ms. Brewer would like French to be taught next year.
Steven Hunter	Thanked Taft for Donuts for Dads, and discussed the letter he received from Board President Wells regarding the public comment he made on January 13, 2020. Discussed his concerns regarding communication with the Junior Kays.
Carolyn Mitchell	Discussed her concerns regarding the Junior Kays.

Public Comments

### Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
  - ❖ **January 13, 2020-Regular Board Meeting** (Regular & Closed Session)
  - ❖ **January 22, 2020-Special Board Meeting** (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 **Overnight Trip Request** was presented for approval.
- The **Pricing for Facility Rentals** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Regular Bills  
Payroll & Related Bills  
Overnight Trip Request  
Pricing for Facility  
Rentals  
Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations/Retirements (Support Personnel)</b>		
Christine Case	Paraprofessional at Kennedy Middle School	January 29, 2020
Cindy Rodriguez	Family Nurse Practitioner at KJHS	March 6, 2020
Michelle Shorter	Paraprofessional at Edison	January 31, 2020
Latyria Williams	Paraprofessional at KHS	January 31, 2020
Carol Williamson	Paraprofessional at Montessori	January 10, 2020
<b>Appointments (Support Personnel)</b>		
Stacy Burkhammer	Paraprofessional at King	February 11, 2020
Samantha Ivers	Part-time Paraprofessional at Kennedy	February 11, 2020
Julie Moran	Paraprofessional at KHS	February 3, 2020
Jason Rewerts	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	February 11, 2020
Christine Welsh	Part-time Paraprofessional at Montessori	February 11, 2020
<b>Appointments (Extra Duty Assignments)</b>		
Jemiya Bates	Assistant Track Coach at KHS	2019-2020 School Year

Resignations

Appointments

Kellie English	Kids Who Code at LCC	2019-2020 School Year	
Nicholas Grimberg	Mentor Program	2019-2020 School Year	
Shanna Pickett	Assistant Track Coach at KHS	2019-2020 School Year	
Shaquilla Powell	Assistant Track Coach at KHS	2019-2020 School Year	
Jared Randle	Boys and Girls Track Coach at KJHS	2019-2020 School Year	
Calvin Works	Assistant Track Coach at KHS	2019-2020 School Year	
<b>Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>			
William Draper	Head Groundsman	February 11, 2020	
<b>Leave of Absences (Support Personnel)</b>			
Allison Cruz	Sous Chef/Cooking Lab Facilitator at KHS	Feb1,2020-May 31, 2020	Leave of Absences
Rochella Glover	Paraprofessional at Edison	Jan 6, 2020-March 31, 2020	
Cynthia Kiger	Food Service	Jan 7, 2020-Jan 24, 2020	
Tiffany Miller	Paraprofessional at Proegler	Feb 1, 2020- April 30, 2020	
Terri Schellhase	Paraprofessional at KHS	Jan 6, 2020-April 30, 2020	
<b>Termination (Support Personnel)</b>			
Connie Ohrt	Food Service at KJHS	February 3, 2020	Termination

A 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, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried

**Action Items**

1. Approval of Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Technology Employees Due to Restructuring.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston to approve the resolution for honorable dismissal of technology employees due to restructuring as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried

2. Approval of 2020-2021 School Calendar.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Archie to table the 2020-2021 school calendar until the next Board Meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried

3. Approval of Le Penseur Youth & Family Services INC to use space at King Middle School.

Mr. Williams asked exactly what Le Penseur Youth & Family Services would be doing?

The Director, Mr. Summarize, explained to the board what services they will provide to the community.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Shea, to approve the Le Penseur Youth & Family Services INC to use space at King Middle School as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried

Leave of Absences

Action Items  
Honorable Dismissal of  
Technology Employees

2020-2021School  
Calendar

Le Penseur Youth &  
Family Services INC

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

Old Business

**Information**

The following items were provided for information.

1. FOIA Request
2. State & Federal Revenue Report
3. Budget Update
4. Previous Bill Run
5. New Course Proposals
6. January Suspension Report
7. Avis Huff Placement Report
8. Grade Level Assignments
9. Staff Absence Report

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At 8:32 p.m. a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Shea, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

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Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

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Angela F. Shea, Secretary

**APPROVED MARCH 4, 2020**