

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 13, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:04 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Steuben Elementary School, 520 South Wildwood Ave Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Mary Archie (entered at 6:20 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:04 p.m., a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Williams, 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: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Wells, and Williams Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

At 7:08 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

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

Meeting with the Board were:

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

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Good News:
 - Dr. Walters and Tim Keown discussed bringing esports video gaming to the district.
- ❖ Downtown TIF:
 - Mayor Wells Armstrong discussed the groundbreaking on Court Street for the Safe School Crosswalk as well as a proposal for a New Downtown TIF. Michael Hoffman presented on the possible New Downtown TIF.
- ❖ Instruction:
 - Mrs. Hybert introduced Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Bretzlaff, and Mr. Castanza to present on the ArtofED.
 - Ms. Petty presented on the FAFSA requirements, SAT and ACT testing requirements, and talked about Illinois State Scholars.
 - Jenny Way presented Niche Data. She explained how Niche works and how the school district is graded.
 - Dr. Demitrowicz and her administrative team presented the Building Schedule Plan.

- ❖ Finance:
 - Mr. Grossi updated the board on the possible future construction plans.
- ❖ Personnel:
 - Dr. O'Connor updated the board on Title IX Procedures and Evaluation procedures.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Newsome started by introducing her staff and honoring her retirees. Mrs. Newsome discussed enrollment information and engagement levels. Mrs. Newsome discussed what Steuben plans to focus on 2020-2021.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
 - **September 28, 2020 (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (see insert A)
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (see insert B)
- The **Recommended Policy Changes (2nd Reading)** was presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
- The **TNTP Grade Level Assignment Training** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations (Support Personnel)		
Erica Austin	Head Start Family Support Specialist at Proegler	October 16, 2020
Calvin Works	CIPS Short Term at KHS	October 9, 2020
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Quan Hoang	Night Custodian at LCC	October 19, 2020
Carlin Peoples	Night Custodian at Kennedy	October 14, 2020
Leave of Absences (Support Personnel)		
Shelly Covington	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	September 21, 2020 - November 30, 2020
Auinia Dillon	Paraprofessional at Taft Primary	October 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020
Position Title Change (Administrative)		
Elizabeth Gibson	Director of Early Childhood Education/Head Start Director	September 25, 2020

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston 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

No old business was discussed.

Information

1. FOIA Request
2. Previous Bill Run
3. State & Federal Revenue Report
4. Budget Update

Principal's Report

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Resignations/Retirements

Appointments

Leave of Absence

Position Title Change

Old Business

Information

Ms. Wells acknowledges the 90th Birthday Parade of Odie Jordan.

Darrell Williams read a statement apologizing to Mr. Harris and Ms. Fountain regarding the questioning of their Second Quarter Plans.

At 8:58 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

APPROVED October 26, 2020