

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
October 26, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:01 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Taft Primary School 1155 West Hawkins Street Kankakee, IL.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: Mary Archie (entered at 6:01 pm)  
Darrell Williams (entered at 6:10 pm)  
Barbara Wells (entered at 6:01 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 6:01 p.m., a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Shea Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

At 7:00 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  
Jennifer Way, Director of Student Improvement

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

**Superintendent's Report**

- ❖ Good News:
  - Dr. Walters stated that we are in the Phase 4 plan and will discuss the 2nd semester in December. Starting this Saturday from 10 am -2 pm, students in 4th-12th grade will be able to go to the high school for extra help.
- ❖ Remote Control Car Program:
  - Mr. Clark discussed and showed a video of the remote control car program.
- ❖ Instruction:
  - Mrs. Way discussed recent TNTP Administrator training and also showed a video from the high school drama students regarding the importance of the level of engagement. She spoke about Dr. Walters and Mrs. Chavez making a public comment at the ISBE Board meeting regarding CBE and how beneficial it is to our students. Mrs. Way also discussed

- Gaggle, Speak up for Safety, and showed a brief video.
- ❖ Finance:
    - Mr. Grossi discussed the purchase of three" eye in the sky" cameras. The district's property at 245 Warren must be abated before it is torn down. Mr. Grossi discussed the school maintenance grant and how the money will be spent.
  - ❖ Personnel:
    - Dr. O'Connor discussed Title IX Training, teacher, and administrator evaluation tools.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Lee started by showing a brief video. Mr. Lee discussed the recent renovations in the building, Title 1 budget, the 2020-2021 COVID plan, and Protocols. Taft will continue to update COVID Protocols and procedures in the 2nd quarter. Mr. Lee discussed engagement and Attendance Data, and Second Quarter Goals. Ms. Leftridge introduced Taft Staff.

Principal's Report

### **Public Comments**

The following public comment was made.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Katrina Woodard	Mrs. Woodard discussed her concerns regarding her daughter's fundraising money.

### **Amendment**

Ms. Wells asked for a motion to amend the Agenda to change the date of the Board Minutes to October 13, 2020.

Amendment

A motion was made by Gathing, and seconded by Williams to approve the amendment as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
  - **October 13, 2020 (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Grant Consolidation (Background Information and Federal Grants)** was presented for approval.
- The **CEC Contract 2020-2021 School Year** was presented for approval. (see insert B).
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Grant Consolidation  
CEC Contract 2020-2021  
School Year

Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations (Licenced Educational Professional)</b>		
Sophia Maxwell	English Teacher at KHS	November 15, 2020
Jacqueline Mendez	Dual Language Teacher at King	September 25, 2020
Rose Walls	Special Education Teacher at KHS	October 7, 2020
<b>Resignations (Support Personnel)</b>		
Shelly Covington	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	October 30, 2020
Rochella Glover	Paraprofessional at Edison	October 19, 2020
Cortez Peoples	Security Officer at KJHS	October 23, 2020
Danielle Thomas	Head Start Assistant at Proegler	October 16, 2020

Resignations/Retirements

Lynn Zugenbuehler	Human Resources Coordinator	November 9, 2020
<b>Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)</b>		
Chloe Chatman	Dance Instructor at KHS	October 27, 2020
<b>Appointments (Support Personnel)</b>		
Zion Ali	Broadcasting Support at KHS	October 27, 2020
Dawn Beedy	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	October 28, 2020
Melissa Denoyer	Head Start Interventionist at Proegler	October 28, 2020
<b>Appointments (Extra Duty Assignment)</b>		
Barnes, Kelly	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Battrell, Kelly	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Beland, Jessica	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Castile, Portia	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Clark, Pamela	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Collins, Lelia	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Da Silva, Keila	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Fenton, Maria	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Flores-Munoz, Tina	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Foltz, Debra	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Goodrich, Sue	Office Project Manager	2020-2021 School Year
Harsha, Nina	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Harwell, Ruwanda	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Heinzl, Kristina	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Hernandez, Blanca	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Hill, Nathaniel	Basketball Coach at King	2020-2021 School Year
Hipke, Stefanie	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Jackson, Kelly	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Jones, Latoya	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Knott, Kimberly	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Koziol, Melanie	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Lane, Julia	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year

Appointments

McPhail, Kimberly	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Medina, Veronica	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Nojd, Chrissy	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Norton, Danielle	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Reyes, Shelly	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Ryan, Dallas	Office Manager	2020-2021 School Year
Shear, Kimberly	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Smith, Anaya	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Smith, Sandra	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Steele, Janice	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Thomas, Sheryl	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Trowell, Carma	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Tsirikos, Rebecca	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Vaughn, Chris	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
Williams, Kim	Retention at Proegler	2020-2021 School Year
<b>Leave of Absences (Support Personnel)</b>		
Jacqueline Jefferson	Paraprofessional at Proegler	October 15, 2020 - December 31, 2020
<b>Salary Adjustments (Support Personnel)</b>		
Michelle Mullin	Human Resources Coordinator at LCC	October 19, 2020

Leave of Absence

Salary Adjustment

A motion was made by Gathing, and seconded by Johnston to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES:; Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

Adjourn

A 7:41 p.m., a motion was made by Shea, and seconded by Archie 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

**APPROVED November 9, 2020**