

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
March 22, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:08 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Edison Primary School | 1991 East Maple Street Kankakee, IL.

ROLL CALL

Members Present Chris Bohlen
 Deb Johnston
 Barbara Wells, Board President
 Darrell Williams

Members Absent: Mary Archie (entered at 6:08 p.m.)
 Jess Gathing, Vice President (entered at 7:06 p.m.)
 Angela Shea, Secretary (Absent)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:08 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, 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, Johnston, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

At 7:06 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barb Wells, Board President

Meeting with the Board were:

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

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was Present.

Superintendent's Report

❖ Good News:

| School | Event | Explanation |
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| District | Donations | Dr. Walters thanked the following businesses, board members, community members, and employees who continue to donate to KAYS-Mart: Jan Fritz Erin Goldenstein |

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| | | Roosevelt Green Melany Jacobson Proegler |
| Steuben | Donation | Ms. Newsome thanked Sara Loring for filling out and receiving the Enchanted Backpacks grant. Enchanted Backpack loads vans with school supplies, books, coats, art supplies, athletic equipment, personal necessities, and more. The vans – think of them as huge magical and mystical backpacks – make deliveries throughout the entire year to the qualifying public, private and charter schools, who have applied and been accepted for the program. The average van delivery has a retail value of \$40,000. |

- ❖ COVID 19 Numbers:
 - Dr. Walters Discussed current and past numbers for COVID 19. The district has had 107 adult cases and 53 student cases, which brings the district total to 160 cases since May 18, 2020.
- ❖ Instruction:
 - Mrs. Hybert started by discussing universal designs and showed a brief video on universal design. Mrs. Hybert also discussed how universal design and learning for all are similar and that as a district, we need to have scheduling choices for our families.
- ❖ Finance:
 - Mr. Grossi discussed analyzing the budget to make sure we are on track, making sure we are spending all grant money by the drop-dead date, and planning for the long-term construction and financial plan.
- ❖ Personnel:
 - Dr. O'Connor discussed vacancies this year and retirees.

Principal's Report

Mrs. O'Leary discussed academic parent-teacher teams and student engagement throughout the year. Mrs. O'Leary discussed how 15% of the students at Edison are remote learning and are doing well. She discussed Jam Boards and how they work, honored two staff members, and showed a brief video.

Principal's Report

Public Comments

The following public comments were made.

Public Comments

| Name | Topic |
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| Stacey Burkhammer | Ms. Burkhammer spoke about remote learning and how her daughter has excelled. |
| Mariza Avalos | Mrs. Avalos discussed the concerns she has with the dual-language program and asked that we hire a Dual-Language Director as soon as possible. |
| Jeannie Beland | Ms. Beland asked if remote learning can continue to be an option, and discussed how remote learning had helped her son drastically. |
| Rachel Jordan | Ms. Jordan discussed remote learning for her own student as well as teaching remotely. Her daughter has had a successful year and advocates for the remote option. |
| Sheleah Bliusett (Video) | Ms. Bluiett discussed her support of parent choice. |

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| Evelyn Barnes | Ms. Barnes discussed her thoughts regarding scheduling options as a teacher. She discussed how some students have excelled with remote learning and some have not. |
| Benita Arceneauz | Ms. Arceneauz discussed how she feels regarding remote learning. She is an advocate for parent choice. Pleased with teachers and support from her child's teachers. |
| Rhonda Beals-Tate | Discussed wanting to have a say so in her child's education and appreciates her son's teachers. |
| Jaron Hill | Mr. Hill discussed wanting to have a choice for both of his students. |
| Carolyn Mitchell | Ms. Mitchell discussed wanting to keep the option for her children. Remote learning has helped so much for her kids. |

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
 - **March 8, 2021 (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Illinois High School Association Membership** was presented for approval.
- The **Illinois Elementary School Associated Membership** was presented for approval.
- The **Approval to Join Purchasing Cooperative** was presented for approval.
- The **Purchase of Cameras for KJHS** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

| Name | Position | Effective Date |
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| Retirement (Support Personnel) | | |
| Elaine Harper | Paraprofessional at KJHS | End of 2020-2021 School Year |
| Appointments (Support Personnel) | | |
| Johanna Forbes | Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler | March 23, 2021 |
| Karely Varela-Gayton | Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler | March 23, 2021 |
| Juana Perez | Clerk for the Youth Empowerment Program | March 23, 2021 |
| Brivonna Piccini | Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler | March 23, 2021 |
| Lluvia Ramirez | Office Secretary at KHS | March 23, 2021 |
| Claire Ruch | Head Start Academic Interventionist at Proegler | March 23, 2021 |
| Leah Sampson | Art Service Provider at KHS | March 23, 2021 |
| Perla Villagomez | Security Officer at KHS | March 23, 2021 |
| Appointments (Extra Duty Assignments) | | |
| Ahrens, Kieth | Additional Technical Support | 2020-2021 School Year |
| Szczepaniak, Erin | JHS Boys and Girls Track Coach | 2020-2021 School Year |
| Internal Appointments (Administrative Personnel) | | |

Consent Agenda

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IHSA
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KJHS
Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirements

Appointments

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| Edith Petty-Bender | Director of Bilingual Teaching and Learning | July 1, 2021 |
| Sharon Sykes | Class of 2024 Administrator | July 1, 2021 |
| Internal Appointments (Support Personnel) | | |
| Alphonse Baptist | Night Lead Custodian at KHS | March 23, 2021 |
| Sydney Christon | Clerk for the Youth Empowerment Program | March 23, 2021 |
| Eduardo Villagomez-Andreade Sr. | Day Custodian at KHS | March 23, 2021 |
| Leave of Absences (Support Personnel) | | |
| Justine Dalcanton | Food Service at King | January 27, 2021-March 31, 2021 |
| Kiara Gardner | Paraprofessional at KHS | March 2, 2021-March 26, 2021 |
| Michael Hawn | Social Worker at KHS | March 17, 2021-March 26, 2021 |
| Daniel Lopez | Food Service at KHS | April 6, 2021-April 23, 2021 |
| Salary Adjustment (Support Personnel) | | |
| Maya Anglin | Medical Assistant at KHS | March 23, 2021 |
| LaToya Calbert | Medical Biller/Coder at KJHS | March 23, 2021 |

Leave of Absence

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

Action Items

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1. Approval of New Positions for the 2021-2022 School Year

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A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Williams to approve the new positions for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Wireless Microphone Purchase for KHS

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A motion was made by Gathing, and seconded by Johnston to approve the wireless microphone purchase for KHS as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried

3. Approval of Reduction of Local Elective Graduation Requirements (not state graduation requirements)

Approval of Reduction of Local Graduation Requirements

A motion was made by Gathing, and seconded by Bohlen to approve the reduction of local elective graduation requirements (not state graduation requirements) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Old Business

Information and Proposals

Information

1. Freedom of Information Request

At 9:11 p.m., a motion was made by Bohlen, and seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

APPROVED April 12, 2021