

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
January 16, 2024

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:04 pm. in the Auditorium at Kankakee High School 1200 W Jeffery St Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mary Archie
Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary
Chris Bohlen, Board President
Jess Gathing, Board Vice President. (present for closed session, absent for regular session)
Deb Johnston
Darrell Williams

Members Absent: Tracy Verrett (entered at 5:23 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 5:04 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, 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 district, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.

The Regular Session was reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Chris Bohlen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting with the Board were:

Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Cedric Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Good News

School	Event	Explanation
Edison	Donations	Edison thanked Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene. Every student at Edison received a book for Christmas, and each teacher received a Gift Card to improve their classroom libraries.
LCC	Donation	LCC thanked Duane Dean for the Christmas gift donation.
KHS	Donation	KHS thanked a Riverside Hospital physician (anonymous) who established two \$10,000 scholarships for two of our high school students interested in STEAM.
Steuben	Donation	Steuben thanked the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Various local and distant community members donated Christmas gifts and other items for the students of Rose Bailey's classroom.→ Kankakee Fire Department, in collaboration with Maple Street Domino's Pizza, Washington St.Jewel's, and the Kankakee

		<p>Pepsi Company, donated pizza, pop, and water for Steuben students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → KSD Board Member Suzy Berrones provided breakfast treats for Steuben staff. → Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center donated holiday gifts for 8 Steuben students. → KSD Board President Chris Bohlen and his wife, Rosemary Pistorius, donated Spanish and English books to the Steuben Library for our students.
KJHS	Donation/ Teacher Celebration	<p>KJHS thanked and recognized the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The Kankakee Federation of Labor and Riverside Nursing Department. Both provided KJHS scholars with hats, scarves, & gloves in preparation for the winter months. → KJHS 7th-grade Science teacher and KHS Soccer Coach, Mr. Mkhwanazi, was honored Sunday, January 9th, by former students and current athletes as part of the kick-off of the Celebration of Life Week. The event celebrates those making a difference in people's lives. As highlighted in the WGN News report, "Students said Mkhwanazi encourages them to pursue higher education and give back by volunteering for worthy causes." VMkhwanazi WGN9
Early Childhood	Donation	<p>Early Childhood thanked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Kankakee Federation of Labor donated hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear. → The Knights of Columbus donated several coats to keep our students warm this winter. → Board Secretary Suzanne donated bagels and juice for staff members to enjoy → School Board President Chris Bohlen & his wife, Rosemary Pistorius, donated several books to Proegler. Staff members will share the books with the students and read them to them for their enjoyment.

- ❖ Instruction
 - Ms. Fountain discussed the Illinois State Scholars being pushed back to February 12, 2024. She also discussed the ROE Compliance Audit.
- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Lewis discussed this year's fiscal position vs previous years.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed 2024-2025 Staffing procedures and upcoming Job Fairs.

Principal's Report

Dr. Brass shared data on attendance, work completion, referrals to date, and building highlights.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
 - Regular Board Minutes December 11, 2023 (Closed & Regular Session)
 - Special Board Minutes December 13, 2023 (Closed & Regular Session)
 - Special Board Minutes January 8, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)

Principal's Report

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Payroll & Related Bills
Regular Bills
Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Jacob Karp	Permanent Sub at KHS	January 12,2024
Dennis Pommier	Physical Education Teacher at KHS	January 12, 2024
Patsy Reyna	Permanent Substitute at Kennedy	January 8, 2024
Drake Selock	Permanent Substitute at Kennedy	December 22, 2023
Resignation & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Ricky Austin	Street Outreach worker Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Jasmine Bright	Paraprofessional at Proegler	December 22, 2023
Portia Cephus	Victim Services Advocate Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Aaron Clark	Student Violence Prevention Coordinator	December 31, 2023
Coen Clark	Street Outreach Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2024
MacKenzie Cloy	Project Manager Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Dereonna Fisher	Paraprofessional	December 22, 2024
Makenzie Flores	Case Manager Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Kara Jones	YEP Clerk	December 22, 2024
Kimbela Jordan	Paraprofessional at Proegler	December 22, 2023
Billy Kaufman	Street Outreach Coordinator Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Kephren Lee	Victim Services Advocate Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Patricia Reyes Lopez	Paraprofessional at King	December 22, 2023
Kyree Robinson	Childcare Worker	January 10, 2023
Aubrey St. JOhn	Victim Services Coordinator for Kankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Luis Silva	Street Outreach WorkerKankakee Forgives	December 31, 2023
Sharon Tonkin	Cafeteria Helper at Taft	January 10, 2024

Appointments (Licensed Educational Personnel)		
Samuel Arms	Permanent Substitute KJHS	January 8, 2024
Jillian Basile	Part-Time Speech Pathologist Instructor at Proegler & LCC	January 8, 2024
Ali Bryant	Permanent Substitute at KJHS	January 9, 2024
Trenna Carriker	Permanent Substitute at King	January 8, 2024
Miguel Davila	Permanent Substitute at KHS	December 12, 2024
Robert Peters	Permanent Substitute at Mark Twain	January 9, 2024
Eliana Sais	SEL Coach at King	January 8, 2024
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Cheryl Bibbs	Full-Time Bus Monitor	December 18, 2023
Berenice Bradley	Paraprofessional at LCC	January 9, 2024
Wanda Clincy	Paraprofessional at Steuben	January 8, 2024
Krystal Dasher	PFA Paraprofessional at Steuben	January 19, 2024
Shawn Douglas	Night Custodian at KHS	January 16 2024
Odonis Gallaway	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Jemel Gilbert	Fill-Time Bus Monitor	January 10, 2024
Chitara Gun	Paraprofessional at Taft	January 8, 2024
Elton Jackson Jr	Paraprofessional at King	January 6, 2024
Hamim Lillard	Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Sandra Mendez	Full-Time Bus Monitor	December 18, 2023
Etasia Robinson	Full-Time Bus Monitor	December 18, 2023
Mingus Samuals	Paraprofessional at King	January 8, 2024
Molly Smith	Part-Time Nurse Practitioner Health Clinic	TBD
Alma Vazquez	Hippocrates Clerk	January 9, 2024
Appointment (Extra Duty)		
Nicholas Crowe	Assistant Basketball Coach at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Brayia Golden	Head Volleyball Coach at King	2023-2024 School Year
Lillian Hurt	Spring Musical Assistant Director KHS	2023-2024 School Year

Appointment

Earnest Pickett	Assistant Athletic Director at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Dennis Pommier	Head Volleyball Coach at KJHS	2023-2024 School Year
Jasmin Smith	7th Grade Head Cheerleading Coach KJHS	2023-2024 School Year
Jasmin Smith	8th Grade Head Cheerleading Coach KJHS	2023-2024 School Year
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Makayla Armstrong	Paraprofessional at Proegler	January 16, 2024-February 27, 2024

A motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Williams, to approve the consent agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Archie, Berrones, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of Employment Contract Between Kankakee School District 111 & Dr. Teresa A. Lance

A motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Berrones, to approve the employment contract between Kankakee School District 111 and Dr. Teresa A. Lance as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Berrones, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Reimbursement for up to 25 Transition Days at Pro Rate Daily Rate Per Salary in Employment Contract to Be Submitted on a Monthly Basis.

A motion was made by Johnston, and seconded by Berrones, to approve the reimbursement for up to 25 transition days at a pro-rate daily rate per salary in employment contract to be submitted on a monthly basis as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Board Superintendent Agreement.

A motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Williams to approve the Board/Superintendent Agreement as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run
2. December 2023 Monthly Report
3. December 2023 Statement of Revenues & Expenses

Old Business

At 7:43 p.m., a motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST: _____

Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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Superintendent
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Adjourn