

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**January 8, 2024**

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 3:05 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.  
Deb Johnston

Members Absent: Tracy Verrett (entered at 3:07 pm)  
Darrell Williams (entered at 3:07 pm)

Roll Call

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

**Closed Session**

At 3:05 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 4:15 p.m.

Reconvene

Chris Bohlen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent  
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.

Public Comments

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There were no public comments

**Action Items**

Action Items

1. Approval of Appointment (Support Personnel).

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

Approval of  
Appointment Support  
Personnel

2. Approval of the Appointment of Superintendent

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

Approval of the  
appointment of  
Superintendent

3. Approval of the Superintendent Contract

The Superintendent's contract has been tabled until the next board meeting.

Approval of  
Superintendent  
Contract

At 4:37 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

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Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST:

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Suzy Berrones, Secretary

**APPROVED FEBRUARY 12, 2024**