

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

January 9, 2023

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:14 pm in the cafeteria at the Kankakee Junior High School 2250 E Crestwood St. Kankakee, IL 60901

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chris Bohlen
Jess Gathing
Deb Johnston
Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary
Barbara Wells, Board President
Darrell Williams, Board Vice President

Roll Call

Members Absent: Mary Archie (entered at 7:24 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

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At 5:14 pm, 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 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.
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when a public body finds that an action probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Reconven

Pledge

The closed session was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:12 pm.

Barbara Wells, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting with the Board were:

Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Dr. Genevra Walters, Superintendent
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary
Carmen Huizenga, SKDO, P.C.

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Amendment

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President Wells asked for a motion to amend the agenda by moving the Principal's report to the beginning. A motion was made by Bohlen and seconded by Gathing to amend the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells.

NAYS-None. Motion Carried.

Principal's Report.

Principals Report

Mrs. Morgan-Harris presented the goals and data analysis for this school year. Ms. Morgan-Harris also discussed STAR Data.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Good News

School	Event	Explanation
District	Donations	Dr. Walters thanked the Kiwanis Club and the Kankakee Federation of Laborers for donating hats, gloves, scarves, coats, shoes, and socks to students throughout the district.
LCC	Recognition	Mrs. Starkey recognized Deborah Adams. She was selected as the winner of the Life Education Center's Best Practice Contest.
TAFT	Donations	<p>Mrs. Leftridge thanked the anonymous donor who donated over 40 lunch boxes.</p> <p>Mrs. Leftridge thanked Officer Williams, who assists with student dismissal to help ensure the safety of our students at dismissal.</p>
Steuben	Recognition	Mr. Harris recognized Sarah Loring for receiving a posthumous award from I-KAN. The award was dated Fall 2022. Mr. Harris also showed a plaque made for Mrs. Loring's family.
Proegler	Donations	Mrs. Powell thanked St. John United Church of Christ of Kankakee for donating \$150 to the Early Childhood Program. The donation will be used to purchase items needed to make gingerbread houses.
KHS	Recognition	<p>Dr. Sims recognized Kankakee junior guard Larenz Walters, who scored a school-record 43 points for the Kays in their 67-52 win over Lafayette Jefferson (Ind.) in defense of their Kankakee Holiday Tournament maroon division championship.</p> <p>Dr. Sims recognized Mr. Marques Lowe (Track Coach), who was voted the 2022 Coach of the Year for Class 2A Girls Track and Field and Class 2A Boys Track and Field with the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association.</p>
Kennedy	Donation/Recognition	<p>Mrs. Harris thanked Nancy Moore and other Riverside Medical Center staff who provided school supplies and Christmas gifts for 18 families at Kennedy.</p> <p>Mrs. Harris thanked the First Assembly of God Church which provided food for Thanksgiving and Christmas for</p>

		<p>five families during each holiday.</p> <p>Mrs. Harris thanked the Dugan Family Toy Drive, which donated Christmas gifts for selected students at Kennedy, LCC, and King.</p> <p>Mrs. Harris recognized Tracy Selock, who was chosen as one of 32 National Park STEAM Ambassadors from across the US. Her assignment is Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota. She has also applied to 2 other parks to attend as a participant. Those decisions will be announced by February.</p>
Student Support Services	Donation	Ms. Coradetti thanked the United Cerebral Palsy Seguin of Greater Chicago, who donated 18 gift cards to students with disabilities districtwide.

- ❖ Audit Report
 - Carmen Huizenga from SKDO, P.C. discussed the 2022 Audit Report findings.
- ❖ Instruction
 - Dr. Walters discussed that we are continuing to do purchasing materials for next school year as well as Slate.
- ❖ Finance
 - Nothing was discussed
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed the process of posting positions.

Public Comments

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Name	Topic Discussed
Jacob Jenkins	Mr. Jenkins, the Volunteer Programs Coordinator for the IDHS Bureau of Volunteerism and Community Service, On behalf of The Governor's Office, IDHS Secretary, and Serve Illinois Board President, Mr. Jenkins thanked Dr. Walters for allowing our students to participate and partner in the MLK Justice Learning Lab. Mr. Jenkins presented Dr. Walters with the Office of the Governor's Illinois Commission of Volunteerism and Community Service Certificate of Appreciation.

Board Report

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- ❖ Board President Report
 - Mrs. Wells discussed the superintendent search.

Consent Agenda

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The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
 - **December 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
 - **December 15, 2022, Special Board Meeting (Regular Session)**
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Minutes
Regular Bills
Payroll & Related Bills
Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations (Administrative Professional)		

Resignations

Nakisha Lee	Assistant Principal at KJHS	December 30, 2022
Resignations (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Alexandra Fox	Instructor at KHS	January 13, 2023
April Richey	Science Teacher at KJHS	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Mario Sanders	Science Instructor at KJHS	January 4, 2023
Charlette Williams	Health Academy Instructor at KHS	January 18, 2023
Resignations & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Kaylin Farlins	Childcare Worker at Steuben	January 3, 2023
Jessica Gathing	Paraprofessional at Proegler	January 27, 2023
Derek Hart	Strength & COnditionaing Coach	December 16, 2022
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Donovan Bobo	Permanent Substitute at Avis	August 17, 2023
Samantha Denton	Permanent Substitute at King	August 17, 2023
Frank Menzies	Orchestra Instructor at KHS	TBD
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Ashley Anderson	Student Interventionist at Edison	January 3, 2023
Deborah Hopkins	Paraprofessional at Proegler	TBD
Brian Jackson	Cafeteris Helper at KJHS	January 9, 2023
Nicole Mauritzen	Part Time Paraprofessional at Proegler	January 4, 2023
Appointment (Extra Duty)		
Jessica Gathing	Head Volleyball Coach at Kennedy	2022-2023 School Year
Reyna Hernandez	Girls on the Run Kennedy	2022-2023 School Year
James Miller	Wresteling Coach at KJHS	2022-2023 School Year
Elizabeth Turner	Girls on the Run Kennedy	2022-2023 School Year
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Kendall White	Night Lead Custodian at KING	January 9, 2023
Internal Appointment (Administrative Personnel)		
Daniel Savage	Assistant Superintendent of Business Services	January 10, 2023
Termination (Support Personnel)		

Appointments

Termination

Mauro Prieto	Paraprofessional at King	December 1, 2022
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A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Gathing to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Bohlen, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Item

1. Approval of Board Member Expense Reimbursement.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Gathing, to approve the board member expense reimbursement as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion Carried..

2. Approval of Lease for Transportation Building at 751 Eastgate Industrial Parkway..

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the lease for the transportation building at 751 Eastgate Industrial Parkway as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Verrett, Williams, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. NAYS: none.

3. Approval to Accept the Bid from Midwest Transit Equipment for the Purchase/Lease of Busses.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the bid from Midwest Transit Equipment for the Purchase/Lease of Buses as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Williams, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

4. Approval to Purchase Radio Equipment and Service Plan from A Beep LCC for the Transportation Department.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the purchase of radio equipment and a service plan from A Beep LCC for the transportation department as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:AYES- Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, ans Wells. NAYS-none. Motion carried.

Old Business

Board/Community Involvement

A discussion was held regarding the Board's Community Involvement.

Ms. Fountain introduced Mr. Savage, The New Assistant Superintendent of Business Finance.

Information & Proposals

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

At 8:08 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Tracy Verrett, Secretary

APPROVED FEBRUARY 13, 2023

Action Items

Board Member Expense
Reimbursement

Lease for Transportation
Building at 751 Eastgate
Industrial Parkway.

Accept the Bid from
Midwest Transit
Equipment for the
Purchase/Lease of
Busses.

Purchase Radio
Equipment and Service
Plan from A Beep LCC for
the Transportation
Department.

Old Business

Information

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