

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**October 23, 2023**

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:05 p.m. in the Gymnasium at King Middle School 1440 E. Court St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mary Archie  
Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary  
Chris Bohlen, Board President  
Deb Johnston  
Tracy Verrett  
Darrell Williams

Roll Call

Members Absent: Jess Gathing, Board Vice President. (Absent)

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

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At 6:05 pm, a motion was made by Williams, 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 7:02 p.m.

Reconvene

Chris Bohlen led the Pledge of Allegiance, and a King student led the pledge in Spanish.

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.

**Superintendent's Report**

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- ❖ Instruction
  - Sarah from TNTP updated the board on the progress of TNTP throughout the district.
- ❖ Finance
  - Mr. Lewis discussed the audit process and answered any questions.
- ❖ Personnel
  - Ms. Fountain discussed legislative updates.

**Principal's Report**

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Mrs. Jackson introduced and thanked her staff. Showed a brief video of the field trips King students took. Showed a brief video on kids thanking Dr. Walters.

**Public Comments**

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Name	Topic
Luke Shepherd	Mr. Shepherd discussed the safety road behind the high school. Mr. Shepherd discussed the trailers at the high school.
Jatori Autman	Ms. Autman discussed Dr. Walters being called a hired hand at the September 25, 2023, board meeting.

Lee Flowers	Ms. Flowers discussed issues her students have at KHS and KJHS.
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**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
  - **October 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular Session)**
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **TNTP Teaching Coaching add-on Contract** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignation &amp; Retirements (Licensed Educational Support)</b>		
Jordan Themer	Social Worker	October 20, 2023
<b>Resignation &amp; Retirements (Support Personnel)</b>		
Lorna Vinson	Office Secretary	January 12, 2024
<b>Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)</b>		
Logan Harrington	Biology Teacher at KHS	TBD
Brittany Parsons	Permanent Substitute at King Middle School	TBD
Dr. Maria Penaloza Camargo	Bilingual Learning Partner	October 24, 2023
<b>Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Tina Calbert	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Destiny Flores	Head Start Interventionist	October 30, 2023
Kristopher Harris	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Beatriz Reyes	Clerical Transportation	TBD
Tomeka Smith	Head Bookkeeper	November 6, 2023
Olga Wilson	Full-Time Bus Monitor	TBD
<b>Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Michael Gilbert	Paraprofessional at Steuben	October 24, 2023

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

**Old Business**

- ❖ Superintendent Search Update

**Information & Proposals**

1. September Financial Report - Summary
2. September Financial Report - Detail

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3. Previous Bill Run

At 7:37 p.m., a motion was made by Berrones, seconded by Johnston, 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2023**