

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**November 13, 2023**

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:11 p.m. in the Back Gymnasium at Kennedy Middle School 1550 W Calista St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mary Archie (exited at 6:54 pm)  
Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary  
Jess Gathing, Board Vice President.  
Deb Johnston  
Darrell Williams

Roll Call

Members Absent: Chris Bohlen, Board President (entered at 5:15 pm)  
Tracy Verrett

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 7:11 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.

**Superintendent's Report**

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- ❖ Instruction
  - Dr. Walters discussed the graduation requirements for the class of 2028 and NHS induction.
- ❖ Finance
  - Mr Lewis broke down the budget.
- ❖ Personnel
  - Ms. Fountain discussed the union contracts and building vacancies.

Principal's Report

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Mrs. Bonita Arceneaux-Anderson introduced her staff members and thanked Mr. Robinson. She also recognized the retirees and Dr Walters. She thanked Mr. Bohlen for his donation of library books, Showed a brief video. Mr Robinson discussed the leadership opportunities Dr. Walters has given.

**Public Comments**

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Name	Topic
Cherry Malone Marshall	Alderman Malone-Marshall discussed Dr. Walters being called a hired hand and asked for a public apology to be made to Dr. Walters. She also discussed the naming of the Community Center after Dr Walters.

Rodney Lake	Rev. Lake encouraged the board to name the Community Center after Dr. Walters.
Hamim Lillard	Mr. Lillard thanked Dr. Walters for the foundation she set for the community.
Reggie Jones	Alderman Jones spoke about Mr. Bohlen and what Dr. Walters has done for the community. He requested they name the Community Center after Dr. Walters and the track after Mr. Gathing.
Michael Prude	Mr. Prude encouraged the board to name the Community Center after Dr. Walters.
Robert Ellington Snipes	Mr. Ellington-Snipes discussed teaching Character during CBE time and naming the community center after Dr. Geneva A. Walters.
Antoine Moore	Mr. Moore discussed the public apology he requested at the last board meeting.
Octavia Smith/ KHS Students	Students discussed why the Community Center should be named after Dr Walters and presented her with a gift.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
  - **October 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular Session)**
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignation &amp; Retirements (Licensed Educational Support)</b>		
Emily Bellamy	Teacher at KHS	October 31, 2023
<b>Resignation &amp; Retirements (Supprt Personnel)</b>		
Tynesha Burns	Childcare Worker at Steuben	October 23, 2023
Aiden Kravat	Cook at Kennedy Middle School	November 10, 2023
Brisa Zermeno	Paraprofessional at KJHS	November 1, 2023
Mikel Ziller	Custodian KHS	November 6, 2023
<b>Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)</b>		
Aaliyah Henry	SpecialEducation Instructor	TBD
<b>Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Letrell Boyd	Night Custodian	November 13, 2023
Dylan Gutierrez Gomez	Paraprofessional at Steuben	TBD
Fatima Martinez	Paraprofessional at Steuben	TBD
Jennifer O'Donnell	Dispatcher at Transportation Department	TBD
Karina Santos	Attendance Clerk at KJHS	TBD

Consent Agenda

Minutes  
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Personnel

Resignations &  
Retirements

Appointments

Internal Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Rosa Camargo Solis	Co-Teacher at Steuben	November 14, 2023
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Mary Baptist	Cook at KJHS	October 30, 2023
Dezeray Divit	Cashier at KJHS	October 30, 2023
Shanika Johnson	Student Safety Interventionist at KHS	November 14, 2023
Daniel Lopez	Cashier at KHS	October 23, 2023
Serrine Smith	Full Time Paraprofessional at KHS	October 30, 2023
Kathy Wilder	Cashier at KHS	October 30, 2023
Termination (Support Personnel)		
Yashimin Moore	YEP Remote Car Coordinator at KHS	October 20, 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: Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Action Items

1. Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Berrones, Johnston, Gathing, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Final Name for Community Center.

A motion was made by Gathing and Seconded by Johnston to table the approval of the final name for the community center. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

#### Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run
2. Graduation Requirements for Class of 2028

#### Old Business

1. Superintendent Search Update
2. Uniform Policy

At 8:32 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

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Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST:

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Suzy Berrones, Secretary

**APPROVED DECEMBER 11, 2023**

Action Items

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Approval of Final Name  
for the Community  
Center

Old Business

Information

Adjourn