

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 11, 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 Multi-Purpose Room at Steuben Elementary School 520 S. Wildwood Ave. Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

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

Roll Call

Members Absent: All Present

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

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At 5:11 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 7:12 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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Report

- ❖ Good News:

School	Event	Explanation
Early Childhood	Donations	Proegler would like to thank the following: *St. John United Church of Christ - monetary donation for students for Gingerbread Houses Head Start (Mark Twain) *Ms. Andrade from Midland Bank - Hats & Gloves *Enactus is a global organization where local business students use their skills to find out what is needed in their community. Early Childhood joined in to contribute \$400.45 to our local Sleep in Heavenly Peace (they make beds for kids who do not have a bed to sleep in). Students and staff also participated by wearing Pajamas Across America's School (November 28th)

Edison	Donations	Edison would like to thank the Kiwanis Club for donating Winter Coats.
Steuben	Donations	Steuben would like to thank the Kiwanis Club for donating Winter Coats, Hats, and Gloves
Taft	Donations	Taft would like to thank the following: *Kiwanis Club for donating Winter Coats *Duane Dean for the Winter Toy Giveaway *Marines - Toys for Tots *Ms. Gail for a Christmas Toy Giveaway
Kennedy	Donations	Kennedy would like to thank the following: *Kiwanis for donating Winter Coats *First Assembly of God for donating Thanksgiving meal baskets to our
LCC	Donations	LCC would like to thank the following: *Emily Bol for supplying Craft materials for our afterschool program *Kelly Johnson for donating Winter clothing *Gina Entwistle for donating Winter clothing *Kiwanis Club for donating winter Winter Coats *Republic Services for Adopting two district families for the holidays
KJHS	Donation	KJHS would like to thank Board President Mr. Bohlen for donating books to the KJHS Student Success Center.

- ❖ Instruction
 - Dr. Walters introduced Megan Roche. Ms. Roche presented on 10 Story Learning.
- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Lewis discussed the tax levy and addressed the status of the audit.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain had the grade bands discuss the hiring process. Ms Fountain also discussed upcoming job fairs and Administrative hires.

Principal's Report

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Dr. Walters showed a brief video. Ms Fountian discussed the programs at Steuben.

Public Comments

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Name	Topic
Eric Penrod	Mr. Penrod discussed naming the Community Center after Mr. Greg Marrell.
James Wasser	Mr. Wasser discussed how outstanding the JROTC program is. Mr. Wasser also discussed naming the Community Center after Mr Greg Marrell.

Consent Agenda

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The following items were presented:

- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
 - **November 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
 - **November 14, 2023, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
 - **November 15, 2023, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Overnight Field Trip Request** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Policy Council Information** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **AIR Needs Assessment** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation & Retirements (Licensed Educational Support)		
Randyll Ward	Teacher at King	November 21, 2023
Resignation & Retirements (Supprt Personnel)		
Abalene Gomez	Paraprofessional at KJHS	December 22, 2023
Kayla Gray	Paraprofessional at Proegler	December 8, 2023
Jasmine Jefferson	Paraprofessional at Montessori	November 29, 2023
Nicole Larson	Paraprofessional at King Middle School	November 29, 2023
Nicole Mauritzen	Educational Support Staff at Proegler	November 17, 2023
Appointment (Administrative)		
Dr Todd Hall	Student Support Services Supervisor at Avis Huff	TBD
Dr. Dellnora Winters	Substitute Administrator	TBD
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Daphne Jackson	Permanent Substitute at Kennedy Middle School	December 12, 2023
Valerie Johnson	Permanent Substitute at Kennedy	December 12, 2023
Jose Ochoa Almanza	Bilingual Interventionist	December 19, 2023
Cassandra Troy	Special Education Teacher at KHS	TBD
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Keila da Silva	Education Support at Proegler	November 27, 2023
Deidra Dockery	Childcare Worker at Steuben	TBD
Marcus Domont	Freedom School Student Leader Intern	December 4, 2023
Andrienne Harris	Full-Time Bus Monitor Transportation	November 30, 2023
Taylor Huff	Childcare Worker at Steuben	December 12, 2023
Amber Majewski	Childcare Worker at Steuben	TBD

Minutes

Payroll & related Bills
Regular Bills
Overnight Field Trip
Head Start Policy
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AIR Needs
Assessment

Personnel

Resignations &
Retirements

Appointments

Olivia Price	Full-Time Bus Monitor Transportation	November 30, 2023
Micaiah Ritter	Freedon Schools Student Leader Intern	December 4, 2023
Lonyea Rutherford	Transportation Payroll Clerk	November 27, 2023
Jason Salter	Student Safety Interventionist at Avis Huff	November 28, 2023
Jennifer Sotello	Childcare Worker at Steuben	November 29, 2023
Leo Washington	Full-Time Bus Monitor Transportation	December 4, 2023
Tatyanna Whalen	Freedom School Student Leader Intern	December 4, 2023
Appointment (Extra Duty Assignment)		
Brad Benoit	Show Choir Accompanist at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
John Bottorff	Assistant Softball Coach at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Samuel Jordan	Power Lifting Coach at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Hailey Lamie	Assistant Softball Coach at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Tomeeka Smith	Ticket Manager	2023-2024 School Year
Kyla Spears	Head Volleyball Coach at Kennedy	2023-2024 School Year
Larry Sykes	Assistsnt Bowling Coach at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Scott Teeters	Head Swim Coach at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Maurice Carson	Groundsman	November 16, 2023
Olivia Chisholm	Cafeteria Helper at KJHS	October 2, 2023
Towanda Gregory Pore	Full-Time Bus Monitor	November 27, 2023
Keavia Johnson	Cashier at KJHS	December 11, 2023
Rosemary Loneran	Cashier at KHS	November 7, 2023
Ronald Talamantes	Day Custodian at KJHS	November 16, 2023
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Olivia Chisholm	Food Service at KJHS	December 22, 2023-February 25, 2024
Brian Zasada Sr.	Bus Driver	November 14, 2023- January 31, 2023
Termination (Support Personnel)		
Caitlyn Segura	Paraprofessional at KHS	November 17, 2023

Termination

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, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of 2023 Tax Levy.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston to approve the 2023 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Berrones, Johnston, Gathing, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Contract with 10 Story Learning for King & Kennedy.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approval of the contract with 10 Story Learning as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

3. The Kankakee Board of Education currently hosts a 403(b) plan through our Third Party Administrator, Omni. The Board does not currently host a 457(b) plan that can be offered to employees at no cost to the Board. It is recommended that the Board authorize execution of the contract with Omni to host a 457(b) plan.

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4. The purpose of the deficiency levy resolution is to ensure that the County Clerk of Kankakee levy sufficiently to satisfy the annual debt payments of the Board of Education. The Administration recommends that the Board approve said resolution to ensure adequate collection for all outstanding bonds beholding to Kankakee School District 111 for the calendar year 2023 levy collected in calendar year 2024.

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5. Approval of Board Member Expense Reimbursement

A motion was made by Gathing seconded by Williams to approve the board member expense reimbursement as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Williams (Abstain from Williams), Archie (Abstain from Archie), Berrones (Abstain from Berrones), Gathing (Abstain from Gathing), Johnston (Abstain from Johnston), Verrett (Abstain from Verrett), and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried

Information & Proposals

1. Freedom of Information Act
2. Previous Bill Run
3. October 2023 Monthly Report
4. October 2023 Statement of Revenues & Expenses
5. November 2023 Monthly Report
6. November 2023 Statement of Revenues & Expenses
7. Head Start Information

Old Business

1. Superintendent Search Update

Action Items

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457(b) plan.

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Approval of Board Member Expense Reimbursement

Information

Old Business

At 7:58 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST:

Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED JANUARY 16, 2024