

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 10, 2025

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The Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 4:40 pm. in the multi-purpose room at Steuben Elementary School 520 S Wildwood Ave, Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call Board Training

Members Present: Mary Archie
Christopher Bohlen, Board President
Jess Gathing, Board Vice President.
Cynthia Veronda
Darrell Williams (via conference Call)

Members Absent: Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary
Tracy Verrett (entered at 4:50 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Chris Bohlen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

ISBE

- ❖ ISBE Understanding School Improvement with the Board.
 - The board was trained on Understanding School Improvement.
- ❖ Org Chart Discussion- Dr. Lance discussed the Org Chart for the next school year.

ISBE

Recess

Recess at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call Regular Session

Members Present: Mary Archie
Christopher Bohlen, Board President
Jess Gathing, Board Vice President.
Cynthia Veronda
Tracy Verrett
Darrell Williams (via conference Call)

Members Absent: Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary

The Regular Session was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Steuben Students led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Black National Anthem.

Reconvene

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Teresa A. Lance, Superintendent
Dr. Kelly Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Dr. James Henderson, Interim Assistant Superintendent of HR
Mr. Harrison Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Garden of Prayer
 - Garden of Prayer presented its Mentor Program, ladders of opportunity, and after-school programs.
- ❖ Kankakee Athletics and Sports
 - Mr. Wilcox discussed what the athletic department has worked on over the past 10 years. Mr Pickett discussed student-athletes, GPA, and Scholarships, and Ms. McManus discussed the current Clubs at KHS.

❖ Good News

School	Event	Explanation
Kennedy	Donation	Kennedy thanked Mr. Christopher Bohlen and his family, who provided a variety of several dozen cookies for the staff
Twain	Donation	Mark Twain thanked Mr. Christopher Bohlen and his family, who provided delicious cookies for the staff.
KJHS	Congratulations & Donation	<p>KJHS congratulated and thanked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to the KJHS 7th-grade Boys' Basketball team for being the 2025 IESA Sectional Champions. • Congratulations to the KJHS students who were selected to perform for the ONU Honors Band. • Kankakee Junior High School is excited to announce that eleven students completed this year's Rebecca Caudill Reading Challenge. The KJHS Scholars read four or more of the Rebecca Caudill Nominees and passed all AR tests. We congratulate them on their hard work and on completing this challenge. • Thank you to Georgie's Closet of Kankakee County for donating winter coats to Kankakee Junior High School students.

❖ Instruction

- Dr. Gilbert discussed the January 25th professional development session, the overnight field trip that is being presented to the board as well as the coaching proposals.

❖ Finance

- Mr. Neal discussed the monthly budget and the community center change order.

❖ Personnel

- Dr. Henderson discussed having licensure meetings with instructors, staffing meetings with each school, recruiting and interviewing teams, and the employee handbook committee. He also discussed the partnerships with National Louis University, St. Francis, U of I, and Eastern Illinois University.

Principal's Report

Ms. Crossley discussed student demographics, introduced her staff, and discussed designation status, fall-to-winter benchmarks, and positive attendance. She then showed a brief video and acknowledged her retiree, Mrs. Gizzell.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Shemeka Fountain	Mrs. Fountain requests the release of the forensic audit for the Youth Empowerment Grant.
Theodise Pace	Mr. Pace sent a letter to be read by the board president.

Consent Agenda

Principal's Report

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
 - Special Board Minutes January 9, 2025 (Closed & Regular Session)
 - Regular Board Minutes January 13, 2025 (Closed & Regular Session)
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Overnight Field Trip Request** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Council Information** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Board Minutes

Regular Bills
Payroll & Related Bills
Overnight Field Trip
Request
Head Start Council
Information
Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Diane Caise	Science Teacher at KHS	February 7, 2025
Jaelah Steele	Science Instructor at Kennedy	January 31, 2025
Resignation & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Charmaine Johnson	Bus Monitor	January 31, 2025
Morgan Ohrt	Head Start Paraprofessional	January 23, 2025
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Kendall Armstrong	Night Custodian at KJHS	February 11, 2025
Belem Avalos	Head Start Education Support Staff	February 11, 2025
Jerald Bibbs	Paraprofessional at KJHS	TBD
Kendra Blanchette	Part-time Administrative Assistant at Proegler	February 11, 2025
Jovan Criswell	Bus Monitor	February 11, 2025
Dezeray Divit	Cafeteria Helper	February 11, 2025
Maribel Franco	Cafeteria Helper	February 11, 2025
Lacethia Harris	Head Start Education Support Staff	February 11, 2025
Caroline Jeffries	Cafeteria Helper at Montessori	February 11, 2025
Lonzale Mason Jr.	Cafeteria Helper	February 11, 2025
Jensina Miller	Bus Driver	February 11, 2025
Latisha Phillips	Cafeteria Helper	February 11, 2025
Ruthann Pinnow	Mental Health Consultant	February 11, 2025
Kyle Rewerts	Electrician	TBD
Jose Stevens	Night Custodian at KHS	February 11, 2025
Carrieanne Swanson	Head Start Family Support Specialist	February 11, 2025

Resignation

Appointment

Internal Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Miguel Davila	Bilingual Business Teacher	February 11, 2025
Iliana Marin	Dual Language Teacher at Mark Twain	February 11, 2025
Marcella Medina	Dual Language Teacher at Mark Twain	February 11, 2025
Kimberly Shear	Kindergarten Co-Teacher at Taft	January 27, 2025
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Karmen Martin	Cafeteria Helper	November 20, 2024
Renee Sanders	Cashier	February 11, 2025
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Sarah Rasmussen	Paraprofessional at Montessori	January 8, 2025-TBD

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the consent agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Archie, Gathing, Veronda, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of Contract with Eureka Math Coaching for the 2024-2025 School Year.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Verrett, to approve the contract with Eureka Math Coaching for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Gathing, Veronda, Verrett, Williams, Archie and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Contract with Amplify CKLA Coaching for the 2024-2025 School Year.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Verrett to approve the contract with Amplify CKLA Coaching for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Veronda, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Contract for Instructional Coaching with TNTP for the 2024-2025 School Year.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Veronda, to approve the contract for instructional coaching with TNTP for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Verrett, Williams, Archie, Gathing, Veronda and Bohlen. NAYS- none. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Change Order for Signage on the Community Center.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Verrett, to approve the change order for signage on the Community center as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Verrett, Williams, Archie, Gathing, Veronda and Bohlen. NAYS- none. Motion carried. Archie, Berrones, Gathing, Veronda, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run
2. January 2025 Monthly Report
3. January 2025 Statement of Revenues & Expenses

Action Items

Contract with Eureka Math Coaching for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Contract with Amplify CKLA Coaching for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Contract for Instructional Coaching with TNTP for the 2024-2025 School Year

Change Order for Signage on the Community Center

Information & Proposals

4. Head Start Information
5. FOIA Request
6. Minimum Wage Increase Information

Old Business

Announcements

Closed Session

There was no closed session held.

Adjourn

At 8:18 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Verrett, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST:

Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED MARCH 10, 2025

Old Business

Announcements

Closed Session

Adjourn