

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 12, 2024

1

The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:04 pm. in the multi-purpose room at Taft Primary School 1155 W. Hawkins St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

Members Present: Mary Archie (exited at 5:17 pm and reentered at 5:24 pm)
Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary
Chris Bohlen, Board President
Jess Gathing, Board Vice President.
Deb Johnston

Members Absent: Tracy Verrett (entered at 5:10 pm)
Darrell Williams (entered at 5:21 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

Closed Session

At 5:04 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 7:04 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
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's
Report

- ❖ Illinois State Scholars
 - Parker Beasley
 - James Bretzlaff
 - Abigail Haut
 - Adele Mau-Bridges
 - Kelsey Medina
 - Brennan Morris
 - Jose Pina-Gutierrez
 - Millia Riley
 - Matthew Shelton
 - Daniel Wei
- ❖ Instruction
 - Ms. Petty discussed the number of newcomers to District 111 this year. Mrs. Garrett discussed on-track information & demographics.
- ❖ KHS Student Success Center Update
 - Mrs. Bell and Ms. Kilbride discussed the student success center.
- ❖ Finance
 - Table the Bid for the Independent Living & Development Center.
- ❖ Personel

- Ms. Fountain discussed job fairs and staffing for the 2024-2025 school year.

Principal's Report

Ms. Leftridge introduced the Taft staff, showed a brief video, and gifted the retirees.

Principal's Report

Public Comments

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Octavia Smith	Ms. Smith discussed the naming of the committee center after Dr. Walters.
Michale Prude	Mr. Prude discussed naming the community center after Dr. Walters.
Aaron Clark	Mr. Clark discussed naming the community center after Dr. Walters and everything she has done for the community.
James Hill	Mr. Hill discussed naming the Community Center after Dr. Walters.
Lorena Lara	Ms. Lara thanked Dr. Walters for her support for the Latino community.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
 - Regular Board Minutes January 16, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Council Information** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Board Minutes

Payroll & Related Bills
Regular Bills
Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Renee Long	Teacher at Montessori	End of 2024-2025 School Year
Elizabeth Williams	Tracher at Montessori	End of 2024-2025 School Year
Resignation & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Megan Acevedo	Administrative Assistant at Proegler	February 8, 2024
Olivia Chisholm	Food Service at KHS	February 5, 2024
Martyn Gonzalez	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	January 19, 2024
Gregory Goth	Bus Driver	August 18, 2023
Lamore Hampton	Bus Driver	January 8, 2024
Kiana Hill	Bus Driver	August 18, 2023
Kimberly Kelly	Bus Driver	June 12, 2023
Jonathan Lee	Bus Monitor	August 15, 2023
Jack McCasland	Bus Driver	August 18, 2023
Chiea Rawls	Bus Depot	October 13, 2023

Etasia Robinson	Bus Monitor	December 19, 2023
Caley Ryan	Bus Monitor	October 4, 2023
Darryl Sanders	Bus Driver	August 22, 2023
Sheryl Thomas	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Appointments (Licensed Educational Personnel)		
Levester Harris	Permanent Substitute at King	January 17, 2024
Clifton Jimerson	Physical Education Instructor at KHS	TBD
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Rubi Andrade	Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Ketrina Champ	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Ilesha Colbert	Childcare Worker	TBD
Rosario Diaz	Childcare Worker	TBD
Walter Hangeman	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Stevie Harris	Head Start Paraprofessional	February 5, 2024
Michelle Jirka	Paraprofessional at Proegler	TBD
Lance Miracle	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Emily Ochoa	Childcare Worker	TBD
Kenya Randolph	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
James Stokes	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Ashley Torres	Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Shawn Ward	Full-Time Bus Driver	TBD
Tamela Young	Head Start Administrative Assistant	TBD
Appointment (Extra Duty)		
Aurielle Alexander	Head Boys Volleyball Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Matthew Donley	Asst Boys Volleyball Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Shanika Johnson	Asst Track Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Shelley Millar	Asst Robotics Sponsor	2023-2024 School Year
Jacqueline Reick	Asst Boys Volleyball Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Frank Ward	Asst Track Coach	2023-2024 School Year

Appointment

Internal Appointment (Administrative)		
Joia Crossley	Interim Principal at Steuben	January 8, 2024
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Paula Birr	Head Start Teacher	January 17, 2024
Ericka Duarte	Cook at King	February 13, 2024
Myrna Quezada	Education Support LENA Education	February 13, 2024
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Harold Pickens	Bus Monitor	February 1, 2024 - May 5, 2024
Salary Adjustment (Support Personnel)		
Danielle Papineau	Family Support Specialist	December 4, 2023
Termination (Support Personnel)		
Jalon Banks	Social Emotional Specialist	February 12, 2024
David Hardwick	Find Service Cashier	February 12, 2024

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

Action Items

1. Approval of 2023-2024 Emergency Operation Plan.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the 2023-2024 emergency operation plan as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval to Purchase Furniture for the Community Center. **(Tabled)**

A motion was made by Johnston and seconded by Gathing to table the purchase of furniture for the community center as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of 2024-2025 Board of Education Meeting Schedule.

A motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Williams, to approve the 2024-2025 Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, Gathing, and Bohlen. NAYS- none. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Report from Special Committee & Naming of the Community Center.

A discussion was held regarding the community center.

A motion was made by Archie, seconded by Williams, to name the Community Center the Dr. Geneva Walters Community Center Kankakee School District 111. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Verrett, Williams, Archie. NAYS: Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, and Bohlen. Motion denied.

A motion was made by Verrett, seconded by Williams, to name the community center the Dr. Geneva Walters K Community Center with Kankakee School District 111 on the sign as well. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Williams, Archie, Verrett, Bohlen. NAYS- Berrones, Gathing, Johnston. Motion carried.

Termination

Action Items
2023-2024 EOP

Furniture Purchase for
Community Center

2024-2025 Board
Meeting Schedule.

Community Center

5. Approval of the Base Bid for the Independent Living & Development Center. **(Tabled)**
6. Approval of Alternate No. 1 for Independent Living & Development Center. **(Tabled)**
7. Approval of Alternate No. 2 for Independent Living & Development Center. **(Tabled)**
8. Approval of Alternate No. 3 for Independent Living & Development Center. **(Tabled)**
9. Approval of Alternate No. 4 for Independent Living & Development Center. **(Tabled)**
10. Approval of Alternate No. 5 for Independent Living & Development Center. **(Tabled)**
11. Approval of Alternate No. 6 for Independent Living & Development Center. **(Tabled)**

A motion was made by Berrones, seconded by Williams, to table action item 5. Approval of the Base Bid for the Independent Living & Development Center, 6. Approval of Alternate No. 1 for Independent Living & Development Center, 7. Approval of Alternate No. 2 for Independent Living & Development Center, 8. Approval of Alternate No. 3 for Independent Living & Development Center, 9. Approval of Alternate No. 4 for Independent Living & Development Center, 10. Approval of Alternate No. 5 for Independent Living & Development Center, 11. Approval of Alternate No. 6 for Independent Living & Development Center until the next board meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run
2. January 2024 Monthly Report
3. January 2024 Statement of Revenues & Expenses
4. Head Start Information
5. 2024-2025 Committee Meeting Schedule
6. 2024-2025 Adopt-A-School Assignment
7. Mark Twain Therapy Dog
8. Minimum Wage Increase Information

Old Business

At 8:55 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST:

Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED FEBRUARY 26, 2024