

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

The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:10 pm in the Auditorium at the Kankakee High School 1200 W Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chris Bohlen (exited 6:55 pm re-entered regular session at 7:11 pm),
 Jess Gathing
 Deb Johnston
 Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary
 Darrell Williams, Board Vice President (exited 6:55 pm re-entered regular session at 7:11 pm)

Roll Call

Members Absent: Mary Archie (entered at 5:23 pm, exited 6:55 pm re-entered regular session at 7:11 pm)
 Barbara Wells, Board President (entered at 5:15 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

Closed Session

At 5:10 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.
- Self-evaluation, practices, and procedures or professional ethics when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:10 pm.

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Barbara Wells, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Kankakee High School band played.

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

- Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
- Daniel Savage, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- Dr. Genevra Walters, Superintendent
- Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Good News

School	Event	Explanation
District	Donation	The district would like to thank Doodie Lo and Lil Durk's Neighborhood Heroes Foundation for purchasing Christmas gifts for ten families and donating 56 pairs of Jordans for students in need.
Proegler	Donation	A special thank you to one of our parents at the Head Start program, Manteno campus, who contributed \$500 to his students' classroom at the site. His employer, Caterpillar, double-matched his donation, making the total

		contribution \$1,500. Therefore, \$1500 was given to the classroom for various instructional supplies to be purchased.
Special Education Department	Nomination of Psychologist of the year.	The Special Education Department would like to acknowledge our one and only District Psychologist, Kaitlyn Zanton, for being nominated for the Psychologist of the Year award through IASP. Although she did not win, she made it to the top 5. She is a winner for our department and district. Thank you for all you do!

- ❖ Instruction
 - Jennifer Way and Gabrielle Garrett discussed the Instructional Software Review.
- ❖ Finance
 - Nothing was discussed. The board agreed to have a March 2nd Finance Meeting and Special Board Meeting.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed job postings being proactive and discussed summer learning.
- ❖ Youth Empowerment
 - Dr. Walters and the Youth Empowerment Staff presented on the Youth Empowerment Program.

Principal's Report.

Dr.Vernita Sims and the High School Administration discussed the on-track data, triangle teams, scholarships, current enrolment, ADA, CBE, and Student Succes Center Update.

Public Comments

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Name	Topic Discussed
James Hill	Mr. Hill discussed the personnel attacks on social media and division in the community.
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Mr. Snipes stated that Dr. Sims was doing an excellent job as the HS Administrator. Mr. Snipes also discussed meeting with the union in March.
Karen Grill	Mrs. Grill read a letter from Kankakee Federation of Teacher Union 604 to the Board of Education.
Bill Briggs	Mr. Briggs discussed the union leadership in the district and issues regarding Union communication.
Renee Davis	Mrs. Davis discussed her concerns with CBE and teachers' grading.
Jaela Carrington	Ms. Carrington left and did not have a public comment.
Antoine Moore	Mr. Moore discussed the division of the community.
Miesha El & Christopher Bey	Ms. El discussed her son being assaulted at King and Kennedy and her daughter being assaulted at KHS.
Christine Williams	Ms. Williams discussed how well Ms. Bell has done in the Student Success Center.
Octavia Smith	Ms. Smith discussed the situation with CBE and her students.
Samuel Ramirez	Mr. Ramirez discussed how CBE derailed his academic career.

Best Anderson	Mrs. Anderson discussed wanting CBE and asking about the grading policy.
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Board Report

- ❖ Board President Report
 - Ms. Wells did not make a report.
- ❖ Finance & Facilities Committee
 - Mr. Gathing discussed the past Finance meeting.

Board Report

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
 - **January 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- The **Overnight Field Trip** was presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Information** was presented for approval.
- The **TeachTown Purchase** was presented for approval.
- The **LearnPlatform Purchase** was presented for approval.
- The **Contract with TNTP** was presented for approval.
- The **Contract with Defined Learning** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Consent Agenda

Minutes
 Regular Bills
 Payroll & Related Bills
 Overnight Field Trips
 Head Start Information
 TeachTown Purchase
 LearnPlatform Purchase
 TNTP
 Defined Learning

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations & Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Deborah Adams	Teacher at Montessori	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Christen Armour	Drama & Theater Teacher at KHS & KJHS	January 24, 2023
Dana Gray	Teacher at KJHS	February 1, 2023
Shanelle Holland	Permanent Substitute at King	January 11, 2023
Jennifer Kravet	Speech Language Pathologist	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Diane Richardson	Teacher at Montessori	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Deborah Sutton	Social Worker	January 27, 2023
Krystal Vargas	Kindergarten Teacher Mark Twain	February 1, 2023
Resignations & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Mattias Clark	Paraprofessional at King	January 11, 2023
Tyray Daniels	JROTC Instructor at KHS	December 7, 2022
Taylor Lewis	Paraprofessional at Proegler	February 9, 2023
Debra Meents	Cafateris Helper at Kennedy	November 30, 2022
Dora Mendez	PreSchool for All Coordinator	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Cotrez Peoples	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	January 13, 2023

Personnel Items

Resignations

Mary Randle	Parent Educator	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Miles Osei	Special Education Teacher/ Head Football Coach	July 1, 2023
Susie Osei	High School Counselor	August 17, 2023
Destiny Peden	Perminant Substitute at King	January 17, 2023
Tanya Pizano	Perminant Substitute at Kennedy	January 30, 2023
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Sonji Borders-Baptist	Night Custodian at LCC	February 14, 2023
Mercedes Cephus	Paraprofessional at Proegler	January 30, 2023
Anthony Crutcher	Part-Time Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Wendy Garcia	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	February 14, 2023
Salem Kuttler	Paraprofessional at King	February 14, 2023
Trevon Prude	Part time strength & Conditioning at KHS	January 17, 2023
Jasmin Smith	Part Time Paraprofessional at Kennedy	January 23, 2023
Tonya Sparenberg-Jones	Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Perry Wright	Part-time Paraprofessional at Kennedy	January 23, 2023
Appointment (Extra Duty)		
John Bottorff	Assistant Softball Coach at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Brittany Cameron	Volleyball coach at Kennedy	2022-2023 School Year
Damon Denoyer	Assistant Baseball Coach atKHS	2022-2023 School Year
Lillian Hurt	Spring Musical Assistant Director at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Nicholas Kapchinske	Assistant Baseball Coach at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Ryan Pietraszewski	Head Esports Coach at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Dennis Pommier	Head Softball Coach at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Donya Tetrault	Assisatnt Softball Coach at KHS	2022-2023 School year
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Andrew Beasley	Technology Support Specialist	February 14, 2023
Quan Hoang	Night Custodian at Taft	January 17, 2023
Megan O'Neil	Lead Parent Educator at Proegler	February 143, 2023

Appointments

Bianca Rodriguez	Family Support Specialist at Proegler	February 14, 2023
Terri Terrell	Parent Educator at Proegler	February 14, 2023
Internal Appointment (Administrative Personnel)		
Kimberly Starkey	Director of Student Support Services	July 1, 2023
Salary Adjustment (Support Personnel)		
Kyla Spears	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	February 14, 2023
Termination (Support Personnel)		
Justine DalCanton	Food Service Cafeteria Helper at King	February 14, 2023
Sammy Jefferson	Custodian at LCC	February 14, 2023
Deondre Sanders	Night Custodian at LCC	February 14, 2023
Linda Winterroth	Paraprofessional at Taft	February 14, 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, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Item

1. Approval of Board Equity Agreement.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to approve the board equity agreement as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval to Accept Bid from Midway Contracting Group for the Mercury Abatement in the Back Gym at Kankakee High School

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the Bid from Midway Contracting Group for the Mercury Abatement in the Back Gym at Kankakee High School as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. NAYS: none.

3. Approval of the General Liability and Property Insurance Renewal

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to approve the general liability and property insurance renewal as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Contract with School Bus Logistics LLC.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the contract with School Bus Logistics LLC as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. NAYS-none. Motion carried.

5. Approval to Purchase Videoboard, Scoreboards, and Clocks for the Community Center for Sievert Electric.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the purchase of videoboard, scoreboards, and clocks for the community center for Sievert Electric as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Williams, Archie, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. NAYS- Bohlen. Motion carried.

Termination

Action Items

Board Equity Agreement

Accept Bid from Midway Contracting Group for the Mercury Abatement in the Back Gym at Kankakee High School

General Liability and Property Insurance Renewal

Contract with School Bus Logistics LLC Old Business

Purchase Videoboard, Scoreboards, and Clocks for the Community Center for Sievert Electric

6. Approval of Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023. (TABLED)

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to table the graduation requirements for the class of 2023 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:AYES- Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, ans Wells. NAYS-none. Motion carried.

Graduation Requirements
for the Class of 2023.
(TABLED)

Old Business

Old Business

Information & Proposals

1. Head Start Information
2. State & Federal Revenue Report
3. Budget Update
4. Previous Bill Run

Information

At 10:00 pm, a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Tracy Verrett, Secretary

APPROVED MARCH 14, 2023