

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**February 26, 2024**

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The special Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:16 p.m. in the auditorium at Kankakee High School, 1200 W Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL 60901.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call

Members Present: Mary Archie  
Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary  
Chris Bohlen, Board President  
Deb Johnston

Members Absent: Jess Gathing, Board Vice President. (entered at 5:26 pm)  
Tracy Verrett (entered at 5:28 pm))  
Darrell Williams (absent)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

**Closed Session**

At 5:16 pm, a motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Berrones, 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.

Reconvene

The Regular Session was reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

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.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

**Consent Agenda**

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
  - Regular Board Minutes February 12, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignation &amp; Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)</b>		
Ann Berns	Teacher at Taft	End of 2024-2025 School Year
Amy DeLong	Teacher at Montessori	End of 2024-2025 School Year
Susan White	Teacher at Taft	End of 2024-2025 School Year
<b>Resignation &amp; Retirement (Support</b>		

Resignation/Retirement

<b>Personnel)</b>		
Melissa Fierro	Technology Integration Specialist	March 5, 2024
Paige Fletcher	Paraprofessional at KHS	April 5, 2024
Kaytlin Griffey	Bus Monitor	February 19, 2024
Amber Majewski	Childcare Worker at Steuben	February 20, 2024
Abigail McMillin	Paraprofessional at Montessori	February 16, 2024
Addam Williams	Van Driver	February 7, 2024
<b>Appointments (Licensed Educational Personnel)</b>		
Kara Johnson	Social Worker Instructor	March 1, 2024
<b>Appointments (Support Personnel)</b>		
Jeffrey Brownsey	Full-Time Van Driver	February 21, 2024
Araceli Gonzalez	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	TBD
Zyasia Jones	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	TBD
Tonya Larkins	Cashier at KJHS	TBD
Sharon Mitchell	Full-Time Monitor	Bus Depot
Eboni Robinson	Paraprofessional at Proegler	TBD
Shirley Smith	Full-Time Bus Monitor	February 22, 2024
Maria Villagomez Avalos	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	TBD
Shawn Ward	Part-Time Driver	January 12, 2024
Reeshema Welch	Full-Time Bus Monitor	February 22, 2024
Teresa West	Cafeteria Helper at King	TBD
Salem Yirgu	Paraprofessional at Independence Academy	TBD
<b>Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)</b>		
Keiniece Fines	Bus Driver	February 5, 2024-May 7, 2024
Michael Nelson	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	January 12, 2024-March 22, 2024
<b>Termination (Support Personnel)</b>		
Alejandra Perez	Paraprofessional at Montesspri	February 2, 2024

Appointment

Termination

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

### Action Items

## 1. Approval to Purchase Furniture for the Community Center.

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

**Information & Proposals**

## 1. Prestigious Alumni

**Old Business**

## 1. Independent Learning &amp; Development Center

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to table the discussion regarding the Independent Learning & Development Center. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES - Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS - none. Motion Carried

At 6:58 p.m., a motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Gathing, 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 MARCH 11, 2024**

Action Items

Furniture Purchase for  
Community CenterInformation &  
Proposals

Old Business

Adjourn