

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

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:39 pm in the Multi-purpose room at Millie Proegler 710 N. Chicago St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Roll Call

Members Absent: All members present.

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

Closed Session

At 5:39 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, 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 closed session was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:00 pm.

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Proegler Students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

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

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Instruction
  - Mrs. Powell, Director of the Head Start Program, welcomed everyone to the Early Childhood Program. Mrs. Powell introduced her staff and acknowledged Mary Randle's retirement. Mrs. Powell showed a slideshow of what has happened in the Early Childhood Program so far this year. The students from the Early Childhood Program sang and recited a poem.
  - Dr. Walters discussed the approval of the Lexia contract for our bilingual students.
- ❖ Finance
  - Mr. Savage updated the board on construction and transportation.
- ❖ Personnel
  - Ms. Fountain discussed open interviews for the Transportation Department and Summer Learning.

Public Comments

**Public Comments**

Name	Topic Discussed
Shelly Covington	Ms. Covington discussed problems she had with Black History Program Director. Her students practiced from day one and were told on Saturday that they were no longer

	performing.
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Board Report

**Board Report**

- ❖ Board President Report
  - Ms. Wells discussed the Superintendent search.
- ❖ HR Committee
  - Mr. Williams discussed the hiring of the Transportation Department.
- ❖ Curriculum Committee
  - Ms. Archie discussed going to the CBE conference in Denver Co.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
  - **February 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
  - **February 22, 2023, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
  - **March 2, 2023, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Information** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Lexia English** 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  
 Lexia Purchase  
 Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations&amp; Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)</b>		
Dr. Vicky Ganieany-Osuchowski	Teacher at Kankakee Junior High School	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Shawn Wells	Teacher at KHS	End of 2022-2023 School year
<b>Resignations &amp; Retirement (Support Personnel)</b>		
Paris Thompson	Childcare Worker at Steuben	February 28, 2023
<b>Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)</b>		
Elizabeth Perzee- Grebner	Permanent Substitute at KHS	August 17, 2023
Kiah Clay	Dance Instructor at KHS	August 17, 2023
<b>Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Keyonna Bealieu	Dispatch Transportation at LCC	TBD
Yazmin Espinosa	Part Time Bilingual; Paraprofessional	TBD
Jailia Hill	Childcare Worker at Steuben	TBD
Tiffany Kennedy	Parent Educator at Proegler	March 27, 2023
Sheila Perry	Dispatch Transportation at LCC	TBD
Towanda Pore	Childcare Worker at Steuben	March 13, 2023
Kyree Robinson	Part-time Childcare Worker at Steuben	TBD

Resignations

Appointments

Rachel Smith	Head Start Family Support Specialist at Proegler	March 20, 2023
<b>Termination (Support Personnel)</b>		
Kaya Mather	Paraprofessional at King Middle School	February 23, 2023

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Williams 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 to Accept Tyler Technologies Quote for Traversa Software and Training.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the Tyler Technologies Quote for Traversa Software and Training as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval to Accept Bid from Ridgeworth Company for Roof Replacement Work for Kankakee Junior High School.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the bid from Ridgeworth Company for Roof Replacement Work for Kankakee Junior High School. As presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval to Accept Proven IT Quote for Printing Services.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the Proven IT quote for Printing Services as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

#### **Old Business**

##### Superintendent's Search

- ❖ Each board member stated what they would like to see in the next Superintendent.

#### **Information & Proposals**

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

At 8:13 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

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Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

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Tracy Verrett, Secretary

**APPROVED March 27, 2023**

Termination

Action Items

Accept Tyler Technologies  
Quote for Traversa  
Software and Training

Accept Bid from  
Ridgeworth Company for  
Roof Replacement Work  
for Kankakee Junior High  
School.

Accept Proven IT Quote  
for Printing Services.

New Business

Old Business

Information

Adjourn