

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**March 27, 2023**

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:47 pm in the Multi-purpose room at Mark Twain Primary School, 2250 East Court Street 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 5:47 pm, a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Gathing, 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 6:57 pm.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:01 pm.

Barbara Wells, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Meeting with the Board were:

Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR  
Daniel Savage, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services  
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Pledge

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Illinois State Scholars
  - Blair Alderson
  - Pavel Andrade
  - Brooklyn Baptist
  - Zachary Boudreau
  - Alejandra Cornejo
  - Chloe Cunningham
  - Sophia Gall
  - Hannah Geary
  - Maci Goodrich
  - Zoe Grill
  - Jayden Harrison
  - Ryleigh Hop
  - Gwendolyn Jones
  - Caroline Noe
  - Suzanna Stipp
  - Samuel Yohnka
- ❖ Good News
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School	Event
District	The district would like to thank Brenda Alexander for donating hats and gloves to our students.
Kennedy	On, Mar 8, 2023 St. Mark United Methodist Church provided breakfast treats for the staff at Kennedy.

- ❖ Instruction
  - Ms. Fountain discussed the software approval.
- ❖ Finance
  - Mr. Savage discussed the Skyward Memo and CDW Memo to purchase Chromebooks
- ❖ Personnel
  - Ms. Fountain discussed transportation interviews and Introduced Charles Tuder, the new Director of Transportation.

### Principals Report

Dr. Dawn Hill discussed College and Career Academy, Dual Language, and introduced her staff. Dr. Hill also showed a brief presentation.

Principal's Report

### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

### Board Report

- ❖ Board President Report
  - Ms. Wells discussed the IASB Three Rivers Training.

Board Report

### Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
  - **March 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
  - **March 21, 2023, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- ❖ The **Illinois High School Association Membership** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Illinois Elementary School Association Membership** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Overnight Field Trips** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **3-Year Contract with Skyward** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Consent Agenda

Minutes

IHSA Membership  
IESA Membership  
Overnight Field Trip  
Skyward  
Personnel

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations&amp; Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)</b>		
David Acevedo	Teacher at KHS	April 30, 2023
Dr. Shelly Davis Jones	Substitute Administrator at Kennedy	February 10, 2023
Sheryl Orr	Teacher at KJHS	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Shaquille Powell	Instructor at Kennedy	March 22, 2023
<b>Resignations &amp; Retirement (Support Personnel)</b>		
McKenna Jackson	Paraprofessional at Edison	March 17, 2023
Vicki Staniszeski	Cafeteria Helper at Edison	March 16, 2023
<b>Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)</b>		

Resignations&amp; Retirements

Lauren Moody	Permanent Substitute at KHS	March 28, 2023
Mylee Rabideau	Special Education Teacher	August 17, 2023
<b>Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Portia Cephus	Kankakee Forgives Program	TBD
Ceon Clark	Kankakee Forgives Program	TBD
Billy Kaufman	Kankakee Forgives Program	TBD
Kephren Lee	Kankakee Forgives Program	TBD
Deba Meents	Cafeteria Helper	April 11, 2023
Aubrey St. John	Kankakee Forgives Program	TBD
Charles Tuder	Transportation Director	TBD
Meghan Walls	Part-time Paraprofessional at King	TBD
<b>Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Jacinta Green	Part-Time Medical Director/Health Clinic Doctor & Part-Time Instructor	March 28, 2023

Appointments

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 to Eliminate Athletic/Extracurricular Activities Fee.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston, to approve the elimination of the athletic/extracurricular activities fee as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES-Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Software Contract Renewal.

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

3. Approval of Revised 2023-2024 School Calendar.

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

4. Approval of the Request for Proposal for the Superintendent Search.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Archie, to approve the request for proposal for the superintendent search as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. NAYS- none. Motion carried.

5. Approval to Purchase with CDW for Chromebooks & Software for Kankakee High School.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to approve the purchase with CDW for Chromebooks & software for

Action Items

Eliminate  
Athletic/Extracurricular  
Activities Fees.

Software Contract  
Renewal.

Revised 2023-2024  
School Calendar.

Request for Proposal for  
the Superintendent  
Search.

Purchase with CDW for  
Chromebooks & Software  
for Kankakee High School.

Kankakee High School. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. NAYS- none. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Recommendations for Position Letters for First, Second, Third, and Fourth Year Staff.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the position letters for first, second, third, and fourth-year staff as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Information & Proposals**

- 1. Freedom of Information Request
- 2. 4-Day Work Week Guidelines - Summer 2023

At 7:46 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Verrett, Secretary

**APPROVED April 17, 2023**

Recommendations for  
Position Letters First,  
Second, Third, and Fourth  
Year Staff.

Old Business

Information

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