

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
April 17, 2023

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:10 pm in the Multi-purpose room at Avis Huff, 369 North Fifth Ave Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

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

Roll Call

Members Absent: Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary (entered at 6:20 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

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At 6:10 pm, a motion was made by Williams, 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 closed session was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:01 pm.

Reconvene

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

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

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

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Instruction
 - Ms. Fountain discussed the FY 24 Consolidated District Plan.
- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Savage discussed the fuel bid for the transportation department.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed transportation interviews and the clerical contract.

Principals Report

Principal's Report

Ms. Steele showed a brief presentation and introduced the staff. Ms. Steele discussed the goals and outcomes at Avis Huff.

Public Comments

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Name	Topics
Frankie Jackson	Ms. Jackson discussed issues at Kennedy throughout the year, including bullying, constant change in substitutes, and her students not receiving services in her IEP.

Board Report

- ❖ Board President Report
 - Ms. Wells discussed this being her last formal board meeting and thanked the fellow board members.
- ❖ Finance Report
 - Mr. Gathing discussed the last finance meeting.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
 - **March 27, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations& Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Jeffery Cox	Teacher at Edison	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Kaitlyn Caddell	English Teacher at KHS	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Wade Kirchner	History Teacher at KHS	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Mylee Rabideau	Teacher	TBD (Never Started)
Elizabeth Shepherd	Special Education Techer at KJHS	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Resignations & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Gabryonna Bell	Paraprofessional at Proegler	April 10, 2023
Denise Bess	Cook at KJHS	May 31, 2023
Johanna Forbes	Head Start Assistant at Proegler	March 27, 2023
Salem Kuttler	Paraprofessioal at King	April 11, 2023
Harpreet Sehgal	Paraprofessional at KHS	March 24, 2023
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Kaitlyn Little	Social Studies Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2023
Douglas Overbeck	English Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2023
Aaron Polchow	Schience Teacher at KHS	TBD
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Makenzie Flores	Case Manager Kankakee Forgives	April 1, 2023
Marcela Medina	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	April 18, 2023
Angela Mendez	Translator Assistant at KHS	March 13, 2023
Madelyn Mitsdarffer	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	April 18, 2023
Luis Silva	Street Outreach Worker kankakee Forgives	April 18, 2023

Board Report

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Minutes

 Regular Bills
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 Head Start Policy
 Council
 Personnel

 Resignations&
 Retirements

Appointments

Merceded Swisher	Childcare Worker at Steuben	TBD
David Williams	Kays Media at KHS	April 12, 2023
Lorenzo York	Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Appointment (Extra Duty Assignment)		
Hailey Lamie	Assistant Softball Coach at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Tanya Pizano	Health Clinic Nurse	April 18, 2023
Lisa Szczepanski	Cook at KJHS	April 11, 2023

A motion was made by Bohlen 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

A discussion was held regarding the lease of the possible transition center.

Action Items

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston to table action item 1, the approval to lease 43 Meadowview Ct Kankakee IL for Transition Site. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Bohlen, Gathing, and Johnston. NAYS: Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Motion denied.

1. Approval to Lease 43 Meadowview Ct. Kankakee IL for Transition Students & Special Ed Department.
The board opened a discussion regarding the possible transition site.

Lease 43 Meadowview Ct.
Kankakee IL for Transition
Students & Special Ed
Department.

A motion was made by Verrett, seconded by Archie, to approve the lease 43 Meadowview Ct. Kankakee IL for transition students & Special Ed Department as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. NAYS:, Gathing, Johnston, and Bohlen. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Ratification of the Clerical Contract.

Ratification of the Clerical
Contract.

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

3. Approval to Accept AI Warren Fuel Contract Bid for School Busses.

Accept AI Warren Fuel
Contract Bid for School
Busses.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the AI Warren Fuel Contract bid for school busses as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

4. Approval to Purchase Band Instruments & Accessories. (Tabled)

Purchase Band
Instruments & Accessories

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to table the purchase band instruments & accessories as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. NAYS- none. Motion carried

5. Approval to Purchase 300 Student Desks From Midwest Educational Furnishings. (Tabled)

Purchase 300 Student
Desks From Midwest
Educational Furnishings.

6. Approval to Purchase 23 Cafeteria Tables from Midwest Educational Furnishings. (Tabled)

Purchase 23 Cafeteria
Tables from Midwest
Educational Furnishings

A motion was made by Archie, seconded by Williams, to table action item 5: the purchase 300 student desks from Midwest Educational Furnishings and item 6: purchase 23 cafeteria tables from Midwest Educational Furnishings. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. NAYS- none. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Bid from R&R Construction to Finish the Tennis Courts at Kankakee High School.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to approve the bid from R&R Construction to finish the tennis courts at Kankakee High School as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bid from R&R Construction to Finish the Tennis Courts at Kankakee High School.

8. Approval to Submit a Low Cost Extension Request for the Head Start CRRSA and ARP Grant Funds.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Gathing, to approve the submit a low cost extension request for the Head Start CRRSA and ARP grant funds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Submit a Low Cost Extension Request for the Head Start CRRSA and ARP Grant Funds

9. Approval of FY 24 Consolidated District Plan.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Archie, to approve the FY 24 Consolidated District Plan as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

FY 24 Consolidated District Plan

Old Business

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Information & Proposals

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

Information

At 8:31 pm, a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: _____
Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST: _____
Tracy Verrett, Secretary

APPROVED May 2, 2023