

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 11, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County Illinois; was held at 6:00 PM., ZOOM Conference Call Due to COVID-19

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mary Archie
Christopher Bohlen
Jess Gathing, Jr. Vice President
Deb Johnston
Angela Shea, Secretary
Barbara Wells, President
Darrell Williams

Members Absent: All Present

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:00 p.m., a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:13 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Barbara Wells.

Meeting with the Board were:

Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent
Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Genevra Walters, Superintendent
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

There were no news reporters present.

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Good News:
 - Dr. Walters discussed Advanced Placement Data. Kankakee School District had 74 students earn college credit this school year.

School	Event	Description
District	Donation	Thank you to Mayor Wells Armstrong and the City of Kankakee for donating five boxes of hand sanitizer and five boxes of disinfecting wipes to the district.
		The Early Childhood Education Program has received

Early Childhood Program	Donations	<p>the following donations:</p> <p>Maria Fenton received a donation from St. Joseph Church of 30 crocheted blankets for preschool students.</p> <p>Rebecca Tsirikos was the recipient of a \$300 check from the Kiwanis Club to supplement her school supplies.</p> <p>Jamie Matthews received a \$1,000 donation through Donors Choose for their Keep Kids Learning Program. Learning Anywhere Anytime packets were distributed to 34 students filled with a game, book, writing tablet, crayons, and snacks.</p> <p>Karen Dannenhauer received a \$1,000 donation from Donors Choose for learning materials for the kids to use at home. Magnetic letters and numbers, paper, scissors, crayons, puzzles, teddy bear counters, and rhyming pair puzzles for 40 kids were dropped off as she waved at the kids through the windows.</p> <p>Julia Lane, a preschool teacher at the Herscher site, received a donation of 21 child-sized masks from Carmin Hammond (a science teacher in Limestone). Julia included the masks in the learning packets sent home to her students.</p>
Kennedy	Recognition	<p>Heidi Pommier, a 3rd and 4th-grade Gifted teacher at Kennedy was asked by Northwestern University to share her successes during remote learning. (article in link)</p> <p>https://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/blog/transitioning-gifted-education-online-world-possibilities</p>

❖ Instruction

- Mrs. Hybert discussed how every school is checking in with students to make sure they are safe. Once we made sure students were ok we started looking at work completion. Teachers are monitoring students' work every week and parents are able to get a rating in skyward on what level of engagement their student is in. Mrs. Hybert discussed the virtual professional learning that our teachers have been involved in. She also discussed 5th Quarter Learning and teachers submitting proposals for summer enrichment.

❖ Finance

- Mr. Grossi discussed the future budget and how it will affect the district.

❖ Personnel

- Dr. O'Connor shared the district only has 13 vacancies. She also congratulated the retirees.

❖ Technology

- Mr. Dannenberg discussed the personal hotspots the district has distributed to families with no access to the internet. So far the district has distributed 70 personal hotspots to families.

Public Comments

The following public comments were made.

Public Comments

Name	Public Comment
Michele Crecy	Mrs. Crecy spoke about how well she believes the district has done during the COVID-19 pandemic.
YaQuantis Adams	Mrs. Adams spoke about her issues regarding graduation as well as issues she has with Board members.
Linh Williams	Ms. Williams spoke about her issues regarding graduation as well as issues she has with Board members.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

Consent Agenda

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - ❖ **March 4, 2020-Regular Board Meeting** (Closed Session)
 - ❖ **March 16, 2020-Regular Board Meeting** (Closed Session)
 - ❖ **April 14, 2020-Regular Board Meeting** (Regular Session & Closed Session)
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A)
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B)
- The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
- The **Contract with Timberline Billing** was presented for approval.
- The **Contract with Skyward** was presented for approval.
- The **Purchase of a Food Truck** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Board Minute

Payroll & Related Bills
Regular Bills
Head Start Policy
Council
Timberline Billing
Skyward
Purchase of a Food
Truck

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations/Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Maura Barfield	6th grade Fine Arts Teacher at Kennedy	End of 2019-2020 School Year
James Duggan	Social Worker at Montessori	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Katie Hughes	5th Grade Fine Arts Magnet Teacher at Kennedy	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Janet Martin	Math Teacher at King	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Alma Orellana	Dual Language Teacher at Steuben	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Barbra Southard	Engineering Magnet Teacher at Edison	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Resignations/Retirements (Support Personnel)		
Nancy Andreina	Student Support Services Secretary at Avis	June 30, 2020
Resignations/Retirements (Administrative Personnel)		
TJ Lee	Assistant Principal at KHS	June 30, 2020
Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)		

Personnel Items

Resignations/Retiremen
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Appointments

Ashley Bickett	Social Studies (Competencies) Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Amanda Doyle	Sign Language Instructor at KHS	August 17, 2020
Douglas Flis	Spanish Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Bradley Ketchmark	Social Studies Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Hilary McDaniel	5th grade Fine Arts Teacher at Kennedy	August 17, 2020
Michael Powers	Math Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Katherine Strong	Permanent Substitute at TBD	August 17, 2020
Kurt Weigt	Business Instructor (Special Other) at KHS	August 17, 2020
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Davis Brooks	Night Custodian at KJHS	April 29, 2020
Richard Stanevicius	Director of Maintenance at LCC	TBD
Appointments (Extra Duty Assignments)		
Kurt Weigt	Head Basketball Coach (Girls) at KHS	2020-2021 School Year
Internal Appointment (Administrative Personnel)		
Joia Crossley	Assistant Principal at King	July 1, 2020
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Cindy Majka	Head Cook at KJHS	May 12, 2020
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Shadae Davis	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	Jan 27, 2020-April 3, 2020

A motion was made by Shea, and seconded by Archie to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing (Abstain from Item 14), Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of Bilingual Education Resources

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston to approve the bilingual education resources as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Renaissance Solutions Contract

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen to approve the renaissance solutions contract as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Recommended Salary Increases (Administrative Personnel 2020-2021)

Leave of Absence

Action Items
Bilingual Education
Resources

Renaissance Solutions
Contract

Recommended Salary
Increase

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams to approve the recommended salary increases for administrative personnel for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

4. Approval to Recommended Salary Increases (Special Other Non-Certified Employees 2020-2021)

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie to approve the recommended salary increases for special other non-certified employees for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

New Business

Board President Wells discussed the District's Goals and how the agendas will look from now on.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Information

The following items were provided for information.

1. FOIA Request
2. Previous Bill Run
3. State and Federal Revenue Report
4. Budget Update
5. Minimum Wage Increase Information
6. Learning Anywhere, Anytime Professional Learning
7. Competency Train Pull Into Kankakee School District
8. Levels of Engagement Update

At 7:59 p.m., a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST: _____

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

APPROVED JULY 13, 2020

New Business

Old Business

Information

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Adjourn