

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
May 4, 2021**

The special meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Kankakee High School 1200 West Jeffery St Kankakee, IL.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: All Present

Roll Call

A quorum was declared present.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva Walters, Superintendent  
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barb Wells, Board President

Pledge

**Public Comments**

The following public comment was made.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Robert Ellington Snipes	Mr. Snipes congratulated the newly elected and returning board members.

**School Board Election**

The results of the April 6, 2021 election were presented for certification, and the following individuals were proclaimed members of the Board of Education:

- Mary Archie
- Jess C. Gathing Jr.
- Tracy Verrett
- Darrell Williams

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston to certify the canvassed votes as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Election Results

**Oath of Office**

Barb Wells, Board President, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members.

Oath of Office

**Adjournment of Old Board**

President Wells requested a motion to adjourn the Board sine die.

Sine Die

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to adjourn the Board sine die. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Seating of New Board Members**

The following newly elected Board Members were seated on the Board: Mary Archie, Jess C. Gathing Jr, Tracy Verrett, and Darrell Williams

Seating on the New Board

**Closed Session**

At 8:12 pm, a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Gathing to adjourn to a closed session to discuss the collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Verrett. Nays: Archie, Williams, and Wells. Motion carried.

Closed Session

At 8:40 pm the regular session was reconvened.

**President Pro Tem**

President Wells asked for nominations for President Pro Tem.

President Pro Tem

Jess Gathing nominated Chris Bohlen as President Pro Tem  
Darrell nominated Barbara Wells as President Pro Tem.

Chris Bolhen withdrew his nomination to be President Pro Tem

With no other nomination a roll call vote to have Barbara Wells the President Pro Tem was conducted. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Johnston, Verrett, Williams , Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: none: Motion Carried

Election of Officers

**Election of officers**

President Pro Tem Barbara Wells called for the election of officers

**1. President**

Darrell Williams nominated Barbara Wells for Board President.

Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote to have Barbra Wells as Board President was conducted: ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion Carried

**2. Vice President**

Mary Archie nominated Darrell Williams for Vice President.

Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote to have Darrell Williams as Board Vice President was conducted: ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried

**3. Secretary**

Chris Bohlen nominated Mary Archie to be Board Secretary.  
Mary Archie withdrew the nomination to be Board Secretary.  
Barbara Wells asked Tracy Verrett if she would be interested. Mrs. Verrett said accepted the position.

Hearing no other nominations, a roll call vote to have Tracy Verrett as Board Secretary was conducted. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

**Board of Education Meeting Schedule**

The 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule was presented.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule

**Committee Assignments**

The Following committee /Representative Assignments for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 were made:

Committee Assignments

**1. Board Committees**

- Curriculum.....Mary Archie (chair), Tracy Verrett, and Barbara Wells
- Finance & Facilities.....Jess Gathing(chair), Chris Bohlen, Barbara Wells
- Human Resources.....Darrell Williams (Chair), Deb Johnston, and Barbara Wells
- Policy..... Darrell Williams (Chair), Jess Gathing, and Barbara Wells

Board President serves on each of the above-listed committees.

2. District Committee Representatives

- Curriculum.....Mary Archie/Barbara Wells
- Insurance..... Jess Gathing
- Head Start Policy Council.....Mary Archie
- IASB Governing ..... Barbara Wells
- Kankakee Area Career Center .....Darrell Williams
- Parent/Community Council..... Christopher Bohlen/Tracy Verrett

**Adopt-a-School Assignment**

The following Adopt-A-School assignments for 2022-2022 and 2022-2023 were made.

- Edison Primary School.....Christopher Bohlen
- Lincoln Cultural Center.....Deb Johnston
- Mark twain Primary School.....Jess Gathing
- Steuben Elementary School.....Christpoher Bohlen
- Taft Primary School.....Darrell Williams
- Kennedy Middle School .....Darrell Williams
- King Middle School .....Jess Gathing
- Kankakee Junior High School..... Mary Archie
- Kankakee High School .....Tracy Verrett/ Deb Johnston/Mary Archie
- Independence Academy .....Barbara Wells
- Proegler School .....Tracy Verrett

**KFT Informal Meeting Schedule**

The Board reviewed the draft KFT Informal Meeting Schedule and stated no obligations to the schedule as presented.

At 9:02 pm a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Archie to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela F. Shea, Secretary

**APPROVED June 14, 2021**

Adopt-a-School

KFT Informal Meeting Schedule

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