

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:02 p.m. in the Auditorium at Kankakee High School 1200 W. Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jess Gathing Jr.
 Deb Johnston
 Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary
 Darrell Williams, Vice President
 Barbara Wells, Board President

Members Absent: Mary Archie (Absent)
 Chris Bohlen (entered at 7:57 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:02 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams 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 public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

At 7:25 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

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

Meeting with the Board were:

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

There were no reporters present.

Superintendent's Report

❖ Good News:

School	Event	Explanation
Avis Huff	Donation	A student in the transition program who uses a wheelchair was no longer able to attend the program because he had two steps to enter his house and required maximal assistance from his parents to get up and down the stairs. His parents were no longer able to

		physically help him and therefore he could not get out of the house consistently to get on the bus. Through working with Options Center for Independent Living, and some additional funding they received from the city of Kankakee's Economic and Community Development Agency, a ramp was installed at this student's home that he can use independently. This enabled the student to return to the transition program and allowed him more independence in safely getting into and out of his house.
Kennedy	Donations/ Recognitions	<p>Kennedy's 4th grade and Special Education Instructional Teachers want to thank Dr. O'Connor and her family for providing 13 new bikes to students in each of those classes. The O'Connor Family Foundation has already donated 138 new bikes to district students and we all appreciate this generous offer.</p> <p>Mrs. Tracy Selock continues to fund her project, "Your Table is Ready" through the Donors Choose Program. She has received several tall tables to provide safe, yet updated seating for her 5th and 6th-grade students.</p> <p>Kennedy is the recipient of a \$7,000 Community works Grant through the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley. These funds will support Kennedy's "Inside Out" project for outdoor learning.</p>

- ❖ Illinois State Scholars
 - Jennifer Hartman Announced 2021-2022 the Illinois State Scholars.
 - Jae Alderson
 - Grace Beatty
 - Emma Bretzlaff
 - Emily Glogowski
 - Christopher Groesbeck
 - Kendra Hallberg
 - Isabel Haut
 - Erik Hertzberg
 - Madelyn Howard
 - Heather Keene
 - Sacramento Pina-Gutierrez
 - Taren Russell
- ❖ Youth Empowerment Update:
 - Youth Empowerment will have an update at the next Board Meeting.
- ❖ Instruction:
 - Jenny Way discussed and showed STAR Data for 9th-12th grade students. Dr. Walters briefly discussed summer school. Mrs. Way also showed a video about Quest Club.
- ❖ Finance:
 - Mr. Grossi discussed good news and the three items on the agenda.
- ❖ Personnel:
 - Dr. O'Connor discussed openings in the district and places that vacancies are being posted.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
 - **May 4, 2021, Special Board Meeting (Regular Session)**

Consent Agenda

- May 4, 2021, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)
- May 5, 2021, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)
- May 10, 2021, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)
- May 13, 2021, Special Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)
- June 2, 2021, Special Board Meeting (Regular and Closed Session)
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (insert A)
- The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval (insert B).
- The **Contract with Precision Control Systems** was presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
- The **2021-2022 District and School Improvement Plans for Preschool, Mark Twain, Edison, Montessori-Fine Arts, King, Kennedy, and Kankakee Junior High** were presented for approval.
- The **SmartLab Studio Purchase** was presented for approval.
- The **Approval to purchase Baby Stimulators for KHS** was presented for approval.
- The **IXL Learning Renewal** was presented for approval.
- The **Nearpod License Renewal** was presented for approval.
- The **Building 21 Contract Renewal** was presented for approval.
- The **eDynamic License Renewal** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations & Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Karen Dannenhauer	Teacher at Steuben Elementary	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Marnie Davis	Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Diana Dyche	Music Teacher at KHS	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Eric Englert	English Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Kellie English	Teacher at Montessori	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Nicole Hamm-Smith	School Psychologist at Proegler	June 30, 2021
Caleb Johnson	Special Education Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Lynnea Moncofsky	Hearing Itinerant at Montessori	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Emily Perez	Teacher at Edison Primary	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Megan Rioux	Science Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Alexiz Sujka	Bank Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Debra Tamez	School Social Worker at Proegler	June 20, 2022
Darice Ward	Permanent Substitute at King and Kennedy	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Retirement & Resignations (Support Personnel)		
Erika Diaz Andrade	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Emily Martin	Instructional Programs Records Registrar at LCC	June 30, 2021
Rosetta Mason	Paraprofessional at Montessori	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)		

Board Minutes

Regular Bills
Payroll and Related Bills
Precision Control Systems
Head Start Policy Council Documents
2021-2022 District and School Improvement Plans
SmartLab Contract

Baby Simulator
IXI
Nearpod
Building 21
eDynamic

Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirements

Appointments

Caleb Cork	Science Teacher at KJHS	August 16, 2021
Jennifer Gibson	Science TEacher at KJHS	August 16, 2021
Alexander Kantzioris	History Teacher at KHS	August 16, 2021
Rachel Skinner	English Teacher at KHS	August 16, 2021
Fiona Walz	District Safety Coordinator	July 1, 2021
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Nathalie Altidor	Social Work Intern at Taft & Steuben	August 16, 2021
Alexandra Canino	Social Worker Intern at KHS	August 16, 2021
Shelly Covington	Special Education Paraprofessional at Proegler	June 1, 2021
Unyque Drake	Special Education Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 16, 2021
Jared Harris	Physical Education Facilitator at KJHS	August 16, 2021
Deborah Sutton	Social Worker Intern at Proegler & Kennedy	August 16, 2021
Appointments (Extra Duty Assignments)		
Ronda Powell	Mentor Program	2020-2021 School Year
Andrea Short	Registration Coordinator	2020-2021 School Year
Shay Tyler	ESL/Dual Language Certificate	2020-2021 School Year
Internal Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Amanda Grace	Learning Partner	July 1, 2021
Timothy Keown	Kay's Media Instructor at KHS	August 16, 2021
Crystal Martinez	Dual Language Teacher at Kennedy	August 16, 2021
Carra Mau Bridges	Art Instructor at Montessori	August 16, 2021
Katherine Strong	Kay's Media Instructor at KHS	August 16, 2021
Internal Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Jamar Calvin	Day Custodian at KJHS	June 15, 2021
Jerry Wills	Student Support Interventionist	July1, 2021
Salary Adjustment (Support Personnel)		
Sharisse Christian	Payroll Coordinator	July 1, 2020
Annette Flournoy	Head Bookkeeper	July 1, 2020
Derek Hart	Strength and Conditioning Coach at KHS	July 1, 2021

Leave of Absences (Support Personnel)		
Jemiya Bates	Assistant Teacher Head Start at Proegler	April 1, 2021- June 1, 2021

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of Bid to Purchase District Vehicles.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the bid to purchase district vehicles as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried

2. Approval of Workers Compensation Renewal

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the workers compensation renewal as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried

3. Approval of Board Contract with Developing Capacity Coaching.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the board contract with Developing Capacity Coaching as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried

4. Approval of Overnight Field Trip Request

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the overnight field trip request as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Williams, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Information and Proposals

1. Head Start Information
2. K-6 LAA-Kays
3. Freedom of Information Request
4. Previous Bill Run
5. Budget Update
6. State and Federal Revenue Report

At 8:04 p.m, A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, Board President

ATTEST:

Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary

APPROVED JULY 12, 2021

Action Items
Approval of Bid to Purchase
District Vehicles

Approval of Workers
Compensation Renewal

Approval of Board Contract
with Developing Capacity
Coaching

Approval of Overnight Field
Trip Request

Old Business

Information

Head Start Information
K-6 LAA Days
Freedom of Information Act
Previous Bill Run
Budget Update
State & Federal Revenue
Report

Adjourn