

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
July 13, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County Illinois, was held at 5:05 PM., in the Auditorium at Kankakee High School, 1200 W. Jeffery Street Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mary Archie
Jess Gathing, Jr. Vice President
Deb Johnston
Angela Shea, Secretary

Members Absent: Darrell Williams (entered at 5:06 pm)
Barbara Wells, President (entered at 5:16 pm)
Christopher Bohlen (entered at 5:29 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 5:05 p.m., a motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Archie, 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, and the litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which, case that basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed board meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Archie, Gathing, Johnston, and Shea Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

At 7:17 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. Geneva Walters, Superintendent
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

There were no news reporters present.

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Drama Presentation:
 - Sarah Lanue presented the Board with a plaque of the tree that was planted by the senior class.
- ❖ Court Street Crossing: Niel Piggush
 - Mr. Piggush updated the Board regarding the Court Street Crossing in front of King Middle School. Construction should start around September.
- ❖ Instruction:
 - Mrs. Hybert discussed the Restructuring of the Library for the 2020-2021 school year.
- ❖ Biliteracy Awards:
 - Mrs. Hybert and Mrs. Garza announced the 2020 Biliteracy Awards.
- ❖ Finance:

- Mr. Grossi updated the board on the ordering of COVID-19 supplies along with working on COVID procedures. Mr. Grossi spoke about cleaning routines and transportation issues as well as transportation safety. The 2019 audit will begin next week. Mr. Grossi is starting to look at the budget, and the budget will be presented and finalized within the next month.
- ❖ **Personnel:**
 - Dr. O'Connor discussed the district hiring 38 employees within the last couple of weeks. The 2020 new teacher orientation will be a blended model in person and via zoom Aug 10th, 11th, and 13th.
- ❖ Dr. Walters discussed coming back to the building for the 2020-2021 school year. The district will have a final plan for the 2020-2021 school year at the July 27th Board Meeting. The Board discussed the following:
 - The Board discussed having a policy that all students, staff, and visitors must wear a mask. The Board was all in agreement that everyone should be required to wear a mask. We also need to have a policy in place for those who medically cannot wear masks. Concerns regarding students refusing to wear masks.
 - The Board discussed having a modified Phase 4 Plan, which would have students come in as needed and not yet structured. The majority of the board was in agreement with the modified plan. Mr. Bohlen had concerns about students not having structure.
 - Anya Smith spoke regarding her preschool students and how they are doing during summer learning. Her preschool kids are doing fine with masks on the hour they are with her.
 - Beth Anderson spoke regarding her experience during summer learning with her Avis Huff students; she also stated that her students are doing fine with wearing masks. Mrs. Anderson noted that it is essential to have engagement with students.
 - Shemeka Fountain discussed her experience with her students at King. Students have not had a problem with masks.
 - Rosie Williams, the Director of the Clinic, discussed what the recommendation is regarding being tested. It is recommended not to have mandatory testing. If you are in close contact with someone that tested positive or if you have symptoms, stay home and quarantine for 14 days. Return to work after two negative tests only if you come into contact with someone who tested positive. Riverside is testing everyone for no charge. Antibodies test is not reliable.
 - Dr. Walters stated we need to have a plan by August 1st.

Public Comments

No public comments were made.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
 - **May 11, 2020 (Regular & Closed Session)**
 - **June 8, 2020 (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A)
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B)
- The **Resolution for Release of Executive Session Minutes & Destruction of Recordings** were presented for approval. (See Insert C)
- The **Profile of a Graduate** was presented for approval.
- The **Purchase of Furniture at Kankakee High School** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations/Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Kelly Fiffer	Special Education Teacher at Edison	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Brianna Harris	Music Teacher at Mark Twain	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Heather Liscomb	3rd Grade Teacher at Edison	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Bradley Ketchmark	Social Studies Teacher at KHS	June 25, 2020

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Regular Bills
Payroll & Related Bills
Release of Executive
Session Minutes

Profile of a Graduate
Purchase of Furniture at
KHS
Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirements

Brian Malliett	Psychologist at KHS	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Reginald Payne	Math Teacher at KJHS	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Thomas Stanfield	Special Education Teacher at KHS	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Marsha Willey	Teacher at Kennedy Middle School	June 23, 2020
Resignations/Retirements (Support Personnel)		
Daniel Deschand	Custodian at Steuben	January 3, 2021
Diana Pommier	Head Start Assistant at Proegler	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Ashley Suryk	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	End of 2019-2020 School Year
Resignations/Retirements (Administrative)		
Dr. Latonya Wilks	Student Support Services Director at Avis Huff	June 30, 2020
Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Ian Fountain	Music Instructor at Mark Twain & KJHS	August 17, 2020
Matthew Gray	Social Studies Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Emily Missaggia	English Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Charles Parsons	Part Time Psychologist District Wide	August 17, 2020
Alex Pederson	Social Studies Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Megan Rioux	Science Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Erin Szczepaniak	Social Studies Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2020
Alexis Young	Spanish Teacher at KJHS	August 17, 2020
Internal Appointments (Administrative)		
Jennifer Dominiak-Hering	Director of Student Support Services at Avis	July 14, 2020
Elizabeth Gibson	Director of Early Childhood Education at Proegler	July 14, 2020
Kendra Leftridge	Assistant Principal at Taft	July 14, 2020
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
William Draper	Groundsman District Wide	July 14, 2020
Gloria Kennedy	Executive Secretary/ Community Project Manager District Wide	July 14, 2020
Tiffany Miller	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	August 17, 2020
Carl Roth	Head Groundsman District Wide	July 14, 2020

Appointments

A motion was made by Bohlen, and seconded by Shea to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays:

none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of ECRA Amended Contract
2. Approval of eDynamic Learning
4. Approval of Schoolzilla License.
5. Approval of Think CERCA Renewal

Action Items
ECRA Amended
Contract
eDynamic Learning
Schoolzilla License
Think CERCA Renewal

A motion was made by Gathing, and seconded by Bohlen to vote on Action Items 1,2,4, and 5 at the same time.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston to approve the ECRA amended contract, eDynamic learning contract, Schoolzilla contract, and Think CERCA renewal as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Head Start Policy Council Documentation

Head Start Policy
Council Documentation

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Gathing to approve the head start policy council documentation as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Technology Purchase

Technology Purchase

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

7. Approval of Copier Contract

Copier Contract

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

8. Approval of Partnership with State's Attorney's Office for the Community Outreach Specialist.

Partnership with State's
Attorney's Office

A motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Gathing to approve the partnership with the State's Attorney's office for the Community Outreach Specialist as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Old Business

Information

The following items were provided for information.

1. FOIA Request
2. Previous Bill Run
3. Budget Update
4. State and Federal Revenue Report

Information

FOIA Request
Previous Bill Run
State & Federal
Revenue Report
Budget Update

Dr. Walters discussed the Kankakee Youth Empowerment Program.

Dr.O'Connor introduced the new Administrators.

At 8:53 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

APPROVED July 27, 2020