

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2021**

The meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:31 p.m. in the Auditorium at Kankakee High School 1200 W. Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chris Bohlen  
Jess Gahing Jr.  
Deb Johnston  
Barbara Wells, Board President

Roll Call

Members Absent: Mary Archie (entered at 5:32 pm, exited at 6:55 pm, reentered at 7:25 pm)  
Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary(entered at 5:52 pm)  
Darrell Williams, Vice President (entered at 5:40 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

Closed Session

At 5:31 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, 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 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: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

At 7:03 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

Reconvene

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

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent  
Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Nicole Terrell-Smith, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Geneva Walters, Superintendent (entered at 7:30 pm)  
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

**Superintendent's Report**

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- ❖ Instruction
  - Mrs. Hybert discussed the Migrant program and introduced Rose Bailey. Mrs. Bailey showed a brief video and discussed the summer Migrant Education Program.
- ❖ Finance
  - Dr. Smith discussed the Chromebook Warranty Action Item, construction at the high school, and the upcoming Financial Audit.
- ❖ Personnel
  - Ms. Fountain discussed the New Teacher Orientation and current openings.

**Public Comments**

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There were no public comments made.

**Consent Agenda**

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The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
  - **July 12, 2021, Regular Board Minutes (Regular and Closed Session)**
  - **July 20, 2021, Special Board Meeting (Regular and Closed Session)**
- The **Elevate Contract** was presented for approval.
- The **Lexia Contract** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations (Licensed Educational Professional)</b>		
Alyssa Hecke	English Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Alexander Kantzioris	History Teacher at KHS	July 19, 2021
Joanna Martino	English Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Alyssa Norden	Choir/Dance Teacher at KJHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Erin Szczepaniak	Social Studies Teacher at KJHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Lisa Thiele	Science Instructor at KJHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
Heather Wolfe	School Guidance Counselor at KHS	June 14, 2021
Carol Zacharias	Science Teacher at KHS	End of 2020-2021 School Year
<b>Resignations (Support Personnel)</b>		
Rusti Merrill	Instructional Support/ Human ResourcesSupport	July 28, 2021
Jennifer Russow	Paraprofessional at Kennedy Middle School	End of 2020-2021 School Year
<b>Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)</b>		
Deanna Cisneros	Reading Interventionist at TBD	August 16, 2021
Rebekah Mondy	Music Teacher at Montessori	August 16, 2021
Jill Shapkausk	English Teacher at KHS	August 16, 2021
Dr. Kenyatta Starks	Administrative Consultant (Vender) at KHS	July 27, 2021
<b>Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Caryn Alder	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 16, 2021
Paula Birr	Head Start Paraprofessional Part-time at Proegler	August 16, 2021
Jessica Bloom	Floating Substitute at Proegler	August 16, 2021
Maricruz Carmona	Family Support Specialist at Proegler	August 2, 2021
Mya Jarrett	Preschool Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 16, 2021
Crystal Pombert	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	August 16, 2021

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Personnel Items

Resignations

Appointments

Javier Rosas Jr.	Technology Support Specialist at LCC	August 9, 2021
Linda Veaser	Instructional Support Specialist at LCC	July 6, 2021
<b>Appointments (Extra Duty Assignments)</b>		
Bender, Tywon	JHS Boys and Girls Track Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Bleyle, Daniel	6th Grade Head Basketball Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Bretzlaff, Peter	Assistant Soccer Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Bretzlaff, Peter	Junior High Soccer Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Burns, Brad	CAALE Supervisor/Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Burns, Brad	Assistant Football Coach (Second Tier)	2021-2022 School Year
Burns, Brad	Head Wrestling Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Cassady, Deena	International Thespian Society Sponsor	2021-2022 School Year
Cassady, Deena	Fall Play Director	2021-2022 School Year
Cassady, Deena	Spring Musical Director	2021-2022 School Year
Crite, Kendrick	Assistant Football Coach (Lead)	2021-2022 School Year
Cross, Jason	Assistant Softball Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Dailor, Sean	Chess Club	2021-2022 School Year
Dailor, Sean	Mathletes	2021-2022 School Year
Dailor, Sean	Scholastic Bowl (Varsity and JV Team)	2021-2022 School Year
Dyche, Diana	Tri-M Music Honors Society	2021-2022 School Year
Dyche, Diana	Spring Musical Accompanist	2021-2022 School Year
Dyche, Diana	Show Choir Accompanist (KHS)	2021-2022 School Year
Emery, David	Director of Athletic Performance (Fall)	2021-2022 School Year
Emery, David	Director of Athletic Performance (Spring)	2021-2022 School Year
Emery, David	Director of Athletic Performance (Winter)	2021-2022 School Year
Fatka, Brian	Assistant Robotics Sponsor (KHS & JHS)	2021-2022 School Year
Ford, Alan	Assistant Basketball Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Ford, Alan	Assistant Football Coach (Lead)	2021-2022 School Year
Fox, Alexandra	Head Softball Coach	2021-2022 School Year
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Grimberg, Nicholas	Pep Band Director (KHS)	2021-2022 School Year

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Grimberg, Nicholas	Drumline Director (KHS)	2021-2022 School Year
Grimberg, Nicholas	Jazz Band Director (KHS)	2021-2022 School Year
Grimberg, Nicholas	Marching Band Director (KHS)	2021-2022 School Year
Hazelett, Edward	Assistant Football Coach (Lead)	2021-2022 School Year
Hernandez, Hugo	Assistant Soccer Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Hernandez, Hugo	Assistant Soccer Coach (Girls)	2021-2022 School Year
Irish, Veronica	Assistant Cheerleading Coach (Fall)	2021-2022 School Year
Irish, Veronica	Assistant Cheerleading Coach (Winter)	2021-2022 School Year
Jackson, Emmanuel	JHS Boys and Girls Track Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Jordan, Samuel	Assistant Football Coach (Lead)	2021-2022 School Year
Jordan, Samuel	Assistant Athletic Director	2021-2022 School Year
Kapchinske, Nicholas	Assistant Baseball Coach	2021-2022 School Year
King, Anne	Assistant Cross Country Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Lehman, Timothy	Band Director (KJHS)	2021-2022 School Year
Lingo, Shelley	National Honors Society	2021-2022 School Year
Miller, James	Assistant Football Coach (Second Tier)	2021-2022 School Year
Mkhwanazi, Vincent	Head Soccer Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Mkhwanazi, Vincent	Head Soccer Coach (Girls)	2021-2022 School Year
Moore, Mila	Head Cheerleading Coach (Fall)	2021-2022 School Year
Moore, Mila	Head Cheerleading Coach (Winter)	2021-2022 School Year
Murphy, Gregory	Assistant Football Coach (Second Tier)	2021-2022 School Year
Murphy, Gregory	Assistant Wrestling Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Niemann, Jacob	Assistant Baseball Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Olmstead, Richard	Head Cross Country Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Olmstead, Richard	JHS Boys and Girls Track Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Penrod, Lauren	Class Sponsor - Junior	2021-2022 School Year
Pizano-Diaz, Juan	Assistant Soccer Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Pizano-Diaz, Juan	Junior High Soccer Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Pommier, Dennis	Assistant Softball Coach	2021-2022 School Year

Powell, Shaquille	Assistant Football Coach (Second Tier)	2021-2022 School Year
Prude, Tyler	Head Tennis Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Randle, Jared	JHS Boys and Girls Track Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Ring, Abigail	Assistant Tennis Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Stewart, Adrian	Assistant Basketball Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Sutter, Paula	Fall Play Assistant Director	2021-2022 School Year
Sutter, Paula	Spring Musical Assistant Director	2021-2022 School Year
Sykes, Anthony	Head Baseball Coach	2021-2022 School Year
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Teeters, Scott	Head Swimming Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Teeters, Scott	Head Swimming Coach (Girls)	2021-2022 School Year
Terrell, Harold	6th Grade Head Basketball Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Tetrault, Donya	Head Golf Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Tetrault, Donya	Assistant Softball Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Toepfer, Tracy	Spring Musical Music Director	2021-2022 School Year
Toepfer, Tracy	Choral Director (KHS)	2021-2022 School Year
Toepfer, Tracy	Show Choir Director	2021-2022 School Year
Tudor, Charles	Assistant Soccer Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Tudor, Charles	Assistant Soccer Coach (Girls)	2021-2022 School Year
Wesby, Jevon	Assistant Basketball Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Wills, Jerry	Assistant Basketball Coach (Boys)	2021-2022 School Year
Worden, Jason	Assistant Special Olympics Coach	2021-2022 School Year
Wright, Perry	Assistant Baseball Coach	2021-2022 School Year
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Wyderski, Vanessa	Student Council/High School	2021-2022 School Year
<b>Internal Appointments (Support Personnel)</b>		
Kelly Jackson	Head Start Permanent Substitute at Proegler	August 16, 2021
<b>Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)</b>		
Sammy Jefferson	Custodian at LCC	May 24, 2021-September 30, 2021

Leave of Absence

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the above-listed consent agenda items

as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Action Items**

1. The Approval to Purchase a Chromebook Warranty Service.

A motion was made by Gathing seconded by Bohlen to approve the purchase of a Chromebook warranty service as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

No old business was discussed.

**Information**

1. Freedom of Information Act
2. LUDA School Opening Survey

A discussion was held regarding mandating masks for everyone for the 2021-2022 school year. Further discussion will be held at the August 23, 2021 Board Meeting.

At 7:32 p.m, A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Archie to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

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Barbara A. Wells, Board President

ATTEST:

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Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary

**APPROVED AUGUST 9, 2021**

Action Items

Chromebook Warranty  
Service

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