

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
August 23, 2021**

The meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:33 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Kankakee High School 1200 W. Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: All Present

Roll Call

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

Closed Session

At 5:33 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie 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: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

Reconvene

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by JROTC and Barbara 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
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

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❖ Good News

School	Event	Explanation
District	Recognition	Ms. Fountain thanked Ms. Botensten who applied for the FY 2021 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant and was awarded \$47939.00. With this grant funding, the district was able to purchase an oven, ice machine,

		steamer, and milk cooler for the Avis Huff building.
District	Donations	Ms. Fountain thanked the Mayor's office and Aetna for the donation of face masks for students at King and Kennedy. Ms. Fountain also thanked 3ptHealthcare for the donation of school supplies for the Youth Empowerment Program.
Mark Twain	Donation	Ms. Garza thanked Staples for the following donations: → 50 bottles of hand sanitizer → 100 individual hand sanitizers → 50 individual facial tissue packets → 40 boxes of teacher supplies
Taft	Donation	Mr. Lee from Taft thanked Cher & Lynda Smith for the donation of 200 handmade Kankakee School District adjustable face masks for the students.

- ❖ Athletic Presentation
 - Mr. Wilcox discussed athletics and IHSA Eligibility.
- ❖ Instruction
 - Mrs. Hybert updated the board on challenges, clarification on the heat days. Mrs. Hybert discussed Imagine Learning, TNTP, Elevate, and the Class of 2025 Graduation Requirements. Mrs. Hybert also discussed the Library Improvement Plan and Future-ready Librarians as well as the roles and responsibilities of Student Support Interventionists.
- ❖ Finance
 - Karen Johnston, Transportation Director, updated the board regarding the recent transportation issues and how they are being fixed. Dr. Smith presented the 2022 Budget.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain thanked the Administration for filling the vacant positions, and the new teacher mentoring program.

Public Comments

The following public comments were made.

Name	Topic
Dr. Carrie Jones	Dr. Jones discussed her concerns regarding student schedules at KHS.
Kelly Hebert	Mrs. Hebert discussed her concerns regarding the schedules and lack of communication from the High School.
Stephen Case	Mr. Case discussed his concerns regarding the schedules at KHS and concerns about the lack of communication.

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
 - **August 9, 2021, Regular Board Minutes (Regular and Closed Session)**
 - **August 16, 2021 Special Board Minutes (Regular and Closed Session)**
- The **Contract with Elevate** was presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council Information** was presented for approval
- The **TNTP Contract** was presented for approval.
- The **Imagine Learning Contract** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
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Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Elevate Contract
Head Start Policy Council Documents
TNTP Contract
Imagine Learning Contract

Personnel Items

Resignations and Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Debra Folgers	Cook at KHS	August 31, 2021
Jalesa Franks	Paraprofessional at Taft Primary School	June 1, 2021
Jacqueline Jefferson	Paraprofessional at Proegler	June 1, 2021
Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Ericka Austin	Counselor at KHS	September 7, 2021
Carol Gotch	Remote Elementary Teacher	August 24, 2021
Rayvon Mallett	Physical Education Instructor at Steuben	August 24, 2021
Janet Martin	Reading Interventionist at King	August 24, 2021
Barrington McLean	Spanish Instructor at KHS	August 24, 2021
Alma Orellana	Reading Interventionist at Kennedy	August 24, 2021
Peter Pagast	Art Instructor at KHS	August 24, 2021
Krystal Vargas	Dual Language Instructor at Mark Twain	August 16, 2021
Darice Ward	Permanent Substitute at Kennedy	August 24, 2021
Christine Williams	Special Education Instructor at KHS	August 24, 2021
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Holly Brown	Child Care Worker at KHS	August 30, 2021
Justin Banks	Student Support Services Driver at KHS	August 24, 2021
Kenyatta Brown	Director of Food Service	August 24, 2021
Jonathan Burt	Student Support Services Driver at KHS	August 24, 2021
Ernest Ewing Jr	Student Support Services Driver at KHS	August 24, 2021
Erin Haut	Paraprofessional at Montessori	August 24, 2021
Bonnie Hudson	Safety Interventionist at KHS	August 24, 2021
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Abigail McMillan	Paraprofessional at Montessori	August 24, 2021
Sara McNeely	Cafeteria Helper at Kennedy	August 24, 2021
Ryan Morris	Paraprofessional Part time at Montessori	August 24, 2021
Keyanna Pope	Child Care Worker at KHS	September 1, 2021
Renee Sanders	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	August 24, 2021
Internal Appointments (Licensed Educational Professional)		

Resignations and Retirements

Appointments

Carrie Rees	Remote Teacher at Taft	August 24, 2021
Allison Rittenhouse	Part-Time Interventionist at Steuben	August 24, 2021
Guadalupe Sorich	Spanish Instructor/Community Interpreter Instructor at KHS	August 23, 2021
Internal Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Dawn Beedy	Paraprofessional at Taft	August 17, 2021
Salary Adjustment (Head Start)		
Barnes, Kiara	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Battrell, Kelly	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Beland, Jessica	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Clark, Pamela	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Colbert, Jennifer	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Da Silva, Keila	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Fenton, Maria	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Flores-Munoz, Tina	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Forbes, Johanna	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Genson, Laura	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Harsha, Nina	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Harwell, Ruwanda	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Heinzl, Kristina	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Henning Shear, Kimberly	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Hernandez, Bianca	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Hickory, Kennilyn	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Hipke, Stefanie	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Jones, Latoya	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Knott, Kimberly	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Koziol, Melanie	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Lane, Julia	Head Start	August 23, 2021
McPhail, Kimberly	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Medina, Veronica	Head Start	August 23, 2021

Salary Adjustments

Miller, Tiffany	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Nojd, Chrissy	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Norton, Danielle	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Pepin, Amanda	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Phelps, Kary	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Piccini, Briyonna	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Reyes, Shelly	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Smith, Sandra	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Spencer, Sherry	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Steele, Janice	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Thomas, Sheryl	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Tsirikos, Rebecca	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Tyler, Shay	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Vaughn, Christine	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Vimpeny, Angela	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Williams, Kim	Head Start	August 23, 2021
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Karely Varela-Gayton	Part-Time Paraprofessional at Proegler	September 2, 2021- October 4, 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: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Old Business

Information

1. Graduation Requirements class of 2025
2. Therapy Dogs visiting Mark Twain.

Information

At 7:38 p.m., A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, Board President

ATTEST:

Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 13, 2021