

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

August 26, 2024

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The Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:03 p.m. in the auditorium at Kankakee High School, 1200 W Jeffery St., Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

Members Present: Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary
Christopher Bohlen
Jess Gathing, Board Vice President
Deb Johnston
Darrell Williams

Members Absent: Mary Archie (Absent)
Tracy Verrett (entered at

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

Closed Session

At 6:03 pm, 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 district, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.

Reconvene

The Regular Session was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Bohlen, the board president, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Teresa A. Lance, Superintendent
Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Harrison Neal, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Dr. Kelly Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

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Report

- ❖ Instruction
 - Dr. Gilbert recognized Lynn McIntosh-Daniels for winning the Dr. Martin Luther King Foundation Counselor of the Year award. Dr Gilbert also discussed the first days of school and the immunizations and Physicals needed.
- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Neal discussed the two items on the agenda.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed the application process, vacancies, and upcoming job fairs.

Public Comments

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Name	Topic
Tamara Bell	Ms. Bell discussed her issues with transportation and getting her daughter to and from Echo in Thornwood.

Kiara Duran	Ms. Duran shared KCC's Programs available to our hispanic families.
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Mr. Ellington-Snipes discussed the termination of Mr. Frank Menzies.
Kyara Hunchins	Ms. Hunchins discussed the Youth Empowerment Program.
Jennifer Wek/Joshua Sampson	Ms. Wek discussed she has yet to be paid for her services as the Freedom School Coordinator. Mr Sampson also discussed he has yet to be paid for Freedom Schools.
Deryn Harwell	Ms. Harwell discussed issues with the uniform policy.

Consent Agenda

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
 - Regular Board Minutes August 12, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Overnight Field Trip Request** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation (Administrative Personnel)		
Marcello Robinson	Assistant Principal at Kennedy	August 6, 2024
Resignation (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Jillian Basile	Part-Time Speech Instructor at Montessori	August 17, 2024
Davion Bradley	Physical Education Instructor at KHS	August 22, 2024
Chloe Chatman	Dance Instructor at KJHS	August 8, 2024
Levester Harris	Permanent Substitute at King	August 8, 2024
Michelle Koler	Teacher at KHS	Never Started
Mary Kay Nugent	Special Ed Co-Teacher at KHS	August 16, 2024
Scott Teeters	Physical Education Teacher at KHS	August 16, 2024
Alana Temple-Wright	Chemistry Instructor at KHS	August 8, 2024
Jennifer Wek	SEL Coach	August 21, 2024
Resignation (Support Personnel)		
Iesha Colbert	Childcare Worker at Steuben	August 16, 2024
Rosemary Lonergan	Food Service at KHS	August 7, 2024
Veronica Medina	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 7, 2024
Tonya Perry	Food Service at KJHS	August 2, 2024
Serrine Smith	Paraprofessional at King	August 14, 2024

Consent Agenda
 Board Minutes
 Regular Bills
 Payroll & Regular
 Bills
 Regular Bills
 Overnight Field Trip
 Request
 Personnel Items

Resignation/
 Retirement

Kennedy Weight	Strength & Conditioning Coach at KHS	August 13, 2024
Jacqueline Wells	Food Service at Montessori	August 14, 2024
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Jeffery Cox	Part Time Interventionist	August 19, 2024
Natalia Holgueras Vinass	ESL Bilingual Teacher at KHS	August 19, 2024
Valarie M Johnson	6th Grade CCA Instructor at King	August 19, 2024
Dalen Mathews	Art Therapy Instructor at Steuben	August 19, 2024
Khyre Mitchell	Math Instructor at KHS	TBD
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
LATRICE Batey	Hub Monitor at KHS	TBD
Kendra Blanchette	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 19, 2024
Tommy Boudreau	Technology Support Specialist at LCC	TBD
Anette Campos	Paraprofessional at KJHS	August 19, 2024
Ma del Socorro Gayton Lopez	ESL Paraprofessional at KJHS	August 19, 2024
Jonathan Grish	Night Custodian at Proegler	August 27, 2024
Tanajah Hill	Hub Monitor at KHS	TBD
Eddie James	School Safety Interventionist at KHS	August 19, 2024
Lizbeth Lopez	Dual Language Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Veronica Maldonado	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	August 19, 2024
Melanie Nunez	Dual Language Paraprofessional	TBD
Victoria Ramos	Head Start Paraprofessional at Montessori	August 19, 2024
Sarah Rasmussen	Paraprofessional at Montessori	August 19, 2024
Serrine Smith	Hub Monitor at KHS	August 19, 2024
Marisol Varela	Dual Language Paraprofessional at Kennedy	TBD
Appointment (Extra Duty Assignment)		
Ahrens, Kieth	Technology Board Meeting Set up	2024-2025 School Year
Benoit, Brad	Director Fall Play	2024-2025 School Year
Bretzlaff, Peter	JH Assistant Athletic Director	2024-2025 School Year

Appointment

Ford, Allen	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	2024-2025 School Year
Harris, Jared	Assistant Softball Coach	2024-2025 School Year
Hollis, Alfred	Assistant Football Coach	2024-2025 School Year
Iverson, Alex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring Director of Athletic Performance Winter Director of Athletic Performance Fall Director of Athletic Performance 	2024-2025 School Year
McManus, Diane	Activities Director - Community Center	2024-2025 School Year
Parks, Rebecca	Social MEdia Stipend	2024-2025 School Year
Ramirez, Antonio	Assistant Swim Coach Girls Assistant Swim Coach Boys	2024-2025 School Year
Rosas, Javier	Technology Bilingual Stipend	2024-2025 School Year
Internal Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Mariza Avalos	6th Grade Instructor	August 19, 2024
Melissa Guzman	5th Grade Dual Language Teacher at Kennedy	August 19, 2024
Cortez Peoples	Permanent Substitute at King	August 19, 2024
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Hailey Lamie	Bookkeeper at KHS & KJHS	August 14, 2024
Termination (Support Personnel)		
Frank Menzies	District Orchestra Director	August 20, 2024

Termination

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the consent agenda Items 1-8 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Gathing to table item 9 on the consent agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approve the Proposal for Painting Millie Proegler.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the Proposal for Painting Millie Proegler as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Berrones,, and Bohlen. NAYS- none. Motion carried

Action Items
Proposal for
Painting Millie
Proegler

2. Approve the disposal of Surplus Equipment from Early Childhood Programs at Proegler, Steuben and Mark Twain.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, to approve the disposal of Surplus Equipment from Early Childhood Programs at Proegler, Steuben and Mark Twain as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Berrones, Gathing and Bohlen. NAYS-none. Motion carried.

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Programs at
Proegler, Steuben
and Mark Twain.

3. Approval of Community Partnership with Rise & Thrive Wellness

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the Community Partnership with Rise & Thrive Wellness as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Verrett, Williams, Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, and Bohlen. NAYS-none. Motion carried.

Community
Partnership with
Rise Thrive Wellness

Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run
2. Therapy Dog at LCC
3. FOIA Request

Information &
Proposals

Old Business

Old Business

Announcements

Announcements

Adjourn

At 7:40 p.m., a motion was made by Verrett, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: _____
Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST: _____
Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 9, 2024