

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 25, 2023

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:03 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room at Edison Primary School 1991 East Maple St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Suzy Berrones, Board Secretary
 Chris Bohlen, Board President
 Jess Gathing, Board Vice President
 Tracy Verrett
 Darrell Williams

Members Absent: Mary Archie (entered at 7:00 pm)
 Deb Johnston (absent)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 5:03 pm, a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Gathing, 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.

The public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Roll Call

Members Present: Mary Archie
 Christopher Bohlen
 Suzy Berrones
 Jess Gathing
 Tracy Verrett
 Darrell Williams

Members Absent: Deb Johnston (absent)

Edison Students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FY 23-24 Budget - Robert Grossi presented the 2023-2024 Budget.
Mr. Grossi answered questions from the board and the public.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, to adjourn the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES -Archie, Berrones, Gathing, Verrett, Williams, and Bohlen. NAYS- none. Motion carried.

The Regular Session was reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent
Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Cedric Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary
Robert Grossi, Illuminate Consulting

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Instruction
 - Mrs. Petty presented Mary Martinez with the 1st Annual Crystal Martinez Educator of the Year Award.
 - Dr. Walters presented historical data on test scores and grade-level work.
- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Lewis discussed the budget and audit.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed vacancies in the district and the hiring process.

Principal's Report

Mr. Kuester introduced his staff and presented the retirees. The Edison Government Students presented what they think Dr. Walters should do during her retirement.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Robert Ellington Snipes	Mr. Snipes discussed the uniform policy at KHS.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- ❖ The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
 - **September 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting (Regular Session)**
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Council Information** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Overnight Trip Request** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations & Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Shaquita Nesbit	Permanent Substitute at King	September 15, 2023
Resignation & Retirements (Support Personnel)		
Erika Almanza	Hippocrates Coordinator	September 12, 2023
Briana Burrage-Johnson	Education Support Staff at Proegler	September 8, 2023
Maureen Cahill	Paraprofessional at Steuben	September 21, 2023
Mike Johnston	Electrician	September 19, 2023
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Rose Walls	Learning Partner	September 12, 2023
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Janaizha Autman	Paraprofessional at King	TBD
Melinda Ayala	Cafeteria Helper at Montessori	TBD
Keturah Bynum	Full Time Bus Monitor Transportation	TBD
Kaitlyn Lopez	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	October 10, 2023

Report

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Consent Agenda

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Personnel

Resignations &
Retirements

Appointments

Ivett Medina	Hippocrates Coordinator	TBD
Alejandra Perez	Paraprofessional at Montessori	TBD
Juaniesha Sherrod	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	TBD
Adam Williams	Van Driver	TBD
Shanice Winston	Parent Educator at Proegler	September 26, 2023
Annette Yarborough	Cashier at KHS	TBD
Appointment (Extra-Duty Assignments)		
Kieth Ahrens	Board Meeting AV	2023-2024 School Year
Melissa Wilkins	Assistant Special Olympics Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Michael Yarborough	Assistant Football Coach at KHS	2023-2024 School Year
Ulekha Young	Cheerleading Coach at Kennedy	2023-2024 School Year
Internal Appointment (Licensed Educational Personnel)		
Yazmin Espinosa	4th Grade Dual Language Instructor at Kennedy	TBD
Patrice Schoolman	Social Science Teacher at KHS	August 25, 2023
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Torean Castile-Washington	Student Safety Interventionist at KHS	September 11, 2023- October 20, 2023
Tanya Pizano	Faculty Nurse at KHS	October 14, 2023-January 31, 2024

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

Action Item

1. Approval of FY 2023-2024 Budget.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the FY 2023-2024 Budget as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES- Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones and Bohlen. NAYS- none. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Furniture Purchase for the Kankakee County Independent Living and Development Center.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, to approve the furniture purchase for the Kankakee Community Independent Living and Development Center as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES - Gathing, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Furniture Purchase for the Remote/Blended Hub at KHS.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, to approve the furniture purchase for the remote/blended hub at KHS as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES - Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, Gathing, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

FY 2023-2024 Budget

Approval of Furniture Purchase for the Kankakee County Independent Living and Development Center.

Approval of Furniture Purchase for the Remote/Blended Hub at KHS

4. Approval to Consider the 2nd Ward of Kankakee (from East Ave to Nelson Ave) to Qualify as a Hazard.
5. Approval to Consider the 6th Ward of Kankakee (from Wildwood Ave to Interstate 57) to Qualify as a Hazard.
6. Approval to Consider the 7th Ward of Kankakee (from Sibley Ave to Interstate 57) to Qualify as a Hazard.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve Action items 4. 2nd Ward of Kankakee (from East Ave to Nelson Ave) to Qualify as a Hazard. 5. 6th Ward of Kankakee (from Wildwood Ave to Interstate 57) to Qualify as a Hazard. and 6. 7th Ward of Kankakee (from Sibley Ave to Interstate 57) to Qualify as a Hazard as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES - Williams, Archie, Berrones, Gathing, Verrett, and Boheln. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

- ❖ Superintendent Search Update
- ❖ Community Center Construction - Additional Long Jump Pit
 - A discussion was held regarding whether or not the extra long jump is needed.

Information & Proposals

1. FOIA Request
2. Head Start Information
3. Recommended Policy Manual Changes (1st Reading)

Ms. Archie stated that the Field House should be named after Dr. Walters.

At 8:56 p.m., a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Berrones, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____

Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST: _____

Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED OCTOBER 10, 2023

Consider the 2nd Ward of Kankakee (from East Ave to Nelson Ave) to Qualify as a Hazard.

Consider the 6th Ward of Kankakee (from Wildwood Ave to Interstate 57) to Qualify as a Hazard.

Consider the 7th Ward of Kankakee (from Sibley Ave to Interstate 57) to Qualify as a Hazard.

Old Business

Information

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