

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 9, 2022

The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:00 pm in the Auditorium at Kankakee High School 1200 W. Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mary Archie
Deb Johnston
Jess Gathing
Barbara Wells, Board President
Darrell Williams, Board Vice President

Members Absent: Chris Bohlen (entered at 6:16 pm)
Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary (entered at 6:18 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:00 pm, a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Bohlen, 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. ROLL CALL VOTE-Ayes: Archie, Gathing, Johnston, Williams, and Wells, Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

At 7:25 pm., the regular session was reconvened.

JROTC Presented the colors, and Barbara Wells, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting with the Board were:

Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Dr. Nicole Terrell-Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Dr. Geneva Walters, Superintendent
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

No reporters were present.

Superintendent's Report

❖ Good News:

School	Event	Explanation
District	Recognition	Kankakee School District 111 has been selected as a 2021-2022 District of Excellence for its use of Imagine Learning Illustrative Mathematics (formerly LearnZillion). This award represents the highest distinction in the Imagine Nation customer recognition program. After program usage was reviewed for the 2021-2022

		<p>school year, our district met the rigorous usage standards required for a District of Excellence designation. This high honor was achieved through the consistent use of Imagine Learning Illustrative Mathematics. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of administrators, teachers, staff, students, and parents.</p>
Steuben	Recognition	<p>Steuben Elementary has been selected as a 2021-2022 School of Excellence for its use of Imagine Lectura. This award represents the highest distinction in the Imagine Nation customer recognition program.</p> <p>After program usage was reviewed for the 2021-2022 school year, Steuben school met the rigorous usage standards required for a School of Excellence designation. We congratulate Steuben on achieving this high honor through the consistent use of Imagine Lectura.</p>
Kennedy	Math Bowl	<p>Sixteen district students competed in the South Cook Math Bowl recently. Students from Grades 1st through 8th completed various math problems from mental math to logic puzzles to KenKens. Everyone did their best and worked together well.</p> <p>We are celebrating the 5th and 6th-grade team, who placed 6th out of 16 for the team score. Not only did they place, but it was noted by officials that they were standouts for respect and kindness. The team consists of Wyatt Maass, Arcelia Gonzalez, Gael Guzman, and Jayden Petino-Lopez. Congratulations to all of the participants.</p>
KHS	<p>IPA Three Rivers Recognition</p> <p>Skills USA</p>	<p>Congratulations to Sydney Ramsey and Emily Campos for their recognition of stellar academic and civic achievement at this year's Three Rivers Awards on May 6th.</p> <p>Congratulations to Kayla Kelly for competing in the SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership & Skills Conference.</p> <p>The SkillsUSA Illinois Championships recognizes career and technical education students who excel in their occupational areas, and spotlights leadership development activities that are such an integral part of the SkillsUSA program. Kayla takes medical terminology at KACC.</p>

Kays Media	Event	There will be a Red Carpet event for Kays Media at 6:00 pm on May 12, 2022 in the cafeteria at KHS. Tickets can be purchased at the door or contact Tim Keown to purchase ahead of time.
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- ❖ Instruction:
 - Ms. Fountain discussed the Annual Consolidated District Plan, TNTP Findings, Summer Learning, and the Curriculum Management Plan. Dr. Lopez and Ms. Griffin presented on SEL in the district.
- ❖ JROTC
 - Nothing to Report
- ❖ Finance:
 - Dr. Smith discussed the following board memos:
 - Approval of 1 Year Contract with Constellation for Natural Gas Supply
 - Approval of 3-Year Contract with Riverside for Athletic Trainer Services
 - Approval to Purchase Furniture for the Steuben & Taft Libraries
 - Approval of Contract with Team Reil Incorporated for the Resurfacing of the Proegler and Steuben Playgrounds
 - Approval of Contract with EHC for the Abatement Work for the King and Kennedy Mechanicals Project.
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 - Approval of Audit Engagement Letter.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain and Mr. Wilcox introduced tonight's hires.

Public Comments

The following public comment was made.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Brooklyn Hardy	Ms. Hardy discussed her frustrations regarding CBE, and discrimination from certain teachers.
Linda Peterson	Mrs. Peterson spoke about Mrs. Veronda through the years and congratulated her on her retirement.
Kari Alderson	Mrs. Alderson discussed her concerns regarding teachers leaving the district. She also discussed her concern with Social-Emotional learning.
Pierre Allen	Mr. Allen discussed what he likes about CBE and how it has helped him.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval:
 - **April 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- The **Theraplay Contract** was presented for approval.
- The **FY 23 Consolidated District Plan** was presented for approval.
- The **2022-2023 District and School Improvement Plans for Preschool, Taft, Mark Twain, Steuben, Edison, Montessori-Fine Arts, King, Kennedy, Kankakee Junior High School, and Kankakee High School** were presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council Information** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation (Administrative Personnel)		

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes
Payroll & Related Bills
Regular Bills
Theraplay Contract
FY23 Consolidated
District Plan
2022-2023 District
& School Improvement
Plans

Head Start Policy
Council Information
Personnel Items

Resignations/Retirement
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Dr. Nicole Terrell Smith	Assistant Superintendent of Business Services	June 30, 2022
Resignations & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Karie Alderson	Social Worker at Kennedy Middle School	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Charity Bond	Teacher at Kennedy Middle School	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Michale Hawn	Social Worker at KHS	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Jarrod Huggins	Special Education Teacher at Kennedy	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Michael Kren	Music Teacher at King	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Cassisy Lancaster Vera	Dual Language Teacher at King	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Traci Lehning	Dual Language Teacher at Mark Twain	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Cynthia Nelson	Science Teacher at KJHS	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Michelle Provost	CCA Teacher at Mark Twain Primary	End of 2022-2023 School Year
Carrie Quigley	Special Education Co Teacher at Kennedy	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Resignation (Support Personnel)		
Benjamin Clark	Bookkeeper at KHS	May 6, 2022
Kuyanna Pope	Childcare Worker at Kennedy	April 19, 2022
Phaedra Woods Richardson	Operations/Building Safety Manager	April 8, 2022
Appointment (Administrative Personnel)		
Steven Chorak	Assistant Principal at KHS	July 1, 2022
Heather Giles	Assistant Principal at Taft	July 1, 2022
Pamela Powell	Director of Early Childhood	July 1, 2022
Pamala Saffore	Director of Secondary Education at KHS	July 1, 2022
Daniel Savage	Director of Transportation	July 1, 2022
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Brad Beniot	Fine Arts Teacher at KHS	August 1, 2022
James Render III	Band Director at KHS	August 1, 2022
Jordan Themer	Social Worker at KHS	August 18, 2022
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Dr. Francine Jones	Health Clinic Director	July 1, 2022
Sammie Jones	Parent Community Liaison/Youth Empowerment	July 1, 2022

Appointments

	Program	
Daniel Miller	Plumber at LCC	May 11, 2022
Maggerly Ruiz	Bilingual Special Education Paraprofessional	TBD
Stanley Stampley	Night Custodian at KJHS	May 10, 2022
Stanley Turner	Night Custodian at TBD	MAy 10, 2022
Internal Appointments (Administrative Personnel)		
Kendra Leftridge	Principal at Taft	July 1, 2022

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Williams to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Archie, Bohlen (Abstain F4), Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of 1 Year Contract with Constellation for Natural Gas Supply

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the 1 Year Contract with Constellation for Natural Gas Supply as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval of 3-Year Contract with Riverside for Athletic Trainer Services

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve a 3-Year Contract with Riverside for Athletic Trainer Services as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval to Purchase Furniture for the Steuben & Taft Libraries

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the purchase of furniture for Steuben and Taft Libraries as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Contract with Team Reil Incorporated for the Resurfacing of the Proegler and Steuben Playgrounds

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston to approve the Contract with Team Reil Incorporated for the Resurfacing of the Proegler and Steuben Playgrounds as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Verrett, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Contract with EHC for the Abatement Work for the King and Kennedy Mechanicals Project.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston to approve the Contract with EHC for the Abatement Work for the King and Kennedy Mechanicals Project as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Audit Engagement Letter.

A motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Williams to approve the audit engagement letter as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. ROLL CALL VOTE-NAYS: none. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Ratification of Teacher Contract 2023-2026.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston to approve the ratification of the teacher contract 2023-2026. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1 Year Contract with Constellation for Natural Gas Supply

3-Year Contract with Riverside for Athletic Trainer Services

Purchase Furniture for the Steuben & Taft Libraries.

Contract with Team Reil Incorporated for the Resurfacing of the Proegler and Steuben Playgrounds

Contract with EHC for the Abatement Work for the King and Kennedy Mechanicals Project.

Audit Engagement Letter.

Ratification of Teacher Contract 2023-2026.

8. Retention of Legal Counsel (Ekl, Williams & Provenzale LLC Attorney's at Law)

Retention of Legal
Council

A motion was made by Gathing seconded by Williams to approve the retention of legal counsel with Ekl, Williams & Provenzale LLC Attorney's at Law as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE-AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. NAYS: none. ABSTAIN, Bohlen. Motion carried.

Ms. Wells discussed the Social Media Policy and Ms. Johnston read a statement regarding the use of social media.

Old Business

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Information

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1. FOIA Request
2. State & Federal Revenue Report
3. Budget Update
4. Head Start Information
5. Curriculum Management Plan
6. Recommended Board Policy Manual Changes

At 8:37 pm, a motion was made by Williams, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Tracy Verrett, Secretary**APPROVED June 13, 2022**