

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 24, 2022

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The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:01 pm in the Gym at Kennedy Middle School 1550 W Callista St. Kankakee IL

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mary Archie
Chris Bohlen
Jess Gathing
Deb Johnston
Tracy Verrett, Board Secretary
Barbara Wells, Board President

Roll Call

Members Absent: Darrell Williams, Board Vice President (entered at 5:06 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

Closed Session

At 5:01 pm, 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 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, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

The regular session was reconvened at 7:02 pm.

Reconven

Barbara Wells, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Dr. Geneva Walters, Superintendent
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary
Daniel Savage, Transportation Director

ABC 7, WGN Chanel 9, NBC 5, and Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal were present.

Superintendent's Report

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- ❖ Good News

School	Event	Explanation
King	Donation	Mrs. West thanked Douglas Moore for donating clothes and uniforms to the students at King

- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Savage discussed transportation obstacles and presented to the board about bringing transportation in-house.
- ❖ Instruction
 - Dr. Walters discussed removing Slate and moving to Skyward for grading. She also clarified to the Public the District's work on inclusion and equity. Dr. Walters also made a statement regarding the incident at KHS.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed the process of termination and due process. Ms. Fountain also presented the timeline of events that occurred at KHS.

Amendment

Mr. Bohlen made a motion, seconded by Gathing, to move the Action Item (Approval of the Termination of John Donovan) to Item E on the Agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Action Item

1. Approval of the Termination of John Donovan.

A motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Gathing, to approve the termination of John Donovan as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion Carried. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Mr. Bohlen, Mrs. Verrett, Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Wells made statements regarding the incident at KHS.

Principal's Report

Dr. Burns welcomed everyone, introduced her staff, and showed a brief video.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Bishop Sammie Jones	Bishop Jones thanked the Board and Dr. Walters and discussed the issues with the incident at KHS. He asked that community forums happen.
Mike Prude	Mr. Prude discussed the Home Rule. Mr. Prude also thanked the administration and the Board for handling the incident the way they did.
Brenda Alexander	Ms. Alexander discussed an incident with her son that happened in February of 2022.
Latrice Carrol	Ms. Carrol discussed her efforts in mentoring students and the incident at KHS.
Kevin O'Connor	Mr. O'Connor discussed the other issues that happened with the student at KHS.
Travis Miller	Mr. Miller discusses the nation's problems with racism. Mr. Miller also discussed the problems of racism within the school district.
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Mr. Snipes discussed his concern with the incident of racism at KHS and the reasons students use social media instead of reporting to the administration.

Board Report

Mrs. Wells discussed the Joint Annual Conference.

Mr. Gathing discussed the October 20th Finance Meeting.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
 - **October 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Overnight Field Trip Request** was presented for approval.

Amendment

Action Items

Principals Report

Public Comments

Board Report

Consent Agenda

Minutes

Overnight Field Trip

Personnel Items

- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Steven Elliott	5th grade CCA Teacher at Kennedy	September 9, 2022
Pamela Sykes	Permanent Substitute at KJHS	October 6, 2022
Resignations (Support Personnel)		
Clifton Johnson	District Safety Supervisor at KHS	January 7, 2022
William Yohnka	Community Engagement Specialist at LCC	October 7, 2022
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)		
Kara Johnson	Social Worker at King	October 26, 2022
Jennifer Wek	SEL Coach	November 8, 2022
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Julissa Avalos	Dual Language Paraprofessional at Steuben	October 19, 2022
Claudia Avila Campa	Bilingual Paraprofessional Part Time	October 11, 2022
Alvon Billips	Student Support Services Driver	October 18, 2022
Alexandra Calderon	Interventionist at KHS	TBD
Catalina Chaca-Gonzalez	Interventionist at Steuben	October 24, 2022
Latisha Davis	Cafeteria Helper	TBD
Marquon Hammond	Student Support Services Driver at KHS	October 18, 2022
Dominique Hayes	Head Start paraprofessional at Proegler	TBD
Leslie Herrera	Dual Language Paraprofessional at Kennedy	October 31, 2022
Brianne Lindstrom	Cafeteria Helper	TBD
Rosemary Lonergan	Cafeteris Helper at KHS	October 26, 2022
Lyndell Obasiolu	Paraprofessional Special Education at Edison	October 7, 2022
Yasmine Ochoa	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Steuben	October 19, 2022
Veronica Ramirez Salvatierra	Cafeteris Helper at King	October 26, 2022
Steven Walls	Behavior Therapist at Edison	October 11, 2022
Cornelius Williams	Kays Mart/ Food Pantry at Avis Huff	October 19, 2022
Appointment (Extra Duty)		

Resignations

Appointments

James Banks Jr	Assistant Wrestling at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Elijah Brooks	Kays Media at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Reggie Odeneal-Teague	Assistant Football at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Lauren Penrod	Head Volleyball KJHS	2022-2023 School Year
Ryan Pietraszewski	Kays Media at KHS	2022-2023 School Year
Kieth Wilson	Minibike Director YEP	2022-2023 School Year
Internal Appointment (Administrative)		
George Harris	Principal at Steuben	October 24, 2022
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Elaine Brookshaw Redmond	Cafeteria Helper at Kennedy	October 18, 2022
Rebecca Howard	First Taste Program Supervisor	November 1, 2022
Donnie Muhammad	Day Custodian at KHS	October 17, 2022
Jennifer Olson	Cook at Kennedy	October 20, 2022
Kathy Wilder	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	October 18, 2022

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

New Business

Classroom: Parent Communication at the Junior High and High School.

Dr. Walters discussed communication with parents at KJHS, and KHS needs to be more consistent

Information & Proposals

1. FIOA Request

At 8:27 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Tracy Verrett, Secretary

APPROVED NOVEMBER, 14 2022

New Business

Information

Adjourn