

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**August 22, 2022**

The regular Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:37 pm in the Auditorium at Kankakee High School 1200 W. Jeffery St. Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

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

Roll Call

Members Absent: Barb Wells, Board President (entered at 7:01 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 5:37 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

Closed Session

- 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 Williams. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

At 7:13 pm., the regular session was reconvened.

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

Reconvened

Meeting with the Board were:

Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR  
Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum  
Dr. Genevra Walters, Superintendent  
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary.

Pledge

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

**Superintendent's Report**

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- ❖ Good News

School	Event	Explanation
KJHS	Retreat	This past week, KJHS hosted its first #iCommit Retreat, where teachers and staff engaged in professional development that provided introspection, reflection, and connections amongst us as a school community. They also had a keynote address from the award-winning author Dr. Thomas Salome-El that connected the staff with their WHY. His motto is that We choose to stay because every kid deserves someone that is crazy about them. This was a powerful retreat to help launch their school year. Ms. Morgan-Harris gave the board and cabinet gifts from the speaker.

- ❖ Transportation

- Mr. Savage discussed transportation issues our district and other districts are having.
- ❖ Instruction
  - Mrs. Hybert updated the board on the tutoring brochure. Mrs. Hybert also showed a video about adults lifting up our kids.
- ❖ Finance
  - Dr. Walters discussed the Finance Agenda.
- ❖ Garden of Prayer
  - Garden of Prayer will be moved to a future board meeting.
- ❖ Personnel
  - Ms. Fountain showed a presentation that introduced the administration.

**Public Comments**

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Name	Topic
Kristin Fields	Ms. Fields discussed her concerns with transportation and not knowing where her student is.
Gina Phillips	Ms. Phillips discussed issues that are happening with her son, her son not having one-on-one aid and getting the services he needs.
Jason Diaz	Mr. Diaz discussed his issues with the line that was outside of KHS today. Discussed options for the district to make transportation better.
Gretchen Allen	Ms. Allen discussed her issues with transportation and communication from the district.
Luke Shepherd	Mr. Shepherd discussed his issues with the community center location, the way a coach was talking to a student at practice, transportation, and still being able to use the baseball fields in Aroma Park.

**Amendment**

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Gathing to remove item F-9 (Salary Adjustment) from the agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, and Wells. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Amendment

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

- The following Board Minutes were presented for approval.
  - **August 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting (Regular & Closed Session)**
- The **Contract with Elevate** was presented for approval.
- The **Contract with Khan Academy** was presented for approval.
- The **Contract with Education Epiphany** was presented for approval.
- The **Contract with Imagine Learning** was presented for approval.
- The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval:

Consent Agenda

Minutes

Elevate  
Khan Academy  
Education Epiphany  
Imagine Learning

Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations &amp; Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)</b>		
Vicki Anderson	Teacher at KJHS	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Kristina Caponi	Senior Counselor at KHS	September 2, 2022
Amamda Doyle	Instructor at KHS	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Elizabeth Gernon-Lipofski	Bilingual Learning Partner	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Jennifer Page	Instructional Implementation Specialist at KHS	July 11, 2022

Resignations/Retirements

Carrie Rees	Teacher at Taft	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Elizabeth Scott	LRC Student Support Interventionist	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Ryan Smith	Teacher at KHS	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Stacie Sovinski	Teacher at MarkTwain	End of 2021-2022 School Year
<b>Resignations &amp; Retirement (Support Personnel)</b>		
Caryn Alder	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Estefania Barajas	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Steuben	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Latoya Calbert	Medical Billing Coding at KJHS	August 31, 2022
Annette Campos	Paraprofessional at King Middle School	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Unyque Drake	Paraprofessional at Edison	End of 2021-2022 School Year
Lecethia Harris	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 18, 2022
Mya Jarrett	Pre School for All Paraprofessionals	End of 2021-2022 School Year
<b>Appointment (Licensed Educational Professionals)</b>		
Christen Armour	Drama Instructor at KHS	August 18, 2022
Darriell Foster	SEI Coach at KJHS	August 18, 2022
Gene Harris	Special Education Teacher Part-time	August 18, 2022
Melissa Kahoun	Science Instructor/Science Competencies Writer 12 Month Postion	September 6, 2022
Ashley Kramer	Special Education Instructor	August 24, 2022
Katie Locke	6th Grade ELA Teacher at Kennedy	August 18, 2022
Sergio Parks	African American Studies Instructor/Freedom Schools Coordinator	August 18, 2022
Cynthis Talley	Business/SCC Instructor	August 18, 2022
Pamela Sykes	Permanent Substitute at KJHS	August 18, 2022
April Wendt	Remote Math Teacher at KHS	August 18, 2022
<b>Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Marshawn Calhoun	Head Startparaprofessional at Proegler	August 29, 2022
Tyray Daniels	JROTC Instructor at KHS	September 6, 2022
Imani Fountain	Head Start Paraprofessional at Proegler	August 22, 2022
Christal Jarrett	Paraprofessional at Edison	September 6, 2022
Michelle Johnson	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	August 18, 2022

Appointments

Megan Pierson	School Nurse District Wide	August 18, 2022
Cortez Peoples	CIPS Paraprofessional at Kennedy	August 18, 2022
Becky Randolph	Head Start Floating Substitute at Proegler	August 29, 2022
Christine Zeedyk	Parent Educator at Proegler	TBD
<b>Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)</b>		
Maurice Carson	Day Custodian at KJHS	August 23, 2022
Jared Harris	YEP Coordinator	July 1, 2022
Danielle Papineau	Head Start Family Support Specialist at Proegler	August 18, 2022
Crystal Sanchez	Guidance Secretary at KHS	July 1, 2022
Sarah Vinardi	Executive Secretary/ Office Project Manager	July 1, 2022

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

**Action Items**

1. Approval of Board Members' Expense Reimbursement.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve board member expense reimbursement as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE- AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Bohlen. NAYS-none. ABSTAIN- Wells. Motion Carried.

At 8:11 pm, a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Verrett, Secretary

**APPROVED SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

Action Items  
Board Member Expense  
Reimbursement

Adjourn