

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 29, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Aroma Park Primary School, 101 S. Division Street, Aroma Park, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: John Coghlan
 Jess Gathing, Jr.
 Karen Johnston, President
 Angela Shea

Members absent: Amelia Davis, Vice President
 Joseph Lightfoot
 Barbara Wells, Secretary (*entered at 6:02 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:01 p.m., motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn to the Library for closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and negotiations. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Coghlan, Gathing, Shea, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

At 7:03 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by five Aroma Park students.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent
Robert Grossi, Director of Business Services
John Thomas, Assistant Superintendent
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

News media reporter, Mr. John Dykstra, was present from The Daily Journal.

Amendment to the Agenda

President Johnston asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item G.3.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Coghlan, to amend the agenda to remove item G.3. as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Coghlan, Gathing, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Geneva A. Walters

➤ Good News

School	Position/Name	Event
Proegler	Field Placements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Head Start Program is a popular choice for ONU students in completing their field placement requirements. This semester is no different in that they will have eight students on-site. They will also have two KCC students in

Roll Call

Closed Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Amendment to Agenda

Superintendent's Report

Good News

	<p>Honored Guests</p> <p>Tri-Star Martial Arts</p>	<p>the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 9th, Judge Michael Kick and Judge Michael Kramer visited every classroom, dressed in their black robes, and read the book, "Lincoln's Hat" to 340 children. It was quite a treat and everyone learned something about our 16th president as they were preparing to celebrate President's Day. • On February 23, Duane Brumit, owner of Tri-Star Martial Arts, began the first of nine weekly karate lessons for all 340 Head Start students during their regularly scheduled PE class. Mr. Brumit is providing this exceptional training for their students at no charge.
<p>Steuben</p>	<p>Donation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steuben staff has donated a large quantity of instructional materials, previously used textbooks, and academic-based games that teachers no longer needed or used to The Bible Witness Camp in Pembroke. This four year partnership has now provided much needed materials to students who attend their summer program and a school in the Philippines. Many materials have been shipped to the school in the Philippines and recently, one of the mission directors visited the school and was very excited to experience the appreciation of learning that is occurring through the generosity of Steuben's donations. Together, they are making a difference in students' lives, near and far.
<p>Kennedy</p>	<p>Donations</p> <p>Grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennedy students and staff recently held a jeans day where students and staff could wear jeans for a donation of \$1.00. The \$274 raised went toward the family of Ta'nyiah Hale from Lafayette. • Kennedy received the following donations for their Donuts for Dads event held on February 17th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Texas Roadhouse donated three buckets of peanuts and gift cards. ➢ Roy's Brother Automotive donated an oil change. ➢ Mr. Theodis Pace donated a Subway gift care, a football, and a basketball. • Dr. Pat Starks-Howard received a grant from Reflex Math for a program that helps students with fact memorization. The monetary value of the grant is \$1,625. There are three stipulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Dr. Starks has to complete a two-hour training session via the telephone. ➢ Her students have to spend at least 20 minutes on the program three times a week. ➢ She must send home a letter to the parents. <p>Kennedy is very honored as there were 3,000 applications submitted. This will be a great asset to her classroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia Sobodas (Fifth Grade College and Career Academy Teacher) recently received a grant for \$517 from Donorschoose.org. Mrs. Sobodas will be taking her class (along with 4 students who are mainstreamed into her classroom) to Illinois State University to visit the campus (Kennedy is a No Excuses University School) and watch

		the Illinois State Gamma Phi Circus. The grant pays for bussing (\$300) and the Gamma Phi Circus (\$217 for tickets). They are excited about their students having the opportunity to visit the campus and see the Illinois State University Gamma Phi Circus students in action.
KHS	Thank you!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KHS would like to thank the Board of Education for the opportunity to represent the state of Illinois at the Capitol Hill Day 2016. Courtney Illum and Kacie Lalumendier had the opportunity to speak with 9 Representatives on Wednesday, February 10. The purpose of the meeting was to request continued funding at the current level for Special Olympics in the area of education and health. As Unified Partners these young ladies were able to share their personal story. Being able to hear how funding directly touches individuals lives is the best way for Representatives to see the importance of continuing funding. The Illinois contingency had the opportunity to tour the White House on Thursday and visit the Smithsonian. Thank you to the Board of Education for this once in a lifetime opportunity for their students!

Dr. Walters made the following announcements:

- Kankakee School District has a number of Kindergarten Magnet openings and several other openings in all Magnet Programs including the Montessori Magnet Program. The district will be heavily advertising for these openings.
- STEAM Summer Camp will be held June 13th through July 29th. The camp will be supported by one of our vendors and the district will be advertising for enrollment very soon.
- Kindergarten pre-registration will be held on Thursday, April 7th, at the Kankakee Public Library, 4th floor, from 2:00-7:00 PM.
- The district is exploring the possibility of a new magnet program called Sports & Media Communication Magnet. This is actually a Kinesthetic Magnet for a student that really likes movement and kinesthetic activities.

Principal’s Report

Dr. O’Connor, Principal at Aroma Park Primary School, provided the following information:

Dr. O’Connor had five students share their innovative activities and projects they are doing in the classroom. She stated that Aroma Park teachers are getting away from the traditional teaching styles because they want their students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers. The teachers are using supplementary curriculum from Defined STEM and are exploring different careers using project based learning. The students were: Jordyn Miniel – Kindergarten; Noah Posing – 1st Grade; Yanilet Medina – 2nd Grade; and Iyana Rodriguez and Nayona Stubbs – 3rd Grade.

Dr. O’Connor reviewed some AIMSWeb data from the Fall to Winter by grade level. She said that third grade is not where they want it to be, so that is their focus. They showed the least growth across the board. The reading and math consultants have helped Aroma Park narrow the focus at third grade and grade level meetings have been helpful to collaborate at that level.

Dr. O’Connor reported that the Leadership Team meets monthly and helps monitor their School Improvement Plan goals: 1) improve student achievement; 2) increase parent and community involvement; 3) equity action plan; 4) positive school climate. Dr. O’Connor reviewed Aroma Park’s celebrations and challenges and concluded by honoring a retiring teacher, Mr. Jeff Anderson, for 38 years of service to Kankakee School District.

Public Comments

The following public comments were made:

NAME	TOPIC
Kirsty Shepherd	Concerned about the future of the Aroma Park Little League Park with the closing of the Aroma Park Primary School.
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Concerned about the number of African American administrators in Kankakee School District.
Michele Crecy	Spoke about an incident that occurred at Kankakee High School.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - **February 8, 2016-Regular Meeting (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)**
- The regular Bills were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
- The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations/Retirements-Certified Personnel		
Dawn Wendt	3 rd /4 th Grade Gifted Teacher at Kennedy	End of 2015-16 School Year
Linda Campbell	Family & Consumer Science Teacher at KHS	End of 2015-16 School Year
Resignations-Support Personnel		
Laurie Williams	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	February 8, 2016
Resignations-Administrative Personnel		
Tandalaya White	Assistant Principal at KHS	End of 2015-16 School Year
Michele Brown	Assistant Principal at KHS	End of 2015-16 School Year
Appointments-Support Personnel		
Erin J. Haut	Paraprofessional at Kennedy	March 1, 2016
David Wills	Lead Mentor at KJHS	February 9, 2016
Appointments-Extra-Curricular Personnel		
Craig Blake	Softball, Assistant Varsity Coach at KHS	February 29, 2016
Thomas Stanfield	Baseball, Head Sophomore Coach at KHS	February 29, 2016
Brian Manering	Baseball, Assistant Varsity Coach at KHS	February 29, 2016
Rebekah Ruettiger	Softball, Head Sophomore Coach at KHS	February 29, 2016
Guy Jasmin	Tennis, Assistant Coach at KHS	February 29, 2016
Jacob Niemann	Baseball, Assistant Sophomore Coach at KHS	February 29, 2016
Lauren Penrod	Softball, Assistant Sophomore Coach at KHS	February 29, 2016
Non-Renewal-Administrative Assignment		
Ricky Johnson	CIPS Operations Supervisor at KHS	End of 2015-16 School Year
Salary Adjustment-Support Personnel		
Heather Claborn	Communications Secretary	February 1, 2016
Reassignment-Administrative Personnel		
Tammy Williams	Assistant Principal at KHS	July 1, 2016

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Shea, to approve the above listed Consent Agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Wells, Coghlan, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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Resignations

Appointments

Non-Renewal

Salary
Adjustment

Reassignment

Copier Contract

The administration recommended to approve the copier contract with Proven Business Systems.

Copier Contract

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the copier contract as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Wells, Coghlan, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2015-2016 School Calendar Amendment

The 2015-2016 school calendar amendment was presented for approval. An emergency day was used on February 24th due to inclement weather. The administration asked the Board to approve the amendment to the 2015-2016 school calendar whereby the last day of school is changed from May 27th to May 31st.

2015-2016 Amended School Calendar

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Coghlan, to approve the 2015-2016 amended School Calendar as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Shea, Wells, Coghlan, Gathing, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Appointment of Robert A. Grossi as School Treasurer for Kankakee School District

The appointment of Robert A. Grossi as School Treasurer for Kankakee School District was presented for approval.

School Treasurer

Motion was made by Wells, seconded by Gathing, to approve the appointment of Robert A. Grossi as School Treasurer for Kankakee School District as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Shea, Wells, Coghlan, Gathing, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

Old Business

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

Information

1. Personnel Transfers

Name	Transferred To	Effective Date
Certified Personnel		
Esther Young	District ESL Teacher at Lafayette	February 17, 2016

Personnel Transfer FOIA

2. Freedom of Information Act ~ Request for Information

At 7:44 p.m. motion was made by Wells, seconded by Shea, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: _____
Karen Johnston, President

ATTEST: _____
Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

vs

Approved: March 29, 2016