

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
February 12, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Proegler School, 710 North Chicago Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mary Archie  
Jess Gathing, Jr.  
Karen Johnston, Vice President  
Joseph Lightfoot  
Angela Shea, Secretary  
Barbara Wells, President  
Darrell Williams

Members absent: None

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 5:37 p.m., motion was made by Williams, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn to Room 104 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: Archie, Gathing, Johnston, Lightfoot, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

At 7:06 p.m., the regular session was reconvened with Board member Joseph Lightfoot absent.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent  
Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent  
Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent  
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

There were no news media reporters present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Students from Proegler School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Superintendent's Report**

**1. Good News**

School	Name/Event	Explanation
District	Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Peoples Church in Bourbonnais made a donation in the amount of \$333 for the purpose of providing lunches to students or care packages of food for students. The church board is happy to help meet the needs of our community and the District appreciates their kindness.</li><li>On December 13<sup>th</sup>, twenty-one students had the opportunity to have free eye exams at</li></ul>

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	Online Curriculum	<p>LensCrafters with twenty students receiving new glasses, free of charge. LensCrafters graciously provided snacks and activities while the children waited to be examined by the eye doctor. Nurses as well as many staff members from Student Support Services assisted with transporting and supervising students during this event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six families received food baskets and Christmas gifts donated by the Loyal Order of Moose. Twenty-one students received Christmas gifts because of this generous program. All food baskets and gifts were delivered to the student's homes on December 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• During the Fall 2017 semester, thirty-three ONU nursing students had the opportunity to spend the day with district nurses as part of their pediatric practicum. The ONU nursing students enjoyed interacting with the students as well as learning more about our school district.</li> <li>• HomeStar Bank and Mike O'Brien offered our sixth grade students at King/Kennedy and Montessori access to an online curriculum, EVERFI, that immerses learners into real-life financial scenarios that focus on skill building and responsible decision making.</li> </ul>
Kennedy	Scholarship  Visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Tracy Selock, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade gifted class teacher, was awarded the Mary Ann Paradise Illinois Association for Gifted Children Convention Scholarship. This scholarship provides financial support to those who enhance their understanding of gifted education. Mrs. Selock was one of two recipients awarded her registration fee. Congratulations, Tracy!</li> <li>• The Blackhawks GOAL Team, which stands for Get Out and Learn, visited Kennedy recently. The fan team brought floor hockey equipment for an entire class, taught two 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes the basics of hockey, and donated the equipment to Kennedy's PE department. Thank you to Mr. Dan Bleyle, Kennedy's new PE teacher, for making this happen!</li> <li>• Kalee Dionne, meteorologist with NBC5 Chicago, visited Kennedy and shared an energetic and interactive program with the students. The students also visited with StormRanger5, the stations mobile radar vehicle.</li> </ul>
Proegler	Gift Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kankakee School District's Preschool Program earned a \$25 Amazon gift card for sending student-made holiday cards to members of congress.</li> </ul>

**2. Draft 2018-2019 Calendar Discussion**

Dr. Walters said that a discussion is needed about next years school calendar because of the high school renovation project. The district is trying to give the construction company more time during the summer months to get a lot of the work finished. There are two options, option one is that all students begin school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Option two is that school begins on August 22<sup>nd</sup> with the high school attending a week later. The district is submitting a proposal to ISBE to have five e-learning days. The students would have 1:1 technology through their Chromebooks and would be required to log in for five days in a row. Teachers would report to work and provide instruction on-line. There will be satellite sites in the community as well as an area in the high school if students need to come in to receive support. The district would like to partner with the Kankakee Public Library, the King building, and other places within the community for those students who do not have Wi-Fi access. Adults who are not attached to classrooms will make home visits to check on students who have not logged in and if they cannot get ahold of the students, that student would be counted as absent.

A discussion followed and Dr. Walters said hopefully, within the next two weeks she can let the Board know if this is an option.

**3. Trip to Fermilab**

Dr. Walters reported that through one of our educational consultants, Karen Brown, a trip was arranged for 100 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to visit the Fermilab. Fermilab is a governmental lab that does research for the Federal Government. The student were able to experience hands-on exhibits, interact with a number of employees, and enjoy lunch.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Jennifer Hering, Director of Proegler School**

Mrs. Hering distributed the Head Start annual report to the public, to the Board of Education members, and to Superintendent Walters.

Mrs. Hering began her report with the introduction of those present from the Head Start Policy Council and her administrative team. Sherry Spencer introduced the staff from Foster Grandparents, Head Start, and Pre-school.

Mrs. Hering showed a video of the children in action to bring to light how learning takes place at Proegler. She concluded with a review of the school improvement goals and stated that Head Start will have a Federal Review this year and the Preschool For All Grant has been submitted for recompetition.

**Public Comments**

The following public comments were made:

Name	Topic
Travis Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applauded Dr. Walters for holding a healing meeting with the district athletes and the athletes of Crete Monee High School.</li> <li>• Discussed the importance of social media in today's society and the impact that it may have on a person or situation. He said the Superintendent took a stand to encourage all adults to respect one another and to teach our students the important use of social media and not to degrade one another. He gave examples of a Board member not setting a good example and questioned whether this is the behavior we want our students to model.</li> </ul>

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

1. The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
  - **January 8, 2018-Regular Meeting (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)**
  - **January 30, 2018-Special Meeting (Regular Session Minutes)**
2. The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
3. The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)

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4. The **Board of Education Policy Changes (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)** were presented for approval.
5. The **KHS Overnight Trip Request** to Mt. Olympus, Wisconsin Dells, was presented for approval.
6. The **Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar** was presented for approval.  
A snow day was used on February 9<sup>th</sup> and the calendar was revised to add a day at the end of the school year. The last day of school will be May 29, 2018.
7. The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
  - November 9, 2017 Policy Council Minutes
  - Bradley School District 61 Memorandum of Understanding
  - Herscher School District 2 Memorandum of Understanding
  - Kankakee School District 111 Memorandum of Understanding
5. The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations-Licensed Educational Professionals</b>		
Andrea Anderson	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at King	February 9, 2018
Candice Birr	Instructional Teacher at Edison	End of 2017/18 School Year
Tricia Peterson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Mark Twain	January 29, 2018
<b>Appointments-Support Personnel</b>		
Reshane Brickhouse	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	February 13, 2018
Brooke Bridges	Cafeteria Helper at Proegler	January 9, 2018
Lessly Hernandez	Dual Language Paraprofessional at Steuben	February 20, 2018
Jessica Joiner	Library Aide at KJHS	February 13, 2018
Renee Sanders	Cafeteria Helper at Edison	January 9, 2018
Betty Spears	Cafeteria Helper at LCC	February 13, 2018
<b>Appointments-Extra-Curricular Personnel</b>		
Leon Allen	Jazz Band Director, District Wide	February 12, 2018
Laura James	Girls on the Run at Kennedy	February 12, 2018
Jori Koster	Girls on the Run at Kennedy	February 12, 2018
<b>Leave of Absences-Support Personnel</b>		
Michelle Dandurand	Physical Therapist at Avis Huff	Jan. 16, 2018-Apr 2, 2018
Brittany Lane	Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	Mar. 20, 2018-May 31, 2018

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

#### **Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Grant Funded Programs and Initiatives**

The following personnel were presented for honorable dismissal:

- **Part-time Paraprofessionals**

Gayle Alvey	Christine Hallberg
Dawn Beedy	Erin Haut
Pam Bruso	Ryan Morris
Christine Case	Lynne Papineau
Jalesa Franks	Jocelyn Robinson
Stacy Gall	Ma Susanna Shelton
Dawn Gaudet	Jamie Spiese
Dana Gray	Lisa Zarate
- **Preschool For All Paraprofessionals**

Patricia Adams	Michelle Randle
Maureen Cahill	Illiana Salazar
- **Preschool For All Coordinators**

Mary Martinez
Dora Mendez
- **Prevention Initiative**

Policy Changes  
Overnight Trip  
Revised Calendar

Head Start

Personnel

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Honorable Dismissals

Erica Baptist  
Rosaura Calderon

Sarah Gowler  
Mary Randle

➤ **Community/Parent Liaison**

Dan Harris  
Estefanie Martinez  
Theodis Pace

➤ **Part-time Academic Interventionists**

Maureen Antognoli  
Constance Beatty  
Stella Chingas  
Karen Deam  
Melissa Denoyer  
Joseph Fuhrmann

Maria Glasglow  
Mary Mercer  
Susan Neeb  
Margaret Smith  
Cynthia Somerville

➤ **Part-Time Avid Tutor**

Reggie Stevenson

➤ **Part-time Speech Language Pathologist**

Constance Angelo

➤ **Part-time Data Assessment**

Randy Rose

➤ **Part-time Physical Education Consultant**

Betty Peters-Lambert

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Grant Funded Programs and Initiatives as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of District Funded Programs and Initiatives**

The following personnel were presented for honorable dismissal:

➤ **Part-time Paraprofessionals**

Sue Bennett  
Kelly Costanza  
Kevina Gant  
Rhonda Love

Amanda Pepin  
Amelia Toronjo  
Bridgett Underwood  
Carol Williamson

➤ **Student Support Interventionist**

Alan Ford

➤ **Permanent Substitutes**

Curtis Crossley  
Lee Grant

Devin Glover-Johnson  
Toni Jordan

➤ **Part-time Speech Language Pathologists**

Charles Parsons  
Christy Strole

➤ **Part-time Psychologist**

Carol Szynal

- **Part-time Assessment Coordinator**  
Cynthia Palmer
- **Part-time Social Worker**  
Connie Lambert

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Shea, to approve the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of District Funded Programs and Initiatives as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **Recommended Substitute Changes**

Motion was made by Shea, seconded by Gathing, to approve the recommended substitute changes as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Shea, Williams, Archie, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **Information and Proposals**

The following items were provided for information:

1. 2016-2017 District and School Report Cards
2. Freedom of Information Requests
3. State and Federal Revenue Update
4. Previous Bill Run
5. Board Committee Meeting Minutes
6. Budget Update
7. Staff Absence Report
8. January Suspension Data

At 7:48 p.m., motion was made by Williams, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

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Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

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Angela F. Shea, Secretary

vs

**Approved: March 6, 2018**

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Adjourn