

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
December 11, 2017**

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 Cafeteria at Kankakee Junior High School, 2250 East Crestwood Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mary Archie  
Karen Johnston, Vice President  
Joseph Lightfoot  
Angela Shea, Secretary  
Barbara Wells, President

Members absent: Jess Gathing, Jr. (\*entered at 6:49 PM)  
Darrell Williams (\*entered at 6:07 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 6:04 p.m., motion was made by Lightfoot, seconded by Archie, to adjourn to closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Johnston, Lightfoot, Shea, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

At 7:07 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Barbara Wells.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

➤ **Good News Items**

School	Name	Event
KHS	Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CSL Behring donated \$1,000 to the KHS Robotics Program.</li><li>Johnsonville Sausage and their Community Giving Drive selected the Kankakee High School Theatre Program to receive \$7,500 as part of their 2017 program.</li></ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Congratulations to Jill Rodgers (Steuben</li></ul>

Roll  
Call

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Reconvene

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Good News

Steuben Edison KHS	Honors	<p>Elementary School) and Holly Schafroth (Edison Primary School) for being chosen as winners in the 2016-2017 Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education, Pledge for Life Partnership, and Life Education Center's "Best Practice Contest."</p> <p>The "Best Practice Contest" is designed to recognize educators who develop projects to reinforce Life Education Center Programs with monetary prizes of \$100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$50.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and \$25.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. They were inspired by Ms. Rodger's 1<sup>st</sup> place entry title "What Are You Eating?" and Ms. Schafroth's 2<sup>nd</sup> place entry title "Edison's Farmer's Market." Their lessons nicely complimented the curriculum taught in the Life Education Center.</p> <p>Also honored was Aviana Lozano for her winning billboard design using the theme "Life Gives You a Chance to Turn Around...Will Drug Abuse Do The Same?" Aviana is a 2017 graduate of Kankakee High School. The Life Education Center also extended a special thank you to Mr. Knudson at Kankakee High School for his efforts to encourage his students to enter the contest. Ms. Lozano's winning billboard is attached.</p>
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- Dr. Walters congratulated Board President Barbara Wells for receiving a Master School Board Member award from the Illinois Association of School Boards. They recognize board members for the time and effort they devote to IASB leadership activities and service to the public education community. Points are earned by attending division meetings, governing meetings, legislative leadership programs as well as holding positions of leadership within the Association.
- Dr. Walters introduced the project manager and architect for the high school construction project, Mr. Dan Petrarca, and Mr. Ed Wright. Mr. Wright presented a virtual tour on how the high school will look after the construction project is completed. Mr. Wright said that construction will begin in March of 2018 with an approximate end date in March 2019. Dr. Walters said there will be a link on the district website to communicate to the public the progress of the construction. Mr. Harris stated there will be a parent meeting at the high school on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM regarding the construction project.

#### **Principal's Report – Dr. Larry Gray, Principal at Kankakee Junior High School**

Dr. Gray began his presentation with the introduction of his staff members that were present. He stated that the junior high has something for every student. They offer the Advance Scholars Program, the AVID-School Wide Strategy, College Career Academy–Define STEM, and the IB-Middle Years Program. Dr. Gray briefly reviewed each program. He said the next steps are as follows:

- Informational meeting for students and parents between December/January
- Selection of students for each program – January-February
- Staff training and collaboration for program details
- Revisit the mission statement of Kankakee Junior High School
- Spring open house to showcase all the programs

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments made.

Principal's  
Report

Public  
Comments

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

1. The Board minutes were presented for approval:
  - November 13, 2017-Regular Meeting (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
2. The Board members reimbursements were presented for approval.
3. The Regular Bills were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
4. The Payroll and Related Bills were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
5. The Resolution for the Release of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Recordings was presented for approval. (See Insert C.)
6. The Head Start Policy Council Documents were presented for approval.
7. The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Staff Member	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignation-Licensed Educational Professionals</b>		
Michael Sneideraitis	Math Teacher at KJHS	December 22, 2017
<b>Resignation-Support Personnel</b>		
Charlene Haisma	Special Education Paraprofessional at Taft	September 29, 2017
Yuridia Lamb	Special Education Paraprofessional at Edison	November 21, 2017
Cheree McDaye	Special Education Paraprofessional at Edison	November 7, 2017
Tyisha Williams	Cafeteria Helper at Kennedy	November 9, 2017
Teresa Zamarripa	Migrant Recruiter at Steuben	December 8, 2017
<b>Resignation-Extra-Duty Assignments</b>		
Samuel Jordan	Assistant Wrestling at KHS	December 11, 2017
<b>Corrections-Extra-Duty Assignments</b>		
Sean Gilreath	Additional Stipend for Assistant Wrestling at KHS	December 11, 2017
Greg Murphy	Additional Stipend for Assistant Wrestling at KHS	December 11, 2017
Delbert Trowell	Additional Stipend for Assistant Wrestling at KHS	December 11, 2017
Lori Buckman	Approved for Special Choral Group, but one doesn't exist for the 2017-2018 School Year	December 11, 2017
<b>Appointment-Licensed Educational Professional</b>		
Samuel Hankins	Band Director District Wide	2018-19 School Year
Michael Matthews	Science Teacher at KHS	January 8, 2018
<b>Internal Appointment-Support Personnel</b>		
Sharisse Christon	Payroll Coordinator at LCC	October 1, 2017
<b>Appointments-Extra-Duty Personnel</b>		
Jennifer Nikolic	Gay Straight Alliance Club at KHS	December 11, 2017
Dallas Ryan	Pep Sponsor at KHS	December 11, 2017
Noelle Hannay	Musical Choreographer at KHS	December 11, 2017
<b>Termination-Support Personnel</b>		
Jacquelyn Harris	Business Office Coordinator at LCC	December 11, 2017

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the above listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Gathing, Johnston, Lightfoot, Shea, Williams and Wells. Nays: Lightfoot (on G.12. only). Motion carried.

**2017 Tax Levy**

The 2017 Tax Levy was presented for approval. President Wells asked if there were any questions and hearing none, asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the 2017 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Johnston, Lightfoot, Shea, Williams, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**2017 Supplemental Tax Levy**

The 2017 Supplemental Tax Levy was presented for approval. President Wells asked if there were any questions and hearing none, asked for a motion. (See Insert D.)

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the 2017 supplemental tax levy as

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Reimbursements

Bills

Executive Session Minutes

Head Start

Personnel

Resignations

Corrections

Appointments

Termination

2017 Tax Levy

Supplemental Tax Levy

presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Johnston, Lightfoot, Shea, Williams, Archie, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **2018 Worker's Compensation Insurance**

The recommendation to accept the 2018 Worker's Compensation Insurance from the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT), with a joint broker agreement with Alliant Mesirow and HomeStar was presented for approval. President Wells asked if there were any questions and hearing none, asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Shea, seconded by Gathing, to approve the 2018 Worker's Compensation Insurance as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Lightfoot, Shea, Williams, Archie, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Abstained: Johnston. Motion carried.

### **Laude Latin Model Plan – Class of 2021**

The recommendation to adopt the Laude Latin Model Plan – Class of 2021 was presented for approval. President Wells asked if there were any questions. Mrs. Shea stated that one of the concerns she was hearing was from a college standpoint, the class rank is still very important. Dr. Walters replied that the school would still have the class rank, but many of the colleges are also moving away from it. Dr. Walters also stated the Laude Plan is eliminating students competing against each other and they will be taking classes that interest them and competing against themselves.

Motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Gathing, to approve the Laude Latin Model Plan-Class of 2021 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Shea, Williams, Archie, Gathing, Johnston, Lightfoot, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Mrs. Shea and Mrs. Wells spoke briefly on their experiences at the recent IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference they attended in November.

### **Information and Proposals**

The following items were provided for information:

1. Annual Statement of Affairs
2. November Suspension Report
3. State & Federal Revenue Report
4. Budget Update
5. Previous Bill Runs
6. Staff Absence Report

At 7:55 p.m. motion was made by Williams, seconded by Lightfoot, 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: January 8, 2018**

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Laude Latin Plan

Old Business

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Statement of Affairs  
Suspension Report  
Financial Reports  
Staff Absences

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