# KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111 BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES May 9, 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 Proegler School, 710 North Chicago Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL** 

Roll Call

Members present: Amelia Davis, Vice President

Karen Johnston-Gentry, President

Joseph Lightfoot Angela Shea

Barbara Wells, Secretary

Members absent: John Coghlan (\*entered at 6:08 PM)

Jess Gathing, Jr. (\*entered at 6:07 PM, exited at 7:50 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

#### **Closed Session**

At 6:05 p.m., motion was made by Davis, seconded by Lightfoot, to adjourn to Room 205 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: Davis, Lightfoot, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

At 7:12 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

Reconvene

Closed Session

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Mrs. Irish's class. The students also recited a portion of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I've Got a Dream" speech.

Pledge

Meeting with the Board were:

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

No news reporter was present.

#### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

#### Good News

School	Event	Explanation
Mark Twain	Donation	<ul> <li>Lowe's Home Improvement Store donated 70 bags of mulch for Mark Twain's Hero Garden. Mark Twain appreciates the wonderful gift that enhanced the entrance to their school.</li> </ul>
Edison	Donation	<ul> <li>Mrs. Vicki Staniszeski, a cafeteria employee at Edison, donated \$50 to the Edison PTO.</li> </ul>
Kennedy	Contest	The following Kennedy Middle Grade School students performed well at the IESA Solo and Ensemble Contest in Dwight on April 2 <sup>nd</sup> .  Anayah Buckner, Division II rating Diamond Blomlie, Division II rating Lazeris Moore, Division I rating

Good News

		Students were coached by their music/choir teacher, Mrs. Jamie Kotovsky.
	Fundraiser	<ul> <li>Kennedy students and staff recently held a jeans day and raised \$453.20 for the Ward family who recently experienced great loss due to a house fire.</li> </ul>
		Deb Adams was recognized by the Community Foundation for her volunteer efforts at school, tutoring at church, community events, and mentoring.
LCC	Honors	At the recent IESA Organizational Contest the following honors were awarded:
		IHSA Organizational Contest:  ➤ 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Orchestra/Wind Ensemble/Jazz Band
KJHS	Poetry Slam	On Tuesday, April 19, fourteen student poets from Kankakee Junior High School performed their original poems before an enthusiastic and supportive audience. About 80 people gathered at Feed Arts and Cultural Center for the fifth annual Junior High Poetry Slam, a joint venture of the Junior High School and the Kankakee Public Library. This year's theme was Keep it Real, and the students' poems ranged from high energy raps to profound social commentary. First place honors went to Jy'Aire Ray, second place was earned by Terry George, and Benjamin Ramirez won third place. The winners were decided by a panel of five judges and were awarded prize baskets provided by the Junior High PTO and the Kankakee Public Library.
		Students who enjoy writing poetry but were not comfortable performing their poems in public could submit them in writing to be judged. The winners of that contest were as follows: Marlesia Walker won first place, Gabryonna Bell won second, and Preston King won third. The event will be held again next April, always during National Poetry Month.
KHS	Award	Special Olympics Illinois has started a new program where one school in each area would be recognized as a Unified Champion School for their work with Project UNIFY. In order to be a Unified Champion School you need to participate in all three categories of Project UNIFY: Unified Sports, Youth Leadership and a Whole School Component. Kankakee High School was selected for Area 8 to receive the Unified Champion School Award. Kankakee High School will receive a banner at the
		Special Olympic Spring Games competition on May 7 <sup>th</sup> during Opening Ceremonies.
District	Grant	Bilingual Educational Excellence Grant     Bilingual Educational Excellence Grant funds help improve instructional services for English learners (ELs) while ensuring equitable access to educational excellence. District has been awarded up to \$8,955; these funds will support our work in developing and implementing language instruction and academic resources for English learners.
	Partnership	National Board Certification Partnership with National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University     This partnership affords 36 KSD111 teachers the opportunity to receive 12 sessions of professional

## Lead Higher Initiative

development focused on Differentiation in Instruction and Effective and Reflective Practitioners. Each of the 36 candidates has been awarded a \$1900 one-time fee subsidy for the National Board Certification process from the Illinois State Board of Education. National Board Certification is the highest mark of professional accomplishment. The cohort will complete the process in May 2017.

## Lead Higher Initiative:

Kankakee School District 111 was accepted into the Lead Higher Illinois Cohort. The Lead Higher mission "is to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed in challenging high school courses."

In Kankakee's partnership, teachers and administrators will focus on increasing challenging high school courses because the academic intensity of the high school curriculum is the biggest driver of college completion. The goal will be to identify and upgrade students who can succeed in Advanced Placement courses but are not yet enrolled in these courses for systemic reasons related to race or socioeconomics.

#### Our Kankakee Cohort Goals:

- 1. Fully close race and income participation gaps in AP by fall 2017
- 2. Raise AP performance by spring 2018, as measured by passing exams.
- 3. Develop systems and structures for the district to sustain and improve upon these results in future years to close the achievement gap and increase the number of students who attend college.

#### Wind Turbine

- The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation is awarding a grant of up to \$40,000 to the Kankakee School District #111 for the Educational Wind Turbine installation project. This grant is for the installation of a single 1-5 kW wind turbine at Kankakee School District #111. By turning school buildings into hands-on science experiments, this program makes science fun and teaches students how their everyday actions can positively impact the environment. To enhance the educational value of the system, online monitoring to provide real time data on the amount of electricity generated is included in the grant. Every day, the students are able to access data showing energy production through the online monitoring systems included in the grant and available online. Congratulations STEM academy at the high school.
- Superintendent Walters announced the District's 1<sup>st</sup> annual Peace Walk to be held on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. She stated that the District partnered with a local community member, Leon Burrell, who designed a t-shirt.

## **Director's Report**

Rebecca McBroom, Director of Head Start, reported that Head Start's goals are aligned with Dr. Walters' goals: Student Performance/Programming, Culture and Climate, Staff Accountability, Finances, and Buildings and Grounds. Along with Dr. Walters' goals, Head Start must also function within the grants goals. She reviewed data that supported the alignment of goals.

Director's Report Mrs. McBroom provided Governance Training and distributed materials to all Board of Education members as well as Superintendent Walters.

She concluded her presentation with the introduction of her staff by departments.

## **Public Comments**

The following comments were made:

Speaker	Topic
Robert Ellington-Snipes	He passed out information to each Board member on a grievance.
	Spoke on the necessity of keeping minority employees.
	Communicated information on the 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KFT.

#### Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- 1. The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
  - o April 11, 2016-Regular Meeting (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
- 2. The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
- 3. The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
- The Textbook Adoptions were presented for approval.
- 5. The Student and Athletic Insurance and the Catastrophic Accident Insurance for the 2016-2017 School Year were presented for approval.
- 6. The **E-Rates Contracts** were presented for approval.
- 7. The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
  - March 30, 2016 Minutes
  - > Final Self-Assessment Reports
  - Status and Procurement Reports
  - Continuation of Grant Application, Year 2
    - Open Three Outside Sites
      - Bourbonnais
      - YWCA
      - Kankakee Community College
  - Resignation of Teacher Assistant Ashley Lambert
- 8. The **Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Items** was presented for approval. (See Insert C.) The resolution authorizes the Director of Business Services to dispose of the listed items.

9.	The following	personnel items	were	presented for	r approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date			
Resignations/Retireme	Resignations/Retirements – Certified Personnel				
Michelle Joop	Social Worker at KHS	End of the 2015-2016 School Year			
Margaret Shay	Speech Pathologist at LCC	End of the 2015-2016 School Year			
Jamie Kotovsky	Music Teacher at Kennedy	End of the 2015-2016 School Year			
Resignations/Retireme	ents – Support Personnel				
Ashley Lambert	Teacher Assistant at Head Start	End of the 2015-2016 School Year			
Allen Mailloux	Painter/Maintenance Department/LCC	June 30, 2016			
Pamela Kapchinske	Principal's Secretary at KHS	June 30, 2016			
Appointments - Certif					
Teresa Richter	Elementary/Middle School Teacher at TBD	August 18, 2016			
Katherine Giblin	Elementary/Middle School Teacher at TBD	August 18, 2016			
Elizabeth Jolly	Elementary/Middle School Teacher at TBD	August 18, 2016			
Nicole Hamm-Smith	School Psychologist/Special Education Department	August 18, 2016			
Appointments – Extra-Curricular Personnel					
Lisa Walker	Extra-duty compensation: Overload	2015-2016 School Year			
Rodney Latham	Extra-duty compensation: Overload	2015-2016 School Year			
Kelly Guzzo	Extra-duty compensation: Overload	2015-2016 School Year			
Terminations – Support Personnel					
Cubie Ramsey	Detention Supervisor/Hall Monitor at KHS	April 19, 2016			
Julian Bogan	Hall Monitor (Part-time) at KHS	April 15, 2016			
Leaves of Absence – Certified Personnel					

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

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Tere	esa Sobota	English Techer at KHS	April 11 – June 11, 2016	Leaves of Absence
	aika Graves	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Kennedy	April 18 – End of School Year	
	stine McGovern	Special Ed/LD Resource Teacher at King	May 12-June 30, 2016	
Lea	ves of Absence – S			
	stina Salgado	Paraprofessional/Bilingual at Steuben	March 8 – May 2, 2016	
	na Garcia	Paraprofessional/Special Education/Cross Cat at KJHS	May 3 – May 31, 2016	
ROLL carried  Old Bu There	CALL VOTEA  L  L  L  L  L  L  L  L  L  L  L  L  L	Coghlan, seconded by Shea, to approve the Corves: Coghlan, Davis, Lightfoot, Shea, Wells, and mess discussed.  ked which Board members would be interested in the constant of	nd Johnston. Nays: none. Motion	Old Business Graduation
honorii their ei	ng the children on nduring commitr	Board members to Presence St. Mary's Hospita f Kankakee River Valley in partnership with Kanka nent to building a healthy community. The event Presence St. Mary's Hospital in the Franco Confo	kee School District for recognition of t will be held on Thursday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Inspire Awards
	ation and Prop	osals re provided for information:		Information
<ol> <li>Freedom of Information Act – Requests for Information</li> <li>Board of Education Committee Meeting Minutes         <ul> <li>Curriculum Committee Meeting ~ September 9, 2015</li> <li>Finance &amp; Facilities Committee Meeting ~ March 31, 2016</li> </ul> </li> <li>2016-2017 PTO Parent Council Meeting Schedule</li> <li>2016-2017 KFT Informal Meeting Schedule</li> <li>Head Start Policy Council Documents</li> <li>State and Federal Revenue Report</li> <li>Budget Update</li> </ol>			FOIA Requests Committee Minute: PTO Meetings KFT Informal Meetin RevTrak Head Start Activity Report Revenue Update Budget Update Staff Absences	
8. At 8:03 carried		Report as made by Wells, seconded by Coghlan, to adjo	ourn the meeting. All ayes; motion	Adjourn

Approved: June 13, 2016

Karen Johnston, President

Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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