

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

April 15, 2024

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The Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:34 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Mark Twain Primary School, 2250 East Court Street., Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Tracy Verrett (entered at 5:35 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 5:34 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn to closed session to discuss:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Collective Negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The Regular Session was reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Chris Bohlen Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent
Shemeka Fountain, Assistant Superintendent of HR
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Instruction
 - Mrs. Garrett did a brief overview of CBE. Ms. Fountain discussed the audit with I-KAN.
- ❖ Audit Presentation
 - Scott Duesner from WIPFLI discussed the FY 23 Audit Report.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Nothing was reported!

Principals Report

Dr. Sims asked the staff to stand and thanked them. Dr. Sims showed a brief presentation and introduced her retirees.

Public Comments

Name	Topic
Lisa Shaw	Mrs. Shaw discussed the fantastic staff at the transition center and the issues with the students leaving to learn certain things.
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Mr. Ellington-Snipes discussed issues with the Youth Empowerment Director not being

Roll Call

Closed Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Superintendent's
Report

Principals Report

Public Comments

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Consent Agenda

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
 - Regular Board Minutes March 25, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Purchase of Chromebooks for Kankakee High School & Kankakee Junior High School** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Purchase of Laptops for Staff Members** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Illinois High School Association Membership** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Illinois Elementary School Membership** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Contract with Elevate for the 2024-2025 School Year** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Appointment of the IMRF Authorized Agent** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Consent Agenda
Board MinutesPayroll & Regular Bills
Regular Bills
Chromebooks for
StudentsLaptops for Staff
IHSA
IESA
Elevate
IMRF Authorized Agent

Personnel Items

Resignation/Retirement

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Lesleigh Anderson	CCA Instructor at Kennedy	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Catherine Gesell	Teacher at Steuben	End of 2024-2025 School Year
Aaron Polchow	Science Teacher at KHS	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Alexus Sturdivant	Science Instructor at Kennedy	March 25, 2024
Resignation & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Alexandra Calderon	Paraprofessional at KHS	March 18, 2024
Krystal Dasher	Paraprofessional at Steuben	March 28, 2024
Robert Grasser	Custodian at LCC	June 30, 2024
Murretta Ray	Bus Minotor	March 18, 2024
Shirley Smith	Bus Monitor	March 22, 2024
Charles Taylor	Bus Monitor	March 26, 2024
William Zigtema	Custodian at LCC	June 15, 2024
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Jenica Brittingham	Drama Teacher	August 19, 2024
Maggie Fender	Kindergarten Teacher at Taft	August 19, 2024
Kyle Peters	Physical Education Teacher at KHS	August 19, 2024
Eleanor Robyne	3rd Grade CCA Teacher at Edison	August 19, 2024
Emily Shelton	1st Grade CCA Teacher at Taft	August 19, 2024
Heather Spengler	Special Education Teacher at KHS	August 19, 2024

Appointment

Jaelah Steele	Permanent Substitute at Steuben	August 19, 2024
Dr. Brian Stipp	Special Education Teacher at King	August 19, 2024
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Maria Aguilera	Paraprofessional at Proegler	TBD
Theresa Bartkowicz	Bus Depot	TBD
Rosario Diaz	Paraprofessional at KHS	TBD
Ericka Esters	Head Start Administrative Assistant	TBD
Paula Gaytan	Bus Driver	TBD
Constance Graska	Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Proegler	July 1, 2024
Nancy Ledesma Serrano	Head Start Teacher at Proegler	April 15, 2024
Lonzale Mason Jr	Cafeteria Helper	TBD
Joy Parker-Pierce	Bus Driver	April 8, 2024
Samuel Schwartz	Bus Driver	TBD
Jamie Taylor	Cafeteria Helper	TBD
Appointment(Extra Duty Assignments)		
Miguel Davila	Assistant Boys and Girls Track Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Jared Harris	Assistant Softball Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Michelle Kropp	Spring Musical/Production Assistant	2023-2024 School Year
Laroy Ruffin Jr	Assistant Boys & Girls Track Coach	2023-2024 School Year
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Melinda Ayala	Cook at Proegler	April 16, 2024
Stevie Harris	Family Support Staff at Proegler	March 6, 2024
Kristen Tolbert	Head Cook at LCC	April 16, 2024
Leave of Absence (Support Personnel)		
Ronald Talamantes	Custodian at KJHS	April 22, 2024-April 30, 2024
Termination (Support Personnel)		
Shawn Ward	Bus Driver	March 19, 2024

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the consent agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Archie, Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Action Items

1. Approval of Board Member Expense Reimbursement

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Berrones to approve the board member expense reimbursement as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie (Abstain), and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval to Purchase Custodial Equipment for the Community Center.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the purchase of custodial equipment for the community center as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

3. Request to Add Five Additional Transition Days to the Previous Contract for Dr. Teresa Lance.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the request to add five additional transition days to the previous contract for Dr. Teresa Lance, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, Gathing and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

4. Approval of FY 23 Audit.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the FY23 audit as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run
2. Recommended Policy Manual Changes
3. February 2024 Monthly Report
4. February 2024 Statement of Revenues & Expenses
5. February 2024 Cash & Investment Report

Old Business**Adjourn**

At 8:16 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST:

Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED MAY 13, 2024

Action Items

Board Member
Expense
ReimbursementCustodial Equipment
for the Community
CenterAdd Five Additional
Transition Days to the
Previous Contract for
Dr. Lance

FY 23 Audit

Information &
Proposals

Old Business

Adjourn