

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 10, 2024

The Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:31 p.m. in the auditorium at Kankakee High School, 1200 W. Jeffery St., 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
Tracy Verrett

Members Absent: All Present

Roll Call

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 5:31 pm, a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, 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.

Closed Session

Reconvene

The Regular Session was reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Pledge

Chris Bohlen, the board president, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting with the Board were:

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

Stephanie Markham from the Daily Journal was present.

Superintendent's
Report

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ 2023-2024 State Competition Awards
 - Certificates were given to all students participating in a state series for the 2023-2024 school year.
- ❖ Instruction
 - TNTP discussed what would happen next school year.
- ❖ Finance
 - Mr. Neal discussed the property and liability insurance and catastrophic student insurance.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed positions that are currently open and summer school.

Public Comments

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Name	Topic
Gene Cotsones	Mr. Cotsones discussed the issues with a staff member and gave the board a report
James Hill	Mr. Hill supported hiring Samuel Jordan as the Community Center Facilities Director.

Mike Prude	Mr. Prude discussed an issue that he had expressed to Mr. Bohlen and expressed his support for hiring Sam Jordan as the Community Center Facilities Director.
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Consent Agenda

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
 - Regular Board Minutes May 13, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)
 - Special Board Minutes May 29, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Council Information** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Purchase of Chromebooks for the Bilingual Program** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Contract with TNTP for the 2024-2025 School Year** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Catastrophic Student Accident Insurance** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Consent Agenda
Board Minutes

Payroll & Regular Bills

Regular Bills
Head Start Council Info
Chromebook Purchase
TNTP
Catastrophic Student
Insurance
Personnel Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Selena Brown	Teacher at Proegler	End of 2023-2024 School Year
JaHana Holloway	Teacher at Montessori	End of 2023-204 School Year
Timothy Keown Jr	Instructor at KHS	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Robert Peters	Permanent Substitute at Mark Twain	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Heidi Pommier	Teacher at Kennedy	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Resignation & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Reshane Brickhouse	Food Service Cafeteria Helper	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Eduardo Villagomez Jr.	Custodian at KHS	June 14, 2024
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Nicole Kamm-Smith	Psychologist	August 19, 2024
Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Nona Smith	YEP Project Manager	July 1, 2024
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Samuel Jordan	Community Center Facilities Manager	July 1, 2024
Felicia McNeal	Cook at Edison	August 19, 2024
Melissa Pommier	Cook at Montessori	August 19, 2024

Resignation/Retirement

Appointment

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 the Recommendation of Salary Increases for Administrators (2024-2025 School Year).

Action Items

Recommendation of
Salary Increases for

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Gathing to table the recommendation of salary increases for administrators (2024-2025 School Year) to the next board meeting as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, Gathing, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Administrators
(2024-2025 School
Year)

2. Approval of Property and Liability Insurance Renewal.

Property and Liability
Insurance Renewal

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the property & liability insurance renewal 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. May 2024 Monthly Report
3. May 2024 Statement of Revenues & Expenses
4. May 2024 Cash & Investment Report
5. Head Start Information

Information &
Proposals

Old Business

The board expressed their gratitude to Dr. Walters for the last ten years she has served the district.

Old Business

Adjourn

At 8:22 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Berrones, to adjourn the meeting—all ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Christopher Bohlen, President

ATTEST:

Suzy Berrones, Secretary

APPROVED JULY 8, 2024