

KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 13, 2024

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The Board of Education meeting of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:10 p.m. in the cafeteria at Kankakee Junior High School, 2250 East Crestwood St., Kankakee, IL 60901.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Chris Bohlen, Board President (entered at 5:17 pm)
Tracy Verrett (entered at 5:15 pm)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

Closed Session

At 5:10 pm, a motion was made by Williams, 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.
- ❖ 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.

Reconvene

The Regular Session was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge

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

Superintendent's Report

- ❖ Good News



School	Event	Explanation
Kennedy	STEM Materials	<p>Kennedy Middle-Grade School was selected to receive state-of-the-art STEM Center materials, and it is now here!</p> <p>Representatives from the Cal Ripken Foundation and Exelon have already visited Kennedy to deliver and put together materials that students and teachers can benefit from. Below is a little more of the primary information that I received prior to their visit.</p> <p>The team came to Kennedy, on Wednesday, May 8th</p>

		to train our science magnet teachers and a few others. Those who received training will be able to train other staff members on how to use the lab materials. Since Kennedy houses Science Magnet, we are super excited to start using the lab materials.
KHS	Lady Kays Going to State	Our Lady Kays Track & Field team qualified for State after winning their 3rd consecutive Sectional Championship. They will compete on May 17th and 18th at Eastern Illinois University.
KHS	Special Olympics	Our Special Olympics qualified for State and will compete on June 7th-9th in Bloomington, Illinois.
KJHS	KJHS Fine Arts	On Saturday, April 27th, the Kankakee Junior High School Orchestra and Band performed at the IESA and secured a Superior Rating from the State IESA Organization. The Band also performed at the IESA Band Contest and received the highest rating from all 3 judges.
KJHS	KJHS Track State Qualifiers	KJHS Track and Field competed in the IESA Sectional Track Meet on Saturday. We are proud to announce we have 16 IESA State Qualifiers who will be competing in the 4A state meet in East Peoria Friday and Saturday. 6th Graders: Royce Cephus Gizelle Davila 7th Graders: George Noble La'Vail Davis Jr. Kendrick Crite Jayla Crawford 8th Graders: Isaiah Robinson Jemya Williams Ky-mani Billings Jysan Grant Latrell Lowe Jr Nahzir Brown Ethan Ware D'Asia Brown Lonnессia Brooks Lebron Campbell

- Mrs. Way and Mrs. Garrett discussed and updated the board on the partnership with TNTP.
- ❖ Finance
 - Kevin discussed installing EV chargers at three school buildings.
- ❖ Personnel
 - Ms. Fountain discussed summer school enrollment and hiring teachers. Recommendation for hire for the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. Ms. Fountain spoke for a group of kids to recognize Dr. Walters.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

- ❖ The following **Board Minutes** were submitted for approval:
 - Regular Board Minutes April 15, 2024 (Closed & Regular Session)
- ❖ The **Payroll & Related Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Recommended Policy Changes** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Head Start Council Information** was presented for approval.
- ❖ The **Overnight Field Trip** were presented for approval.
- ❖ The following **Personnel Items** were presented for approval.

Consent Agenda
Board Minutes

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation & Retirement (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Samuel Arns	Permanent Substitute at KJHS	April 26, 2024
Eligha Brooks	Instructor Kays Media	May 6, 2024
Krystal Cox	Social Worker at KHS	June 13, 2025
Karen McMillan	Social Emotional Support Counselor	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Peter Pagast	Instructor at KHS	End of 2023-2024 School
Stacey Ray	Music Teacher at Taft	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Resignation & Retirement (Support Personnel)		
Makyla Armstrong	Paraprofessional at Proegler	End of 2023-2024 School Year
Dezeray Divit	Cashier	April 22, 2024
Michelle Jirka	Paraprofessional at Proegler	April 26, 2024
Shemaiah Kennedy	Cafeteria Helper at Taft	April 30, 2024
David Thomas	Custodian at Steuben	August 16, 2024
Appointment (Administrative)		
Harrison Neal	Assistant Superintendent of Business Services	July 1, 2024
Appointment (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Leighann Allison	5th Grade Teacher at Kennedy	August 19, 2024
Selena Galvan	English Teacher at KHS	August 19, 2024

Payroll & Regular Bills
Regular Bills
Policy Changes
Head Start Council Info
Overnight Fieldtrips
Personnel Items

Resignation/Retirement

Appointment

Sydnee Hansen	Social Worker Instructor at KJHS	August 19, 2024
Erika Knutson	English Teacher at KJHS	August 19, 2024
Christine Meoham	Special Education Instructor at Taft	August 19, 2024
Victoria Perkins	SEL Coach at KJHS	August 19, 2024
Maximilian Schmid	Physical Education Teacher at KJHS	August 19, 2024
Brandon Streets	Special Education Teacher at KJHS	August 19, 2024
Krystal Vargas	Permanent Substitute ay King	Mat 3, 2024
Internal Appointment (Support Personnel)		
Daniel Carstens	Day Custodian at KJHS	April 22, 2024
Vanessa Salazar	Head Start Education Support Staff	April 22, 2025

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, 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 Retirement Contract for Dr. Geneva Walters.

A motion was made by Gathing, and seconded by Williams to approve the retirement contract for Dr. Geneva Walters as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Berrones, Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval to Purchase & Install EV Charging Stations at Kankakee High School, King Middle School, and Kankakee Junior High School.

A motion was made by Gathing and seconded by Johnston to approve the purchase & installation EV Charging stations at Kankakee High School, King Middle School, and Kankakee Junior High School as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gathing, Johnston, Verrett, Williams, Archie, Berrones, and Bohlen. NAYS: none. Motion carried.

Information & Proposals

1. Previous Bill Run
2. April 2024 Monthly Report
3. April 2024 Statement of Revenues & Expenses
4. April 2024 Cash & Investment Report
5. Head Start Information

Old Business

Adjourn

At 7:30 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 JUNE 10, 2024

Action Items

Retirement Contract for
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Purchase & Install EV
Charging Stations at
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