

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
November 12, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:08 p.m. in the cafeteria at Kankakee Junior High School, 2250 East Crestwood Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mary Archie
Christopher Bohlen
Jess Gathing, Jr., Vice President
Angela Shea, Secretary
Darrell Williams
Calvin Works

Members absent: Barbara A. Wells, President (*entered at 6:12 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:09 p.m., motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Williams, to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body 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; and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purposes of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Shea, Williams, and Works. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

Three students led the Pledge of Allegiance from Kankakee Junior High School.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Genevra A. Walters, Superintendent
Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent
Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent
Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

No news reporter was present.

Superintendent's Report

♦ **Good News**

School	Event	Explanation
Kennedy	Referral-Free	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fifty referral-free Kennedy students were randomly selected to attend the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team's "Get School on Skates" event held on October 24. The students wore Wolves jerseys,

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	<p>Energy Program</p> <p>Grant</p> <p>Speech Contest</p>	<p>participated in some events on the ice, and enjoyed a scrimmage game.</p> <p>For 2nd semester, students with no referrals will enjoy the Chicago Bears mascot during an assembly that is aligned with the Fuel Up to Play 60 Program. Kennedy is looking for ways to encourage students to follow their school wide CHAMPS expectations and remain referral-free. They appreciate their PE teacher, Mr. Bleyle, who has organized these great events. Additionally, Mr. Bleyle received a large container full of PE equipment that Kennedy did not previously have for their students. This gift was provided by the Fuel Up to Play 60 Program!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracy Selock's 5th/6th grade classroom was selected to participate in the Super Savers Energy Program. This program provides a Super Saver Energy Efficiency Kit to each student's family free of charge. The students will be learning about how to use energy wisely in their homes. The families will complete a survey, which earns the classroom \$50 in supplies. Heidi Pommier was awarded the Dow Chemical Education Grant for \$1,529. This grant, along with the funds from her Donors Choose will be used to purchase materials for the 3rd/4th grade Robotics Team in her class. The 2018 IESA Speech Contest, hosted by Kennedy, was a huge success! Over 450 participants, families, volunteers, coaches, and judges filled their halls on November 3rd! Mrs. Veronda, Kennedy's principal, only heard compliments; "This was one of the best run competitions", "Your school is beautiful", "I have lived in the area my whole life but have never been in Kennedy before.", "It is wonderful", "Everyone is so welcoming". Mrs. Veronda was busting with pride for their school, the coaches - Justine Selock and Angela Jones, and for the many, many staff members who helped.
Mark Twain	<p>Martial Arts</p> <p>Donation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Twain hosted a Martial Arts session provided by Master Lee Han. They had five students in attendance. Proceeds from that and subsequent lessons by participating Mark Twain students were paid back to Mark Twain. They recently received a check for \$150 from Master Lee Han. Mark Twain is looking forward to hosting another session with them in the Spring. Mark Twain Primary School received a generous donation for a Math Fluency software program. The amount of \$3,395 was received on October 29, from BSI Engineering to support math fluency proficiency for Mark Twain's future engineers. Thank you, Stephanie Chaplinski, for initiating this communication with BSI Engineering.

Avis Huff	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avis Huff received a check in the amount of \$356 from the Men's Ministry and Mission Ministry at Morning Star Baptist Church. This donation will be used to cover the cost of monthly rewards that will be given to the students who receive "gotcha tickets" throughout the month.
LCC	Thanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Scott received a phone call from a woman stating that she would like to find out the names of two female employees who stopped to help her daughter who had been in a car accident. With the help of a Facebook post about a Summit in Bloomington, Ms. Scott was able to provide information to the parent. Ms. Scott gave thanks to Jana Sheely and Vicki Anderson for stopping their buses on the way to the Youth Activation Summit in Bloomington and getting out to help two girls who were involved in an accident. They consoled the girls until help arrived. The parent was so appreciative of the actions of these two women and wanted to thank them personally.
Student Support Services	Honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Walters shared that the District held a dedication ceremony to rename our Transition Program to the Mary Jo Johnston Transition Program. This program is held in the First Presbyterian Church on Court Street. <p>Mary Jo Johnston was the Director of Special Education for many years and she retired from the school district as the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction. Dr. Walters said that Mrs. Johnston was the person that hired her as a school social worker in District #111.</p> <p>Dr. Walters said Mary Jo Johnston had a vision, she had a legacy, and she had a strong commitment to the education of all children. Dr. Walters said her own administrative career was defined by how Mrs. Johnston was as an administrator. She was compassionate, she was strategic, and she really had a commitment towards families and children regardless of whether they struggled or not.</p> <p>Dr. Walters thanked the families and community members that came to support the renaming of the program to the Mary Jo Johnston Transition Program.</p>
District	Defined STEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Walters reported that the District has a partnership with CSL Behring and recently had an opportunity to partner with Nucor Steel. The District wants to continue partnerships with agencies and organizations in the community to create curriculum through our product called Defined STEM. The District would like to start creating curriculum, creating videos and creating projects around opportunities that are right here in our community. This will expose our students to these opportunities so they know what is

		available in terms of employment in Kankakee before they graduate from high school.
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Principal's Report – Dr. Larry Gray, Kankakee Junior High School Principal

Dr. Gray began his report by recognizing his staff by asking them to stand. He reviewed the District goals, the pathways to success, AVID educators, and the IB Middle Years Program. He had three students, Maliyah Willis, Jocelyn Alvarado, and Cedric Williams, speak on the IB Learner Profile. Dr. Gray said the next steps for Kankakee Junior High School are 1) academic progress, 2) student behaviors, 3) culture and climate, and 4) high expectations for teaching and learning.

He concluded his presentation by presenting flowers to Laura Shellie and Kim Lehnus, two teachers who will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Public Comments

- The following public comments were made.

Name	Comments
Michele Crecy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Crecy spoke about the fights occurring at the high school that she felt were not being properly addressed. She believes that there is a communication breakdown between the high school and the superintendent.
Kane Crecy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Crecy also spoke about student fights at the high school and the lack of supervision and change.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - October 22, 2018 – Regular Meeting** (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
 - October 23, 2018 - Special Meeting** (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
 - October 29, 2018 - Special Meeting** (Regular Session Minutes)
- The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
- The **School Improvement Plans** for Kennedy Middle Grade School, King Middle Grade School, and Kankakee Junior High School were presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
- The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation-Licensed Educational Professional		
Nancy Thornton	Preschool for all Teacher at Mark Twain	November 16, 2018
Resignations-Support Personnel		
Lenora Griffin	Paraprofessional at KHS	October 24, 2018
Kelly Martin	Cafeteria Helper at KHS	November 6, 2018
Appointments-Licensed Educational Professionals		
Sarah Longtin	Reading Interventionist (Part Time) at Montessori	November 5, 2018
Jacqueline Mendez	6 th Grade Dual Language Teacher at King	November 13, 2018
Appointment-Support Personnel		
Somar Preussner	Teacher Head Start at Proegler	October 25, 2018
Internal Appointment-Support Personnel		
Jocelyn Robinson	Full Time Paraprofessional at Taft	October 29, 2018
Appointments-Extra-Duty Assignments		
Vicki Anderson	Special Olympics, Assist-2	2018-19 School Year
Stefan Benoit	Newspaper Publisher, HS	2018-19 School Year
Jeanne Benson	Accompanist, Fall Play & Spring Musical	2018-19 School Year
Dawn Botensten	Supper Program Supervisor	2018-19 School Year
Annette Brandy	Basketball, Assist	2018-19 School Year

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Resignations

Appointments

Brad Burns	Wrestling, Head	2018-19 School Year
Leigh Coradetti	Senior Class	2018-19 School Year
Sean Dailor	Mathletes, HS	2018-19 School Year
Sean Dailor	Scholastic Bowl, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Annette Flournoy	Ticket Manager	2018-19 School Year
Allan Ford	Basketball JH, Head-1	2018-19 School Year
Allan Ford	Basketball, Assist-3	2018-19 School Year
Sean Gilreath	Wrestling, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Amanda Grace	Students Against Destructive Decisions, HS	2018-19 School Year
Amanda Grace	Sophomore Class	2018-19 School Year
Dana Gray	Newspaper & Yearbook, JH	2018-19 School Year
Melissa Gregoire	Scholastic Bowl, HS, Varsity & JV	2018-19 School Year
Jo Grogan	Swimming, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Cynthia Harris	Art Club, HS	2018-19 School Year
Alyssa Hecke	Freshman Class	2018-19 School Year
Hugo Hernandez	Soccer, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Veronica Irish	Cheerleading, King	2018-19 School Year
Daniel Jenkins	Basketball, Assist-4	2018-19 School Year
Brent Johnston	Robotics, JH	2018-19 School Year
Symone Jordan	Cheerleading, Varsity Winter	2018-19 School Year
Kevin Jurek	Wrestling, Assist	2018-19 School Year
David Knudson	Art Club, HS	2018-19 School Year
David Knudson	Auditorium/Stage Manager	2018-19 School Year
John Maniatis	Basketball, Head	2018-19 School Year
Tamika McCaleb	Pep Sponsor, HS	2018-19 School Year
Lyn McIntosh	Interact Club, HS	2018-19 School Year
Gabriel Mendez	Wrestling, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Mila Moore	Cheerleading, JH	2018-19 School Year
Murphy, Greg	Wrestling, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Jennifer Nikolic	Gay/Straight Alliance, HS	2018-19 School Year
Theodis Pace	Athletic Director, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Lauren Penrod	Junior Class	2018-19 School Year
Earnest Pickett	Basketball, Head	2018-10 School Year
Abigale Ragsdale	Basketball, Assist-1	2018-19 School Year
Christine Reilly	Newspaper Art Publisher HS	2018-19 School Year
Samantha Rocknowski	Green Team	2018-19 School Year
Jana Sheely	Special Olympics, Head	2018-19 School Year
Laura Shellie	Student Council Sponsor, JH	2018-19 School Year
Kelley Staneart	Swimming, Head	2018-19 School Year
Thomas Stanfield	Basketball, Assist-2	2018-19 School Year
James Stevenson	Basketball JH, Head-2	2018-19 School Year
Adrian Stewart	Basketball, Assist-1	2018-19 School Year
Penny Sylvester	Special Olympics, Assist-3	2018-19 School Year
Harold Terrell	Basketball MS, Head-2	2018-19 School Year
Kenneth Thomas	Basketball MS - 6 th grade	2018-19 School Year
Tracy Toepfer	Special Choral Groups Director	2018-19 School Year
Delbert Trowell	Wrestling, Assist	2018-19 School Year
Pamela Washington	National Honors Society, HS	2018-19 School Year
Shawn Wells	Yearbook Art Publisher, HS	2018-19 School Year
Shawn Wells	Yearbook Publisher, HS	2018-19 School Year
Jevon Wesby	Basketball, Assist-3	2018-19 School Year
Melissa Whitson	Cheerleading, Assist JV Winter	2018-19 School Year
Roderick Whyte	All Sports JH, Assist Director	2018-19 School Year
Jerry Wills	Basketball, Assist-2	2018-19 School Year
Jason Worden	Special Olympics, Assist-1	2018-19 School Year
Vanessa Wyderski	Student Council, HS	2018-19 School Year
Leaves of Absence-Support Personnel		
Tiffany Brown	Nurse at Avis Huff	Oct 22-Nov 19, 2018

Lamar Hamilton	Head Custodian at Avis Huff	Nov 1-Dec 31, 2018
Carolyn Jordan	Cafeteria Helper at King	Oct 16-Dec 31, 2018
Jessica Shaw	Librarian at KJHS	Nov 12-Mar 5, 2019

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to approve the above listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Shea, Williams, Works, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2018 Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Grossi, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, presented the 2018 tentative tax levy and stated that the tax levy will be on the agenda at the December 10th Board Meeting for approval. After the presentation, Mr. Grossi asked if there were any questions. Mr. Bohlen asked if the only increase from the levy is \$322,000. Mr. Grossi responded by saying that it is the projected increase from the CPI. This levy showed approximately 1.5 million in new property, which is the trend we usually see, and 6.7 million in additional TIF money.

Tentative Tax Levy

President Wells asked for a motion to approve the tentative tax levy.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to approve to accept the 2018 tentative tax levy as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Shea, Williams, Works, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2017-2018 Audit

Carmen Huizenga, auditor from Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm, presented the District's 2017-2018 audit report.

2017-2018 Audit

Motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Gathing, to approve to accept the 2017-2018 audit report as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Williams, Works, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Purchase Furniture for Kankakee High School

President Wells asked for a motion to approve the purchase of furniture for Kankakee High School.

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the purchase of furniture for Kankakee High School as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Shea, Williams, Works, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

New Business

A discussion was held on board appointments. President Wells stated that Mr. Works and Mr. Bohlen are not presently seated on any Board Committees. She reviewed the different committees and the openings. Mrs. Wells stated that she recently appointed Darrell Williams to the Kankakee Area Career Center Committee and the Technology Committee. There is an opening on the Finance committee and Mr. Bohlen volunteered to be appointed to that committee. President Wells said that Mary Archie currently serves on the Curriculum, Human Resources, and Policy Committees and she asked her if she was willing to step down from one so Mr. Works could serve on a committee. She agreed to do so and Mr. Works volunteered to serve on the Policy Committee.

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There was no old business.

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Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

1. Gifted Program Review
2. October Suspension Report
3. Previous Bill Runs

Information:

Suspension Report
Financial Reports
Staff Absence Report

4. State & Federal Revenue Update
5. Budget Update
6. Staff Absence Report

At 8:15 p.m., motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Works, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

vs

Approved: December 10, 2018