

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Taft Elementary School, 1155 West Hawkins St, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mary Archie
Christopher Bohlen
Jess Gathing, Jr. Vice President
Deb Johnston
Angela Shea, Secretary
Barbara Wells, President

Members absent: Darrell Williams

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:31 p.m., motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Johnston, 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. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Wells, Shea, Gathing, Johnston, Archie, and Bohlen. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:05: p.m.

At 7:10 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Taft Students.

Meeting with the Board were:
Dr. Genevra A. Walters, Superintendent
Felice Hybert, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent
Rachel Thornton, Recording Secretary

No news reporters were present.

Superintendent's Report

Good News:

School	Event	Explanation
District	Donation	Under the leadership of April Bell and Larry Burton from Thrivent Financial Group of Watseka the organization of Respecttheflow was developed. They have provided a \$1500 donation of sanitary items for our High School and Junior High school females.
KHS	Recipient	Kankakee High School is the recipient of a 2018-2019

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Reconvene

Pledge

Superintendent's
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		Readers' Choice Grant for a set of Abraham Lincoln Award Nominees 2020.
KHS	Donation	Deacon Morris Alexander and his wife Brenda Alexander have donated \$200 to Kankakee High School's show choir "Take Note." The goal of this donation is to aide in the purchase of 50 garment bags. These garment bags will be used for transport and storage of their competition costumes.
KHS	Recognition	On behalf of the College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) and Educational Testing Service (ETS®), I congratulate your school for the significant contributions made by Karen Grill during the 2019 AP Reading. In June 2019, 639 AP Human Geography teachers joined forces with college faculty who teach in the same discipline to score 225,235 exams. The careful evaluation of students' work by your faculty member and other highly qualified professionals is one of the most important aspects of the AP Program. A huge part of the AP Program's success is due to an evaluation and scoring process that reflects the high standards of AP Readers who, by virtue of their experience and expertise, have appropriate student performance expectations within their respective disciplines.
KJHS	Recognition	On September 23, 2019, Officer Villagomez and Principal George Harris acted quickly as they saw a student in our lunchroom who was exhibiting signs of choking. Officer Villagomez and Principal Harris quickly started to perform the Heimlich and contacted emergency services. They were able to dislodge the object that was obstructing the student's airway prior to the paramedic's arrival. Due to Officer Villagomez and Principal Harris's quick response, recognition of the severity of the medical emergency, immediate action, and effective initial treatment, resulted directly in saving the life of a student.
Mark Twain	Donation	Larry Reigner, a lifelong friend of Greg Merrill, stopped by Mark Twain on 10/1/19. He wants to donate a young tree to plant in front of the school, in dedication and memory of Mr. Greg Merrill. Mr. Reigner states that Mark Twain was the place Greg was his happiest. We were able to locate a great spot on the Northside of the building, in front of the pre-school playground for the Greg Merrill tree. Thank you, Larry Reigner.
Mark Twain	Donation	Dr. Betty Lambert went on a shopping spree and donated 95 beanie babies that we will be able to use as rewards and incentives for our students. Thank you, Dr. Lambert.

Mark Twain	Donation	Blessings in a backpack have commenced already! We are receiving bags of weekend food for 25 of our needy families thanks to Reverend Robert Bushey, Jr of Central Christian Church. Thank you so much!
Proegler	Donation	CSL Behring donated bags for the Preschool Fall Festival
Proegler	Donation	Jo-Ann Fabrics donated decorations for the Preschool Fall Festival through the Kids in Need program

- Alderwoman Shari Malone Marshall and Alderman Michael Prude handed out uniforms to students who attended the 1st Ward back to school bash. We want to thank Thrivent Financial and Amita Health and everyone that donated to make it possible.
- Mr. Wilcox discussed Activities and Athletics at the High School. He discussed the overnight trip process, every trip is paid differently. Every program can travel, coaches need to look for opportunities. The recent trip the football players took to play Macomb was also a college visit. Eventually, the district needs to look at different options to bus the students to the farther destinations.

Principal's Report

Mr. Lee discussed the changes in the building and the other classroom makeovers that will happen. He discussed the K-1 College and Career Academy, K-3 Science Magnet program along with partnering with the Kankakee Public Library. They are providing a coding class through a grant as well as Stem lessons. We made adjustments to the Master Schedule so we have more coverage through the building. Mr. Lee discussed goals for teachers and staff at Taft, School Dojo, Robo Calls, APTT Conferences, and Garden on Prayer Parent Volunteer program, ILT, SLT, and Parent-Student Handbook. Mr. Lee talked about Title 1 funding and how it is used at Taft. Mrs. Gibson introduced the Taft staff members. The Taft Hopeful video was shown.

Public Comments

The following Public comment was made:

Brian Scott	Mr. Scott spoke regarding the recent shootings near LCC. Mr. and Mrs. Scott sent an e-mail to the Board and Dr. Walters and were very happy with the response from Dr. Walters. Mr. Scott invited Dr. Walters and the Board to a PTO meeting to discuss the Parents' concerns. Mr. Scott would like a statement from the district about these issues and what steps they are taking to keep the children safe at school. Mr. Scott would like a community meeting with Police and Parents.
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Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

1. The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - **September 23, 2019 – Regular Meeting** (Regular & Closed Session)
2. The **Regular Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
3. The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
4. The **KHS Overnight Trips** were presented for approval.
5. The **Recommended Policy Changes** were presented for approval.
6. The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
7. The following **personnel items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation/Retirements (Licensed Educational Professional)		
Jana Sheely	Teacher at Avis Huff	September 30, 2019
Resignations/Retirements (Support Personnel)		
Alicia Avignone	Paraprofessional at Taft	October 23, 2019
Maria Beck	Parent Educator Proegler	September 23, 2019
David Emery	Strength and Conditioning Coach at KHS	October 11, 2019

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Board Minutes

Bills
Payroll and Related Bills
KHS Overnight TripsPolicy Changes
Head Start Policy
Council Documents
Personnel

Resignation

Robert Harwell	Paraprofessional at KHS	September 24, 2019
Anne Kidd	Assistant Clinic Director at KHS	October 2, 2019
Mary Poglioli	Parent Educator at Proegler	October 11, 2019
Maria Toledo	Paraprofessional at Steuben	September 18, 2019
Albert Vine	Custodian at LCC	December 31, 2019
Shetonja Wilks	Permanent Substitute at Proegler	October 4, 2019
Appointments (Administrative Personnel)		
Lisa Ferry	Substitute Building Administrator at Taft	October 16, 2019
Betty Lambert	Substitute Building Administrator District-Wide	October 16, 2019
Appointments (Support Personnel)		
Elroy Brown	Head Start Teacher at Proegler YWCA	October 30, 2019
Erika Dalton	Staff RN at KHS	October 30, 2019
Auinia Dillon	Paraprofessional at Taft	October 23, 2019
Kiara Gardner	Paraprofessional at KHS	October 30, 2019
Terri Schellhase	Paraprofessional at KHS	October 9, 2019
Appointments (Extra Duty Assignments)		
Shadae Davis	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	2019-2020School Year
Diana Dyché	Spring Musical Accompanist	2019-2020School Year
Annette Flournoy	Ticket Manager at KHS	2019-2020School Year
Gina Gibson	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	2019-2020School Year
Johnathan Harper	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	2019-2020School Year
Raphels Malone	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	2019-2020School Year
Keri Morris	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	2019-2020School Year
Mike Nelson	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	2019-2020School Year
Tracy Toepfer	Spring Music Musical Director	2019-2020School Year
Tracy Toepfer	Show Choir/Special Choral Director	2019-2020School Year
Ulekha Young	Head Cheerleading Coach Middle School	2019-2020School Year
Addie Wallace	Black History Program Director	2019-2020School Year
Cindy Weatherford	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	2019-2020School Year
Internal Appointments-Support Personnel		
Karen Brown	Avid Tutor at KJHS	October 16, 2019
Maria Fenton	Permanent Substitute at Proegler	October 21, 2019
Leave of Absences (Support Personnel)		
Donna Helgeson	Part-time Food Service at Kennedy	Sept 30, 2019-Oct 31, 2019

Appointments

Leave of Absences

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to approve the above-listed consent agenda items as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen (but change minutes to No instead of Abstain from #4), Gathing, Johnston, Shea, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Action Item

1. Approval of Ratification of Maintenance Contract (2019-2022) (Correction to the Length of Years)

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Bohlen, to approve the Ratification of Maintenance Contract (2019-2022) (correction to the length of years) as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Archie, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Illustrative Math Pilot Materials

Mr. Bohlen: Is this going to replace the entire math curriculum?

Dr. Walters: At the Junior high the math department chose to Pilot Illustrative Math, and at the High school, it is required. The materials change every 3-5 years the most recent math and reading materials were purchased 4-4.5 years ago. Curriculum and Curriculum materials are two completely different things.

Action Items

Maintenance
ContractIllustrative Math Pilot
Materials

Ms. Hybert: This will be for the junior high and the high school we are in the process of looking at elementary materials (6th Grade) for next year. The Illustrative Math Pilot Materials will supplement our current math Curriculum.

A motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to approve the purchase of Illustrative Math Pilot Materials, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Archie, Bohlen, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business**Information and Proposals**

The following items were provided for information:

1. FOIA Request
2. Previous Bill Run
3. State & Federal Revenue Report
4. Budget Update
5. August/September Suspension Report
6. September Staff Absence Report

At 8:11 p.m., a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Johnston, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

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Approved October 28, 2019

Old Business

Information:

FOIA Request
Financial Reports

Suspension Report
Staff Absence Report

Adjourn

