

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 22, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:04 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Taft Primary School, 1155 West Hawkins Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Barbara Wells, President (*entered at 6:06 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:06 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; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and 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. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

At 7:02 p.m., the regular session was reconvened.

Students led the Pledge of Allegiance from Taft Primary School. The students sang a song titled, "*In the Pages of a Book.*"

Meeting with the Board were:

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

There were no news media reporters present.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

1. **Good News**

School	Event	Explanation
First Taste	Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Taste Program earned a prestigious endorsement by Parents as Teachers National Center as a Blue Ribbon Affiliate, making it one of the top performing home visiting affiliates within the international Parents as Teachers network, The official designation was made on October 1, 2018. To achieve this designation, an

		<p>affiliate must meet or exceed all 17 Essential Requirements, and meet at least 75% of the additional Parents as Teachers Quality Standards. First Taste has met or exceeded all 17 Essential Requirements and met 90% of the Quality Standards.</p> <p>Being named a Blue Ribbon Affiliate affirms that First Taste is a high-quality member of the home visiting field, implementing the evidence-based Parents as Teachers model with fidelity. Families in the Kankakee County community are positively impacted by the services delivered by this program, which includes home visits, group connections, child screening and connections to community resources, equipping parents with knowledge and resources to prepare their children for a stronger start in life and a greater success in school.</p> <p>To earn Blue Ribbon Affiliate status, First Taste underwent a rigorous self-study and National center review process to confirm that they are meeting Parents as Teachers' standards of fidelity and quality. Blue Ribbon Affiliates are exemplary programs, delivering highest quality services to children and families. Implementation with quality and fidelity is vital in home-visiting programs as it determines a program's effectiveness in accomplishing its original goals and intended outcomes. It also verifies that a program is being implemented as designed. Parents as Teachers rigorous endorsement process demonstrates an affiliate's accountability and credibility to the community, its funders, elected officials and the partner organizations with which they work.</p>
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2. Kankakee Fire Department
 - Dr. Walters introduced Fire Chief Schuldts from the Kankakee Fire Department who presented a "Safe School" traveling trophy to Kennedy Middle Grade School. Congratulations to the Kennedy staff and students for receiving this award. This school showed the most improvement during the fire drills on the time it takes them to exit the building.
3. COPS Grant
 - Dr. Walters was excited to announce that the U.S. Department of Justice recently announced the cities that received the 2018 COPS School Violence Prevention Program grant. The City of Kankakee received \$500,000 to be used for safety improvements at the district's school buildings.

Fire Department

COPS Grant

Principal's Report – Mr. Terrence Lee, Principal of Taft

Principal's Report

Mr. Lee reviewed Taft's school improvement goals:

- School Goal 1: Taft teachers will further develop and implement multi-tiered systems of support for all students for a productive future beyond high school.
- School Goal 2: Taft will build a positive public perception through consistent communication to all stakeholders regarding the District's work with teachers, parents, students, and community members on conflict resolution, safety, health, and well-being.
- School Goal 3: Taft teachers will develop an effective system of communication including roles and responsibilities, expectations and procedures that will support, encourage and retain effective teachers.

Mr. Lee highlighted the procedures put in place to meet their goals. He also touched upon other highlights, which included: Kindergarten Round Up, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad, Grandparent's Day Tea, Mother/Son Dance, fundraisers, school dances, and after school events. Mr. Lee also showcased their new sensory room and outdoor fence.

Mr. Lee concluded his presentation with introducing Mrs. Gibson, assistant principal, to introduce the staff at Taft. Mrs. Gibson introduced Linda Cunningham and Lisa Berg last because they are retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Gibson honored them by reading a poem while Mr. Lee presented them with flowers.

Public Comments

- The following public comments were made.

Name	Comments
Takema White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressed concern of how summer school selection was determined because her daughter was struggling with reading and she was not selected. • She said that Illinois School Code states that discipline cannot be used if students are not in school uniform yet her son received five referrals on dress code and she requested that all five be removed from his record per Illinois School Code.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

1. The Board minutes of the following meeting were presented for approval:
 - **October 9, 2018-Regular Meeting** (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
2. Two **overnight trip requests** were presented for approval.
3. The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation – Licensed Educational Professionals		
Zach Cardosi	Science Instructor at KHS	October 12, 2018
Resignations/Retirement - Support Personnel		
Lissa Bobo	Clerical at KJHS	October 17, 2018
Luann Scudder	Food Service at KHS	October 15, 2018
Jermaine Wilson	Paraprofessional at Avis Huff	October 31, 2018
Appointments – Support Personnel		
Juliana Avalos	Medical Assistant at KHS/KJHS	October 10, 2018
Tina Causer	Part-Time Paraprofessional at Taft	October 23, 2018
Christine Hallberg	Lunch Room Supervisor at LCC	October 11, 2018
Washania Jones	Parent Liason at Mark Twain	October 23, 2018
Internal Appointment – Support Personnel		
Suprema Diveley	Cook at KHS	October 24, 2018
Appointments – Extra-Duty Assignments		
Margarita Carson	Girls Basketball at KJHS	2018-19 School Year
Tanesha McCrary	Cheerleading Coach at Kennedy	2018-19 School Year
Mila Moore	Cheerleading Coach at KJHS	2018-19 School Year

President Wells asked if there were any questions, and hearing none, asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

New Business - JAG Illinois

Two years ago, Jeff Hammes from Peoples Bank, introduced the concept of having Jobs for American Graduates at Kankakee School District No. 111. The District began to partner with Iowa Jobs for American Graduates in order to determine if we could start JAG here in Kankakee. Just recently, Illinois decided to start an Illinois JAG, which would include three high schools and because of the partnership with iJAG, they recommended Kankakee High School. Beginning in January, the District hopes to have a JAG Illinois here in Kankakee.

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Trip Requests

Personnel Items

Resignation/
Retirements

Appointments

New Business

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Old
Business

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

Information

1. FOIA Requests
2. Previous Bill Runs

FOIA
Bill Runs

At 7:31 p.m., motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Archie, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

vs

Approved: November 12, 2018