

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
September 24, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Lincoln Cultural Center, 240 Warren Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: All present.

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:06 p.m., motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Archie, to adjourn to closed session in Room 217 to discuss purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

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

Meeting with the Board were:

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

There was no news reporter present.

President Wells announced that the meeting would be adjourned at this time for a public hearing concerning the 2018-2019 School Budget. Roll Call: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells.

Public Hearing – FY19 School Budget

President Wells stated that the FY19 School Budget will be presented by Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services.

Mr. Grossi reviewed in detail the revenues and expenses projected for FY19. A summary follows.

➤ **Revenues:**

- General State-Aid will increase by \$1.5 Million in FY19.
- Other state revenues will decrease by \$2.4 Million in FY19.
- The District will receive four state categorical payments in FY19.

Roll
Call

Closed
Session

Reconvene

Public
Hearing

Total revenues will decrease by \$1.1 Million (1.6%).

➤ **Expenses:**

- \$25 Million projected in Capital Projects fund.
- Expenses outside of construction and debt payments will increase by \$3.1 Million (5.0%).

Total expenses will increase by \$23.7 Million (33.5%)

Mr. Bohlen asked what the education fund balance was when we started this fiscal year. Mr. Grossi stated that the beginning balance in the education fund last year was only \$278,000. He said that because of the additional State revenues that the District received this year, we were able to show approximately a \$1.6 Million surplus in the education fund; therefore, the ending balance from last year or the beginning balance of this year was \$1,811,000 in the education fund.

Mr. Gathing stated that a few years ago the District was creative with the lowering of benefits and insurances. He asked Mr. Grossi if he knew offhand what the cost of insurance was before the reduction. Mr. Grossi said that before we made the cuts, the District was paying over \$6 Million a year in health insurance payments and this year the District is expecting to pay around \$5 Million.

Public Comments

President Wells asked if there were any public comments.

Public
Comments

Name	Comments
Mr. James Wasser	Mr. Wasser questioned the Board about the announcement that was made at the last Holiday Tournament meeting, that the tournament would be moved to King gym in 2019. The Board responded by stating that this recommendation has not been brought before the Board at this point. Mr. Wasser is concerned about where the money is coming from and taxpayers' dollars.

At 7:20 p.m., President Wells asked if there were any other comments, and hearing none, asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the Public Hearing. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn

At 7:21 p.m., President Wells called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education. ROLL CALL: Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, and Wells.

Reconvene

Students from the Montessori/Fine Arts Programs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

Superintendent's Report

➤ **Good News:**

Superintendent's
Report

School	Event	Explanation
Proegler	Donation	➤ Proegler received a \$2,000 donation from the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Special Appropriations Committee. This donation was provided to purchase nearly 400 uniform shirts for preschoolers.
District	Honors	➤ Congratulations to Jess Gathing, Jr., Karen Johnston, and Angela Shea who will be recognized as Master Board Members at the Illinois Association of School Boards Fall Division Meeting. The Illinois Association of School Boards recognizes board members through the Master Board Member program for the time and effort they devote to IASB leadership activities and service to the public

		education community.
KHS	Honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each year Kankakee School District 111 third-sixth graders are given the opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 and students in 6th-9th grade are given the opportunity to take the SAT and ACT. Jae Alderson, a sophomore at KHS, took the ACT and SAT through the NUMATS (Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search) in June. Jae has qualified to attend the award ceremony sponsored by the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University based on her performance on the SAT or ACT. Less than two percent of the more than 11,500 academically advanced students who participate in NUMATS qualify for the award ceremony, so this is an exceptional scholastic achievement.

- Mr. Mike O'Brien from HomeStar Bank said they are excited to adopt and partner with Mark Twain Primary School. A partnership between Mark Twain and the staff at HomeStar will involve HomeStar staff visiting Mark Twain, opening up the bank for tours for their students and parents, plus a financial investment for programs and software. Mr. O'Brien said he is also excited for the opportunity to partner with Steuben Elementary School during their parent/teachers fair late in October. He said HomeStar Bank is excited about the direction of the District and this is just their way of saying thank you and trying to support that vision. He thanked Ms. Garza, principal at Mark Twain, on making the partnership happen and Mr. Yohnka for encouraging the partnership. Mr. O'Brien presented a check to the District.

Ms. Garza thanked Mr. O'Brien and said that the school will purchase a digital literacy resource, iStation, which develops and supports literacy in English and Spanish to help both languages develop in their dual language programs as well as in their college and career academy. Ms. Garza also said she is going to invite parents to the school to learn the financing app that HomeStar has available to the general public.

- Dr. Walters asked the Board to discuss the survey that the District put on Facebook questioning whether they would support and financially contribute to making air conditioning a priority project for all District 111 schools at a cost of approximately \$32 million. Dr. Walters said she knows the District is only reaching the parents on Facebook and we don't know if all respondents are District parents. She said 86% of the respondents said yes, with 14% responding no. As a parent and taxpayer, Dr. Walters said she has a major concern about spending \$32 Million on air conditioning to use only 6-10 days a year. As a superintendent, she said she must make recommendations to the Board based on what other taxpayers are feeling. A discussion followed and most Board members felt it was too much money to spend for less than two weeks of usage. Mr. Bohlen asked, "As a district, do we want to consider going to a year-round school?" He then said, "If not, I don't see the justification." Mrs. Wells reminded the Board that in 2014 the District proposed a 1% tax increase with air conditioning being one of the items they would use the money for, but the support within the school district was low and the referendum didn't pass.

Principal's Report ~ Charles Hensley, Principal at Montessori/Fine Arts

- Mr. Hensley reviewed Lincoln Cultural Center's goals for the 2018-2019 school year:
 - Further develop and implement academic and behavior interventions, supports, and enrichment for all students.
 - Improve communication at the building level, with students, parents, and other stakeholders.
 - Create a more positive public perception of our school.

Mr. Hensley reviewed the steps they are taking to move students forward: taking Defined Learning to the next step; Naviance for career exploration; Everfi's Vault Program through HomeStar Bank; added a Tier 3 interventionist for grades 5-8; school leadership team and instructional leadership team; focus on instruction with rigor and by using research based instructional strategies; and adding a CARE room. He also reviewed student leadership opportunities.

The following five students shared their STEM projects: Kaylen Gregoire, Jessica Perez, David Love, Suzie Stipp, and Maci Goodrich.

Mr. Hensley was thanked for all he has done for the District and a video was shown of him interacting with his staff and students. This was his last Board meeting as he is retiring at the end of this school year.

Mr. Hensley concluded his presentation with the introduction of Mrs. Kim Starkey, assistant principal, to introduce the Montessori/Fine Arts staff members.

Public Comments

The following public comments were made:

Name	Topic
Alan Buck	Mr. Buck came before the Board to inform them that an improper procedure occurred at the September 10 th Board of Education meeting. He contends that the amended motion should have been called and voted on and it wasn't. He stated that because of this, the original motion should be deemed void. On behalf of the Spurs supporters, he requested that the Spurs signage matter be set for proper consideration, proper form, at a proper time, and in advance of any action that the request for a meeting be accommodated.
James Wasser	Mr. Wasser stated that after he received his FOIA information, he was confused about an August 10 th email and the prototype for the Kankakee High School and stadium replacement plaques. He said he saw the original concept when he met on August 20 th with one Board member. He wants to know when the prototype will be done so people will be able to see it. He also asked when a meeting will be held, like requested, with the Spurs committee. Mr. Wasser stated that he felt one Board member was acting alone and he should be bringing information back to the Board. Another example of that is the subject he brought up in public comments about the Holiday Tournament. He questioned how many knew about it. Mr. Wasser is looking forward to seeing the plaque and asked again, when they will see a prototype.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - September 10, 2018-Regular Meeting** (Regular & Closed Session Minutes)
- The **KJHS/LCC Overnight Trip Request** was presented for approval.
- The **Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Items** was presented for approval.
- The following **personnel items** were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation – Licensed Educational Personnel		
Robert Johnson	Science Teacher at KHS	September 11, 2018
Resignation - Administrative Personnel		
Timothy Nate McCue	Director of Student Support Services	June 30, 2019
Appointments – Licensed Educational Personnel		
Brittany Vance	Permanent Substitute at KHS	September 25, 2018
Renee Wright	English Teacher at KHS	September 25, 2018
Appointments – Support Personnel		
Tywon Bender	Student Support Interventionist at Avis Huff	October 1, 2018
Deanna Goulding	Preschool for All Paraprofessional at Mark Twain	September 25, 2018
Amelia Toronjo	Parent Liason at Steuben	September 11, 2018

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KJHS/LCC Trip

Surplus Items

Personnel Items

Resignations

Appointments

Internal Appointments - Support Personnel		
Traci Annis	Cashier at KHS	October 15, 2018
Deveta Kimbrough	Security Officer at KHS	September 10, 2018
Debra Folgers	Cook at KHS	October 15, 2018
David Hardrick	Cook at KHS	October 15, 2018
Abigael McMillin	Part-time Paraprofessional at Montessori	September 11, 2018
Appointments - Extra-Duty Assignments		
Thomas Blake	Football Assistant at KHS	2018-19 School Year
Deena Cassady	Additional Teaching (4 Preps) at KHS	2018-19 School Year
Alexander Graves	Black History Program Director at KHS	2018-19 School Year
Earnest Pickett	Study Tables/Instructional Support at KHS	2018-19 School Year
Brandon Streets	Football Assistant at KHS	2018-19 School Year
Jessica Watson	Black History Program Director at KHS	2018-19 School Year
Leaves of Absence – Support Personnel		
Rochella Glover	Paraprofessional at KJHS	Sept 24-Oct 31, 2018
Maria Toledo	Paraprofessional at Steuben	Sept 17-Dec 31, 2018

Leaves of Absence

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

Action Items

1. FY19 School Budget

FY19 Budget

- The FY19 School Budget was presented for approval.

Motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Gathing, to approve the FY19 School Budget as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Johnston, Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. Develop a Partnership with Kankakee County Action Team

Partnership

- The development of a partnership with the Kankakee County Action Team was presented for approval.

Dr. Walters said that last year she proposed keeping the high school and junior high school open after school four days a week. The junior high would be open until 7:00 PM and the high school until 9:00 PM for activities for our students and counseling for our families. The District applied for a grant and the grant was not approved. However, the Kankakee County Action Team, which was initiated by the NAACP and the Department of Children and Family Services, as well as the school district, came up with a plan. The proposed plan needs funding and we have to apply for the funding. The district would like to create Centers of Support, which would allow the junior high to be open until 7:00 PM and the high school until 9:00 PM, four days a week. The supper program was the first step in creating these Centers of Support. Currently, the supper program is at the junior high and doing very well. The high school will be next once the cafeteria is done. The other supports the district would like to put in place is academic intervention and support for our students. The District would also like to put counseling in place. Eventually, the Kankakee County Action Team would like to partner with Presence St. Mary's Hospital and Riverside Medical Center.

Dr. Walters said the partnership with DCFS requires the services to be available county wide, especially the services that DCFS would provide. Dr. Walters proposed that we support the partnership with the Kankakee County Action Team and the proposal to DCFS to provide funding for the Centers of Support at the junior high and high school. The funding that DCFS would provide is \$250,000.

Motion was made by Johnston, seconded by Gathing, to approve the development of a partnership with the

Kankakee County Action Team as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE – Ayes: Shea, Williams, Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Johnston, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

1. Summer School Programs Recap
2. 6:300-AP1 - Administrative Procedure Updated
3. Freedom of Information Act – Requests for Information
4. Homecoming Highlights
5. Previous Bill Run

At 8:26 p.m., motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED:

Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST:

Angela F. Shea, Secretary

vs

Approved: October 9, 2018

Old Business

Information

Summer School
Administrative
Procedure
FOIA Requests
Homecoming
Bill Run

Adjourn