

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
February 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Taft Primary School, 1155 West Hawkins Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Amelia Davis, Vice President
Karen Johnston, President
Angela Shea
Barbara Wells, Secretary

Members absent: John Coghlan (*Entered at 6:17 PM)
Jess Gathing (*Entered at 5:35 PM)
Joseph Lightfoot

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 5:31 p.m., motion was made by Shea, seconded by Davis, to adjourn to Room #17 for closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and negotiations. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Davis, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:07 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent
Robert Grossi, Director of Business Services
John Thomas, Assistant Superintendent
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

News media reporter, Mr. John Dykstra, was present from The Daily Journal.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by three Taft students. Students from the Fine Arts Magnet Program sang two songs, "*Gotta Keep Reading*" and "*The Main Idea Song*."

Amendment to the Agenda

President Johnston-Gentry asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove item H.2.

Motion was made by Wells, seconded by Coghlan, to amend the agenda to remove item H.2. as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Coghlan, Davis, Gathing, Shea, Wells and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

1. Illinois State Scholars
Board President, Karen Johnston, and Superintendent Walters presented Certificates of Excellence to the following Kankakee High School Illinois State Scholars:

Roll
Call

Closed
Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Amendment to
Agenda

Superintendent's
Report

Gabriella Acevedo
 Steven Baker
 Alexis Behl
 Julisa Garcia
 Brooke Graveline
 Taylor Johnson

Mackenzie Kinkade
 Lindsey Kinnersley
 Kendra Loy
 Lizbeth Padilla
 James Pentuic
 Ariana Thomas

2. **Good News**

Good News

School	Name/Event	Explanation
Edison	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edison received a check from the Risser Neighborhood Association for \$250.00. Edison will use the money to purchase uniforms for their students.
Steuben	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steuben students and staff raised \$556.00 for the family of Ta'niyah Hale through a hat day fundraiser. Steuben is very proud of the compassion and generosity displayed by the Steuben family.
Montessori Mark Twain	Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A family with students enrolled at both Mark Twain and Montessori are currently experiencing a health related tragedy in their lives. A jeans day fundraiser was held on Friday, January 29th. LCC/Montessori and Mark Twain raised \$660 to help the family. Ms. Dilks announced that two Montessori students tried out for the Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra and were accepted into the orchestra. Congratulations to Sam Love and Cameron Vinson!
Kennedy	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Denise Williams from the non-for-profit organization "Buckle it Up Keep Them Up" donated 26 belts to Kennedy.
KHS	Scholastic Bowl Honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kankakee Scholastic Bowl teams went undefeated as they won the Conference Championship! Varsity had an undefeated season and the JV team had only one loss. Mrs. Melissa Gregoire praised Mr. Sean Dailor's assistance with the JV team as it takes a great deal of strategy and guidance to perform so well throughout the season. It is the JV team's fourth consecutive year as Conference Champions. Way to go KAYS! Mr. de Oliveira was awarded the "John M. Fulton Distinguished Alumni Award" from KCC. This is a huge honor that is recognized at the local and state levels. This award is given to one outstanding KCC Alumni who is nominated by his community and peers for exemplary service and dedication to his field of Service. Congratulations to Bob for the years of service to his students, peers, community, and for providing opportunities to see the world!

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Ms. Cheryl O’Leary, Principal of Taft

Ms. O’Leary stated that Taft’s goals this year were connected to Dr. Walters’ goals: Student Achievement, Culture and Climate, Finances, Buildings and Grounds, and Staff Accountability. She said steps were taken to improve the school climate and culture and Taft’s number of referrals from first semester 2013-14 was 158 compared to first semester 2014-15 at 36. The first semester of this year there were 39 referrals. With finances, the school leadership team decided to allocate funds to put five iPads in each room. For buildings and grounds, Taft created an in-house warehouse for teacher supplies. Mrs. O’Leary then reviewed school data, the process of staff reviewing student data and how staff is held accountable.

Ms. O’Leary concluded her presentation by introducing her staff. She recognized three employees who will be retiring at the end of this school year: Alice Alvey, Dan Merten and Deb Chmielowiec. Between the three of them have a total of 105 years of service to District #111.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

1. The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - **January 11, 2016-Regular Meeting (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)**
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 **Duplicator Paper Bid** was presented for approval.
5. The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
8. The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations/Retirements-Certified Personnel		
Connie Schneider	District ESL Teacher at Lafayette	January 6, 2016
Leslie Smith	Special Ed/Co-Teacher at King	January 22, 2016
Resignations/Retirements-Support Personnel		
Nayeli Camargo	Teacher Assistant at Proegler/Head Start	December 18, 2015
Charles Weathersby	Hall Monitor at KHS	February 1, 2016
Resignation-Extra-Duty Personnel		
Shawna Dukes	Volleyball Assistant Coach at KHS	November 9, 2015
Appointment-Certified Personnel		
Alandria Roundtree	PT Academic Interventionist at Mark Twain	On or before February 29, 2016
Appointments-Support Personnel		
Cubie Ramsey	Detention Supervisor/Hall Monitor at KHS	February 9, 2016
Julian Bogan	Hall Monitor, Part-time at KHS	On or before February 28, 2016
Twaine Wicks	Full-Time Hall Monitor at KJHS	February 9, 2016
Appointments-Administrative Personnel		
Jennifer Bednarczyk	Principal at KHS	July 1, 2016
Ana Kasal	Principal/Director of Bilingual Services at Steuben	July 1, 2016
Appointments-Extra-Curricular Personnel		
Oletha Grant	Assistant Girls Track Coach at KHS	February 8, 2016
Eddie Zavala	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach at KHS	February 8, 2016
Mike Krol	Assistant Boys Track Coach at KHS	February 8, 2016
Raymond Glover	Accompanist Black History Program at LCC	February 8, 2016
Perfect Touch Productions	Accompanist Black History Program at LCC	February 8, 2016
Armani Robicheaux	Accompanist Black History Program at LCC	February 8, 2016
Administrative Leave with Pay-Certified Personnel		
Nicole McKean	English Teacher at KHS	January 27, 2016
Administrative Leave without Pay-Administrative Personnel		
Ricky Johnson	CIPS/Operations Supervisor at KHS	January 28 & 29, 2016

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

Principal's Report

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Bills

Duplicator Paper

Head Start

Personnel

Resignations/Retirements

Appointments

Administrative Leaves

Recommendation to Hire Dr. Kathleen O'Connor as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Appointment
Asst. Superintendent
Human Resources

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Wells, to accept the recommendation to hire Dr. Kathleen O'Connor as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Wells, Coghlan, Davis and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Adoption of the 2016-2017 School Calendar

2016-2017
School Calendar

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Wells, to approve the adoption of the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Shea, Wells, Coghlan, Davis, Gathing, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Old
Business

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

Information

1. Personnel Transfers (Support Personnel)

Name	Transferred To	Effective Date
David Wills	Lead Mentor/Hall Monitor at KJHS	February 9, 2016
Susan Wiatrolik	Head Custodian (Day) at Taft	February 9, 2016
Emily Neufeld	Custodian at KJHS	February 9, 2016
James Denney	Grounds at LCC	February 9, 2016
Johnathan Dandurand	1:1 Paraprofessional at King	February 4, 2016

Transfers
FOIA Request
Head Start
Activity Report
Budget Update
Revenue Update
Financial
Staff Absences

2. Freedom of Information Requests
3. Head Start Policy Council Information
4. Quarterly Student Activity Report
5. Budget Update
6. State and Federal Revenue Update
7. Report on Finance & Fund Balances
8. Staff Absence Report

Dr. Walters reminded those present that the Black History Performance will be held on Sunday, February 14th at 3:00 PM at Lincoln Cultural Center.

Dr. Walters introduced the new principal for the high school, Jennifer Bednarczyk, and the new Director of Bilingual Services/ Principal at Steuben, Ana Kasal.

At 7:45 p.m., motion was made by Shea, seconded by Wells, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: _____
Karen Johnston, President

ATTEST: _____
Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

vs

Approved: February 29, 2016