

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
July 13, 2015**

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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 Library at Kankakee High School, 1200 West Jeffery Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present:     John Coghlan  
                              Jess Gathing, Jr.  
                              Karen Johnston-Gentry, President  
                              Angela Shea  
                              Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

Members absent:     Amelia A. Davis, Vice President  
                              Joseph Lightfoot

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 6:31 p.m., motion was made by Shea, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn to the Teachers' Lounge for closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Coghlan, Gathing, Shea, Wells, and Johnston-Gentry. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Karen Johnston-Gentry.

Meeting with the Board were:

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

There were no news media reporters present.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

- The Kankakee High School library has been selected as one of the libraries to receive the 2015-2016 Reader's Choice Award from the Illinois School Library Media Associations/Library Book Selection Service Endowment Fund. This award will provide the high school library with a copy of each of the 22 award nominee titles from the high school level program, the Abraham Lincoln Reader's Choice Award.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

Roll  
Call

Closed  
Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Superintendent's  
Report

Public  
Comments

**Amendment to Agenda**

President Johnston-Gentry asked to amend the agenda to remove item F.14.

Motion was made by Coghlan and seconded by Wells to remove item F.14. from the consent agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Coghlan, Gathing, Shea, Wells, and Johnston-Gentry. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

- The following Board of Education minutes were presented for approval:
  - **June 22, 2015 (Regular & Closed Session Minutes)**
  - **July 6, 2015 – Special Board 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 Resolution for the **Release of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Recordings** was presented for approval. (See Insert C.)
- The **Contract with Proven Business Systems** to provide centralized print stations throughout each building in order to be more cost effective and efficient when printing was presented for approval.
- The **Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative** membership contract for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$1,600 was presented for approval.
- The **Lobbyist Agreement with Alfred G. Ronan, Ltd.** for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 was presented for approval.
- The following **Grants** were presented for approval.
  - No Child Left Behind Grant (NCLB) Title I-Basic/Title II-Teacher Quality
  - English Language Learners – TBE/TPI (Transitional Bilingual Education/Transitional Program of Instruction)
  - English Language Learners – Title III LIPLEPS (Language Instruction Program for Limited English Proficient Students)
  - IDEA Part B Flow-Through
  - Preschool for All Grant (3-5)
  - Preschool for All Prevention Initiative (0-3)
- The following **personnel** items were presented for approval:

Staff Member	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignation/Retirement (Administrative Personnel)</b>		
Laura Fisher	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum at LCC	June 30, 2016
<b>Resignations/Retirements (Certified Personnel)</b>		
Stephanie Carrington	Sixth Grade Teacher at Kennedy	June 23, 2015
William Curtin	English Teacher at Kankakee High School	June 21, 2015
Erika Hardesty	Special Education Teacher at King	June 11, 2015
Jennifer LeDuke	Bilingual Special Education/LD Resource Teacher at Steuben	June 4, 2015
Nicole Piwowarski	Special Education Co-Teacher at Kankakee High School	June 18, 2015
Lauren Richmond	Social Worker at Kennedy	June 23, 2015
Matthew Rusek	Math Teacher at Kankakee High School	June 29, 2015
Dawn Schwarkzopf	First Grade Teacher at Mark Twain	June 14, 2015
Alfredo Valdes	Second Grade Bilingual Teacher at Taft	June 29, 2015
Melissa Vranicar	Math Teacher at Kankakee High School	June 25, 2015
<b>Resignation/Retirement (Support Personnel)</b>		
Kathy Marquie	Family & Parent Ed Liaison - First Taste Program at Proegler	August, 2015
Deborah Pitts	Manager, Information Systems at LCC	August 15, 2015
<b>Appointments (Certified Personnel)</b>		
Christina Brown	Science Teacher at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
Dawn Cousins	Music Teacher at Montessori	2015-2016 School Year
Katherine Giblin	Kindergarten Teacher at Lafayette	2015-2016 School Year
Malaika Graves	Sixth Grade Teacher at Kennedy	2015-2016 School Year
Kelly Guzzo	Physical Education Teacher at Kennedy	2015-2016 School Year
Robert Johnson	Science Teacher at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
Elizabeth Jolly	Second Grade Teacher at Lafayette	2015-2016 School Year

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Contract

NIIPC

Lobbyist Agreement

Grants

Personnel

Resignations

Appointments

Kendra Leftridge	Sixth Grade Teacher at Kennedy	2015-2016 School Year
Sara Loring	Dual Language Teacher at Mark Twain	2015-2016 School Year
John Maniatis	Social Science Teacher at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
Megan Parks-Webster	Sixth Grade Teacher at Mark Twain	2015-2016 School Year
Ada Ramirez	Fourth Grade Bilingual Teacher at Kennedy	2015-2016 School Year
Teresa Richter	Media Specialist at Lafayette	2015-2016 School Year
Samantha Rocknowski	Social Science Teacher at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
Nesreen Sadi	Science Teacher at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
Paige Smith	Music Teacher at King	2015-2016 School Year
Jennifer Snedden	English Teacher at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
Kathryn Sobkoviak	Fifth Grade Teacher at Kennedy	2015-2016 School Year
Seneca Stevenson	Social Worker Districtwide	2015-2016 School Year
Eliria Strickland	Seventh Grade Math Teacher at Kankakee Junior High School	2015-2016 School Year
Haralambos Vavilis	Math Teacher at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
Emily Walsko	Eighth Grade Math Teacher at Kankakee Junior High School	2015-2016 School Year
Dawn Wendt	Third/Fourth Grade Gifted Teacher at Kennedy	2015-2016 School Year
Charlette Williams	Health Academy Instructor at Kankakee High School	2015-2016 School Year
<b>Appointments (Support Personnel)</b>		
Hollist Brown Daniels	Paraprofessional Position	2015-2016 School Year
Marlena Lindsley	Paraprofessional Position	2015-2016 School Year
Joel Margiliano	Information Systems Manager	July 14, 2015
Cheree McDaye	Paraprofessional Position	2015-2016 School Year
Dora Mendez	PSFA Parent Coordinator at Mark Twain	2015-2016 School Year
Kelly Peterson-Neuman	Paraprofessional Position	2015-2016 School Year
Deborah Pitts	Assistant Software Support Specialist at LCC	August 15, 2015
Delories Spears	Paraprofessional Position	2015-2016 School Year
Jermaine Wilson	Paraprofessional Position	2015-2016 School Year
Calvin Works	Paraprofessional Position	2015-2016 School Year
Corey Zych	Educational Technology Facilitator at LCC	July 15, 2015
<b>Resignation (Extra-Curricular Personnel)</b>		
Amanda Grace	Volleyball Coach at Kankakee High School	May 28, 2015

Resignation

President Johnston-Gentry asked if there were any questions on the Consent Agenda items. Hearing none, President Johnston-Gentry asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

Old Business

**Information and Proposals**

1. The following personnel transfers were reported:

Staff Member	Transferred To	Effective Date
<b>Certified Personnel</b>		
Andrew Kempen	Physical Education Teacher at Lafayette	2015-2016 School Year
Hilary McDaniel	Fifth Grade Teacher at King	2015-2016 School Year
Cynthia Nelson	Seventh Grade Language Arts Teacher at KJHS	2015-2016 School Year

2. 2015-2016 Parent Handbook and Student Code of Conduct
3. Title change for Mark Sheahan to Interim Business Manager.
4. Budget Update
5. State & Federal Revenue Report

Information  
Transfers  
2015-2016 Handbook  
Title Change  
Budget Update  
Financial

At 7:04 p.m. motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Wells, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

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Karen Johnston-Gentry, President

ATTEST:

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Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

vs

**Approved: August 10, 2015**