

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
December 12, 2016**

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 Multi-Purpose Room at Taft Primary School, 1155 West Hawkins Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: John Coghlan
 Jess Gathing, Jr.
 Karen Johnston, President
 Angela Shea

Members absent: Amelia Davis, Vice President (*entered at 6:25 PM)
 Joseph Lightfoot
 Barbara Wells, Secretary

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:02 p.m., motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to adjourn to 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, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

At 7:18 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

Meeting with the Board were:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Student Advisory Committee from Taft Primary School. The K-3 Science Magnet students sang a song, "Peppermint Candy Cane."

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

➤ Good News Items

School	Name	Event
Taft	Donations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Snider from Snider's Nursery donated a truck load of playground mulch to Taft. • The Kankakee Telephone Pioneers 45th Annual "All God's Children Must Have Shoes" donated 15 pairs of shoes, a pair of socks and a Hershey candy bar from Sears to our students.

Roll Call

Closed Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Superintendent's Report

Good News

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kankakee Kiwanis Club donated 61 brand new coats and gloves to their students. • Riverside Medical Center is sponsoring 13 families and providing Christmas presents for the entire family. • The Kankakee Elks is sponsoring six families and providing them with Christmas presents. • Toys for Tots is sponsoring 18 families and providing presents for the entire family. • O'Reilly's Auto Parts and Jose Pena are sponsoring four families and providing Christmas gifts. • Leslie Salgado, Angelique Pena and Jose Pena Jr. are sponsoring eight students with Christmas presents • The staff at Taft are sponsoring 70 students and providing each with a Christmas gift. • The Kankakee Federation of Labor is providing hats and gloves for their students. • Three Taft students will be "Shopping with a Cop." • The Moose Lodge will be sponsoring two families with presents and a Christmas meal.
Kennedy	<p>Club Night</p> <p>Donations</p> <p>Grant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Club Night was recently held at Kennedy Middle Grade School. Currently, Kennedy students participate in Chess Club, Art Club, and Ukulele Club. In January, they will add a Book Club and STEM Club. These clubs give students a chance to participate in various areas of interest and are motivators to keep grades up and referrals down. • The First Assembly of God Church in Limestone provided five families with Thanksgiving Baskets and the Annunciation Orthodox Church Ladies' Philoptochos Society donated food for one family at Thanksgiving. • The Holiday Season is a time for giving and the following is an example of the generosity of the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Riverside Hospital's Santa Sleigh Program will provide 27 students and their families with food and gifts. ○ Kankakee Kiwanis Winter Warmth Program delivered sixteen coats, hats, and gloves to students at Kennedy. ○ Telecom Pioneer Shoes Program provided 17 students with new shoes. ○ First Assembly of God Church will provide five families with Christmas Baskets filled with food. ○ Kankakee Elks Lodge 627 will provide six students with Christmas presents. ○ Three students will be gift shopping with "Shop with A Cop" from the Kankakee Police Department.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sabrina McNeal is the recipient of the Kankakee Valley Autism mini-grant in the amount of \$685 that will aid in enhancing programming for her students with autism. The Kilbride Family Classic Run/Walk for Autism funds this grant. Congratulations, Mrs. McNeal!
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- Dr. Walters reported on a new partnership with the newly elected States Attorney, Jim Rowe. He will be offering internships to our students once he takes office. She stated that the District is very excited about this opportunity.

Principal’s Report – Terrence Lee, Principal at Taft Primary School

Mr. Lee began his presentation by sharing a video of highlights at Taft Primary School and then introduced the Taft staff.

Mr. Lee reviewed Taft’s Benchmark Scores from Fall 2016. Their goal is to achieve 80% of their students in Tier 1, no more than 15% in Tier 2 and no more than 5% in Tier 3. Ms. Ferry reviewed the referral data, stating that most referrals are bus referrals. Only 21% of Taft’s student body has received one or more referrals.

Mr. Lee stated that Taft has looked at the baseline data and made decisions based on that information. The action they have taken includes the following: hired reading interventionists in addition to interventions being done in class by the teacher and the classroom aides, behavior/management plan, and math data that is driving staff discussions to better serve their students. The behavior action plan includes: school display of their MAC expectations, staff members giving out Kay’s cash to all students demonstrating these expectations, a social skill or cool tool that is presented each week, attendance incentive for all classrooms, addressing bus behaviors, and an established crisis response team that consists of 3-5 staff members.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - **November 14, 2016-Regular Meeting (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)**
 - **November 21, 2016-Special Meeting (Regular & Executive 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 KHS overnight trip request to Six Flags Grad Nite was presented for approval.
- The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Staff Member	Position	Effective Date
Resignation-Licensed Educational Professionals		
Mitchell Thompson	Physical Education Teacher at Kennedy	November 22, 2016
Resignation-Support Personnel		
Renee Whitehouse	HR Coordinator at LCC	November 10, 2016
Christine Williams	Security Officer and Asst Coach-Girls Basketball at KHS	November 18, 2016
Maria Spargur	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Steuben	December 9, 2016
Alisha Clark	HR Coordinator at LCC	January 4, 2017
Appointment-Administrative Personnel		
Robert Adamik	Director of Maintenance at LCC	January 3, 2017
Appointment-Licensed Educational Professional		
Maureen Antognoli	Academic Interventionist at King	December 13, 2016
Appointments-Support Personnel		

Principal's Report

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Bills

Executive Session Minutes

Trip Request

Personnel

Resignations

Appointments

Stacey McKnight	Security Officer at KHS	January 3, 2017
Diane Denault	HR Coordinator at LCC	January 3, 2017
Anthony Sykes	Accounting Coordinator at LCC	December 13, 2016
Appointments-Extra-Duty Personnel		
Julie Tomisek	Spring Orchestra Director at KHS	December 12, 2016
Curtis Crossley	Girls' Basketball Asst. at KHS	December 12, 2016
Brandon Woods	Boys' Basketball Asst. at KHS	December 12, 2016
Michael Krol	Boys' Track Asst. at KHS	December 12, 2016
Steve Whitlow	Girls' Basketball Asst. at KHS	December 12, 2016
Antonio Young	Black History Tech Director	December 12, 2016
Viodelda Judkins	Black History Co-Director	December 12, 2016
Edith Petty	Black History Co-Director	December 12, 2016
Robert Ellington-Snipes	Black History Music Director	December 12, 2016
Jodette Giannakopoulos	Student Lunch Coverage at KHS	December 12, 2016
Candace Frye	Student Lunch Coverage at KHS	December 12, 2016
Brian Mathis	Additional Teaching: 5 preps at KJHS	December 12, 2016
Patrick Lacy	Additional Teaching: 5 preps at KHS	December 12, 2016
David Knudson	Additional Teaching: 5 preps at KHS	December 12, 2016
Kelley Guzzo	Additional Teaching: 5 preps at KHS	December 12, 2016
Angela Kanak	Additional Teaching: 4 preps at KHS	December 12, 2016
Brent Johnston	Additional Teaching: 4 preps at KJHS	December 12, 2016
Sean Dailor	Additional Teaching: 4 preps at KHS	December 12, 2016
Deena Cassidy	Additional Teaching: 4 preps at LCC	December 12, 2016

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

2016 Tax Levy

The 2016 Tax Levy was presented for approval.

The presentation of the 2016 Tax Levy was provided by Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services.

Mr. Grossi presented the timeline for the tax levy stating that on November 14, 2016 the Board approved the tentative tax levy and on November 17th it was presented to the Finance Committee. The final tax levy will be voted on tonight and is due in the County Clerk's Office on or before December 23rd. Mr. Grossi stated that the CPI is 0.7% which is the most the tax levy can increase from last year. He reviewed the breakdown of total revenues. He said that it is estimated that the District will receive approximately \$200,000 in additional tax revenues from taxpayers due to the CPI increase. The annual tax increase as a result of this levy to a home valued at \$100,000 is approximately \$10 versus the previous tax year.

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the 2016 Tax Levy as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Davis, Gathing, Shea, Coghlan, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2016 Supplemental Tax Levy

The 2016 Supplemental Tax Levy was presented for approval. Mr. Grossi stated that beginning in 2015, the District began requesting a supplemental tax levy to collect unpaid levy dollars for the Bond & Interest Fund. The District was short \$50,721 in its collection of Bond & interest dollars for levy year 2014. The annual tax increase as a result of this levy to a home valued at \$100,000 is approximately \$4.67 versus the previous tax year. (See Insert D.)

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the 2016 supplemental tax levy as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Coghlan, Davis, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

2016 Tax Levy

Supplemental
Tax Levy

2017 Worker’s Compensation Insurance

The recommendation to accept the 2017 Worker’s Compensation Insurance was presented for approval.

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Shea, to approve the 2017 Worker’s Compensation Insurance as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Shea, Coghlan, Davis, Gathing, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Worker’s
Compensation
Insurance

Recommendation of Resolution Authorizing Notice of Remedy for Daron Kinzinger

The recommendation of the Resolution authorizing notice of remedy for Daron Kinzinger was presented for approval. (See Insert E.)

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Shea, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Remedy for Daron Kinzinger as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE—Ayes: Shea, Gathing, and Johnston. Nays: Coghlan and Davis. Motion carried.

Notice of Remedy

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Old Business

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

1. FOIA Requests/Responses
2. Increase in Hours (Support Personnel)
3. Proposal to Merge Director of Enrichment Programs and Director of School Improvement Positions for the 2017-2018 School Year.
4. Corporate Fitness Membership Proposals
5. Restructuring Technology Magnet
 - Dr. Walters stated that the District will be restructuring the Technology Magnet Program into the Engineering Magnet Program. The Engineering Magnet will allow students to design and build with the added benefit of using the enhanced computer labs used in the technology magnets. This will allow for further exploration and challenge in an area of study and exploration of career choices. The Engineering Magnet will be housed in the same schools as the previous Technology Magnet.
6. November Suspension Report
7. State & Federal Revenue Report
8. Budget Update
9. Staff Absence Report

Information
FOIA
Increase in Hours
Proposal to Merge
Fitness Memberships
Technology Magnet
Suspension Report
Financial Reports
Staff Absences

At 8:05 p.m. motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Shea, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: _____
Karen Johnston, President

ATTEST: _____
Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

vs

Approved: January 9, 2017