

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
May 9, 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 Proegler School, 710 North Chicago Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Amelia Davis, Vice President  
Karen Johnston-Gentry, President  
Joseph Lightfoot  
Angela Shea  
Barbara Wells, Secretary

Members absent: John Coghlan (\*entered at 6:08 PM)  
Jess Gathing, Jr. (\*entered at 6:07 PM, exited at 7:50 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

**Closed Session**

At 6:05 p.m., motion was made by Davis, seconded by Lightfoot, to adjourn to Room 205 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, Lightfoot, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

At 7:12 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Mrs. Irish's class. The students also recited a portion of Dr. Martin Luther King's "I've Got a Dream" speech.

Meeting with the Board were:

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

No news reporter was present.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

➤ **Good News**

School	Event	Explanation
Mark Twain	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowe's Home Improvement Store donated 70 bags of mulch for Mark Twain's Hero Garden. Mark Twain appreciates the wonderful gift that enhanced the entrance to their school.</li> </ul>
Edison	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Vicki Staniszeski, a cafeteria employee at Edison, donated \$50 to the Edison PTO.</li> </ul>
Kennedy	Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following Kennedy Middle Grade School students performed well at the IESA Solo and Ensemble Contest in Dwight on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anayah Buckner, Division II rating</li> <li>○ Diamond Blomlie, Division II rating</li> <li>○ Lazeris Moore, Division I rating</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Roll Call

Closed Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Good News

	Fundraiser	<p>Students were coached by their music/choir teacher, Mrs. Jamie Kotovsky.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kennedy students and staff recently held a jeans day and raised \$453.20 for the Ward family who recently experienced great loss due to a house fire.</li> </ul>
LCC	Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deb Adams was recognized by the Community Foundation for her volunteer efforts at school, tutoring at church, community events, and mentoring.</li> <li>At the recent IESA Organizational Contest the following honors were awarded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Band/Orchestra/Jazz Band/Choir</li> <li>➤ Best of the Day – Orchestra</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>IHSA Organizational Contest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Orchestra/Wind Ensemble/Jazz Band</li> </ul>
KJHS	Poetry Slam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Tuesday, April 19, fourteen student poets from Kankakee Junior High School performed their original poems before an enthusiastic and supportive audience. About 80 people gathered at Feed Arts and Cultural Center for the fifth annual Junior High Poetry Slam, a joint venture of the Junior High School and the Kankakee Public Library. This year's theme was Keep it Real, and the students' poems ranged from high energy raps to profound social commentary. First place honors went to Jy'Aire Ray, second place was earned by Terry George, and Benjamin Ramirez won third place. The winners were decided by a panel of five judges and were awarded prize baskets provided by the Junior High PTO and the Kankakee Public Library.</li> </ul> <p>Students who enjoy writing poetry but were not comfortable performing their poems in public could submit them in writing to be judged. The winners of that contest were as follows: Marlesia Walker won first place, Gabryonna Bell won second, and Preston King won third. The event will be held again next April, always during National Poetry Month.</p>
KHS	Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Olympics Illinois has started a new program where one school in each area would be recognized as a Unified Champion School for their work with Project UNIFY. In order to be a Unified Champion School you need to participate in all three categories of Project UNIFY: Unified Sports, Youth Leadership and a Whole School Component. Kankakee High School was selected for Area 8 to receive the Unified Champion School Award. Kankakee High School will receive a banner at the Special Olympic Spring Games competition on May 7<sup>th</sup> during Opening Ceremonies.</li> </ul>
District	Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Bilingual Educational Excellence Grant</u></b> Bilingual Educational Excellence Grant funds help improve instructional services for English learners (ELs) while ensuring equitable access to educational excellence. District has been awarded up to \$8,955; these funds will support our work in developing and implementing language instruction and academic resources for English learners.</li> </ul>
	Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>National Board Certification Partnership with National Board Resource Center at Illinois State University</u></b> This partnership affords 36 KSD111 teachers the opportunity to receive 12 sessions of professional</li> </ul>



Mrs. McBroom provided Governance Training and distributed materials to all Board of Education members as well as Superintendent Walters.

She concluded her presentation with the introduction of her staff by departments.

**Public Comments**

The following comments were made:

Speaker	Topic
Robert Ellington-Snipes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He passed out information to each Board member on a grievance.</li> <li>• Spoke on the necessity of keeping minority employees.</li> <li>• Communicated information on the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KFT.</li> </ul>

Public Comments

**Consent Agenda**

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
  - o **April 11, 2016-Regular Meeting** (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
- The **Payroll and Related Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
- The **Payroll Bills** were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
- The **Textbook Adoptions** were presented for approval.
- The **Student and Athletic Insurance and the Catastrophic Accident Insurance for the 2016-2017 School Year** were presented for approval.
- The **E-Rates Contracts** were presented for approval.
- The **Head Start Policy Council Documents** were presented for approval.
  - March 30, 2016 Minutes
  - Final Self-Assessment Reports
  - Status and Procurement Reports
  - Continuation of Grant Application, Year 2
    - o Open Three Outside Sites
      - Bourbonnais
      - YWCA
      - Kankakee Community College
  - Resignation of Teacher Assistant Ashley Lambert
- The **Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Items** was presented for approval. (See Insert C.) The resolution authorizes the Director of Business Services to dispose of the listed items.
- The following **personnel items** were presented for approval:

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Bills

Textbook Adoptions

Student Insurance

E-Rate Contracts

Head Start Documents

Surplus Items

Name	Position	Effective Date
<b>Resignations/Retirements – Certified Personnel</b>		
Michelle Joop	Social Worker at KHS	End of the 2015-2016 School Year
Margaret Shay	Speech Pathologist at LCC	End of the 2015-2016 School Year
Jamie Kotovsky	Music Teacher at Kennedy	End of the 2015-2016 School Year
<b>Resignations/Retirements – Support Personnel</b>		
Ashley Lambert	Teacher Assistant at Head Start	End of the 2015-2016 School Year
Allen Mailloux	Painter/Maintenance Department/LCC	June 30, 2016
Pamela Kapchinske	Principal's Secretary at KHS	June 30, 2016
<b>Appointments – Certified Personnel</b>		
Teresa Richter	Elementary/Middle School Teacher at TBD	August 18, 2016
Katherine Giblin	Elementary/Middle School Teacher at TBD	August 18, 2016
Elizabeth Jolly	Elementary/Middle School Teacher at TBD	August 18, 2016
Nicole Hamm-Smith	School Psychologist/Special Education Department	August 18, 2016
<b>Appointments – Extra-Curricular Personnel</b>		
Lisa Walker	Extra-duty compensation: Overload	2015-2016 School Year
Rodney Latham	Extra-duty compensation: Overload	2015-2016 School Year
Kelly Guzzo	Extra-duty compensation: Overload	2015-2016 School Year
<b>Terminations – Support Personnel</b>		
Cubie Ramsey	Detention Supervisor/Hall Monitor at KHS	April 19, 2016
Julian Bogan	Hall Monitor (Part-time) at KHS	April 15, 2016
<b>Leaves of Absence – Certified Personnel</b>		

Personnel

Resignations/Retirements

Appointments

Terminations

Teresa Sobota	English Teacher at KHS	April 11 – June 11, 2016
Malaika Graves	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Kennedy	April 18 – End of School Year
Christine McGovern	Special Ed/LD Resource Teacher at King	May 12-June 30, 2016
<b>Leaves of Absence – Support Personnel</b>		
Christina Salgado	Paraprofessional/Bilingual at Steuben	March 8 – May 2, 2016
Delma Garcia	Paraprofessional/Special Education/Cross Cat at KJHS	May 3 – May 31, 2016

Leaves of Absence

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

**Old Business**

There was no old business discussed.

Old Business

President Johnston asked which Board members would be interested in passing out diplomas this year at graduation on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Gathing, Mrs. Wells, and Mrs. Shea all consented to pass out the diplomas this year.

Graduation

Dr. Walters invited the Board members to Presence St. Mary’s Hospital Inspire Awards. It is a celebration honoring the children of Kankakee River Valley in partnership with Kankakee School District for recognition of their enduring commitment to building a healthy community. The event will be held on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 PM at Presence St. Mary’s Hospital in the Franco Conference Center.

Inspire Awards

**Information and Proposals**

The following items were provided for information:

Information

1. Freedom of Information Act – Requests for Information
2. Board of Education Committee Meeting Minutes
  - Curriculum Committee Meeting ~ September 9, 2015
  - Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting ~ March 31, 2016
3. 2016-2017 PTO Parent Council Meeting Schedule
4. 2016-2017 KFT Informal Meeting Schedule
5. Head Start Policy Council Documents
6. State and Federal Revenue Report
7. Budget Update
8. Staff Absence Report

FOIA Requests  
 Committee Minutes  
 PTO Meetings  
 KFT Informal Meetings  
 RevTrak  
 Head Start  
 Activity Report  
 Revenue Update  
 Budget Update  
 Staff Absences

At 8:03 p.m. motion was made by Wells, seconded by Coghlan, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Karen Johnston, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

vs

**Approved: June 13, 2016**