



**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
BOARD OF EDUCATION ~ COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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**Committee** Finance & Facilities Committee  
**Date:** January 28, 2016  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Lincoln Cultural Center, Room 212

Committee Members present:  
John Coghlan  
Jess Gathing

Other attendees:  
Robert Grossi  
Mary Clow  
Ken Carr  
Mike Van Mill

Absent: Karen Johnston  
Dr. Genevra Walters

The following discussion was held:

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Gathing to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Coghlan. Motion carried.

2. Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone

Mike Van Mill explained that the Kankakee County currently has 2 enterprise zones one from 1980 and one from 1985 that the District participates in. They will expire in July, 2017. The State reapplied last year and their application was accepted in September, 2015. The Kankakee School District is in the Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone.

The Enterprise Zone can be used for expansion or remodeling or rehabilitation. The period of abatement shall be for 5 years and shall be for a percentage of the total value of such improvements as follows:

Year 1 100%  
Year 2 80%  
Year 3 60%  
Year 4 40%  
Year 5 20%

Mr. Van Mill explained that we don't want to lose the tax dollars. However, new improvements would help stabilize industry, manufacturing, and warehousing. It would also help build economic growth and create jobs. Most jobs are being created in the Enterprise Zone with CSL Bearing and Sun Chemical. Bunge used sales tax abatement.

In 1995, 1996, and 1997 several companies took advantage of the Enterprise Zone which includes Kankakee Community College, Herscher School District, Momence School District as well as the Kankakee Airport.

## 2. Kankakee River Valley Enterprise Zone continued

John Coghlan asked how much the District would lose by participating. Mr. Van Mill said he would have to get an estimated amount from the assessor. It does not include all of the school district and boundaries are based mostly near industrial and manufacturing locations. He will email information to Rob. Mr. Van Mill presented Rob with a participation contract that he could take to the board.

## 3. Insurance Consultant

Rob Grossi informed the Committee that we are currently paying CIBC our health insurance consultant \$24,000 per year. They recently informed Mr. Grossi that they needed to increase their yearly rate to \$76,000 per year.

Mr. Grossi met with two vendors and obtained prices from them. One company was out of Flossmoor. Their price was about \$20,000 per year. He also met with Homestar Insurance who currently consults for Bradley School District. He talked with all their references and they were good and their cost would be \$40,000 per year.

Rob went back to CIBC to inform them he was looking at other companies and obtaining proposals. CIBC proposed to go back to the \$24,000 per year yearly cost.

Jess Gathing made a motion to stay with CIBC and John Coghlan seconded it. The motion carried.

## 4. Skilled Workers

The Food Service Department would like to hire outside contractors. If we get the construction bond, we will do a cost analysis to hire 1 or 2 skilled workers to do work internally.

## 5. Golf Outing

Mr. Grossi would like to hold a Golf Outing Fundraiser. Brochures would be sent to all employees and all vendors we paid over \$25,000 last year. We would ask for sponsorships. The goal the first year would be to profit \$15,000 for the Athletic Department so we would not have to charge fees and can help students more.

## 6. Copier Contract

Rob Grossi wanted to give the Committee an update on copiers. He and Dan Dannenberg from the Technology Department met with Advantage Copier, Martin Whalen and Proven. Martin Whalen was informed that we were opting out of the 5<sup>th</sup> year contract with them. We will be asking for new proposals and we will be dictating the terms of the agreement.

We hope to begin receiving proposals in February and can negotiate with the vendors once they are received. We have until June 17<sup>th</sup> when our current copier contract expires. We will ask for input from the teachers and each vendor will bring their machines in for the teachers to try.

7, Aroma Park

Rob Grossi informed the Committee that he had talked to our attorney about the sale of Aroma Park Primary School. We can go to the Board and declare the building as surplus. We could then put it out for bid within 21 days accepting sealed bids or we could do a public auction.

Jerry Shapiro told John Coghlan that there is a municipal statute that said the Mayor of Aroma Park leased the school to the District for \$1.00. If the school is not used for 3 years, they would get the property back. Mr. Coghlan is not sure if that is true or not.

8. Other Concerns

None

A motion was made by Jess Gathing and seconded by John Coghlan to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. The motion carried.