

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

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 Auditorium at Kennedy Middle Grade School, 1550 West Calista Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Members present: John Coghlan
 Karen Johnston-Gentry, President
 Angela Shea
 Barbara Wells, Secretary

Members absent: Amelia Davis
 Jess Gathing (*entered at 6:06 PM)
 Joseph Lightfoot (*entered at 6:08 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:06 p.m., motion was made by Shea, seconded by Coghlan, 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, Lightfoot, Shea, Wells, and Johnston-Gentry. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

At 7:05 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tavarius Moore and Christina Bacote from Kennedy Middle Grade School. Tavarius and Christina then spoke on student led parent/teacher conferences. Mrs. Wilkins, their 5th grade teacher, had Tavarius explain how he liked leading his own conferences and Christina and her mother held a mock student led conference.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent
Laura Fisher, Assistant Superintendent
Robert Grossi, Director of Business Services
John Thomas, Assistant Superintendent
Brenda Banks, Recording Secretary

There were no news media reporters present.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

School	Event	Explanation
Steuben	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kim Caramele, Steuben's former psychologist, who is now an Emmy Winner writer for the Amy Schumer show, donated \$300 to purchase uniforms for students in need.
	Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership between Steuben Elementary School and Asbury Methodist Church continues to strengthen. The Parent Support Group is now being hosted by Asbury, who is providing childcare

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		activities and dinner for all. Mr. Dan Harris provides the parent education.
Aroma Park Lafayette	Honors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Rodgers (Aroma Park Primary School) and Holly Schafroth (Lafayette Primary School) were chosen as winners in the 2014-2015 Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education, Pledge for Life Partnership, and Life Education Center's "Best Practice Contest." <p>The "Best Practice Contest" is designed to recognize educators who develop imaginative and creative projects to reinforce our curriculum with monetary prizes of \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place, and \$25 for 3rd place. Ms. Rodgers received \$100 for her 1st place entry titled "What Food Group?" and Ms. Schafroth received \$25 for her entry titled "LEC Bingo." Congratulations!</p>
Kennedy	Donation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy Sollers donated a bag of gently used uniforms to Kennedy
District	State Seal of Biliteracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kankakee School District applied for and received permission from the State Board of Education to award a State Seal of Biliteracy to students who demonstrate a high level of proficiency in one or more languages, in addition to English. The seal would be placed on a student's academic transcript and diploma. <p>Only students meeting the criteria specified in the state legislation and rules may be awarded the State Seal of Biliteracy or, if applicable, the State Commendation toward Biliteracy. Qualifying students would have to earn a 4 or better on the AP exam for the foreign language they have studied and if they are a Native (Spanish, Manderin, etc.) speaker, they would need to also achieve the exit criteria for ELL's.</p> <p>To develop proficiency in another language takes time and practice, we now have another incentive to offer students, in addition to the lifetime reward of increased employability and cultural understanding.</p>

Principal's Report

- Dr. Peters-Lambert shared a quote from John F. Kennedy, "For time and the world do not stand still. Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future." Dr. Peters-Lambert said that if we don't change, we grow stagnant, and she said Kennedy is doing very well with change. Dr. Peters-Lambert stated that Kennedy is a No Excuses University with six exceptional systems in place: intervention, data management, assessment, standards alignment, collaboration, and Culture of Universal Achievement.

Dr. Peters-Lambert reported the good news from Kennedy: reduction in referrals from previous year, 73% of Kennedy students attended and co-led their Fall parent/teacher conference with their teacher, 5th grade improved by 10.6% in Tier I MAZE and decreased by 12.6% in Tier III MAZE from fall to spring, received many donations this year, jump started a 5th/6th grade girls' basketball team, Sandy Kiefer and Sheryl Orr presented at the IRC Conference in Springfield, Jamie Kotvsky received a grant from DonorsChoose.org, Chrome Zone is up and running, more classes are utilizing area business for classroom presentation, and Mrs. Roundtree's class led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Kankakee City Council Meeting in September.

Next, Dr. Peters-Lambert reviewed Kennedy's AIMSweb results, explained the next steps, explained the SIP action plan, and reviewed Kennedy's servant leadership events. She concluded by introducing her staff.

Public Comments

- The following public comment was made.

Name	Topic
Beth Anderson	Presented Dan Dannenberg, Instructional Technology Supervisor, with a Hero Award.
Mayor Fowler	Spoke on behalf of the Village of Aroma Park and asked the Board to consider Aroma Park Primary School's history, the importance to their residents, all the young people, and to their community before taking an irreversible and fatal step in closing the school.

Amendment to the Consent Agenda

Mr. Coghlan requested that the assistant basketball coach position, Joseph Lightfoot II, be removed from item G. 10. and voted on separately. President Johnston-Gentry asked for a motion.

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the amendment to the agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Coghlan, Gathing, Lightfoot, Shea, Wells, and Johnston-Gentry. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

- The following Board minutes were presented for approval:
 - **September 14, 2015 – Regular Meeting** (Closed Session)
 - **September 24, 2015 – Special Board Meeting** (Regular Session)
 - **September 28, 2015 – Regular Meeting** (Regular & Closed Session)
- The Regular Bills were presented for approval. (See Insert A.)
- The Payroll and Related Bills were presented for approval. (See Insert B.)
- The ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools was presented for approval.
- The School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan (Emergency Preparedness Guide) for 2015-2016 was presented for approval.
- The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignations/Retirements-Certified Personnel		
Annis, Timothy	Health Teacher at KHS	May 27, 2016
Pomije, Randall	Science Teacher at KJHS	May 27, 2016
Resignations/Retirements-Support Personnel		
Peeken, Sarah	Paraprofessional/Non-Instructional at Kennedy	October 7, 2015
Gawczynski, Thomas	Director of Technology Infrastructure at LCC	November 30, 2015
Appointments-Certified Personnel		
Mercer, Mary	Part-Time Academic Interventionist at Kennedy	October 14, 2015
Rose, Randy	Part-Time Data Coach at LCC	July 1, 2015
Moncofsky, Lynnea	Hearing Impaired Teacher at LCC	October 14, 2015
Schneider, Connie	Part-Time ESL Teacher at Lafayette	August 17, 2015
Kinzinger, Daron	Plato Teacher at KHS	August 17, 2015
Appointments-Support Personnel		
Lambert, Kathleen	Paraprofessional/Part-Time Instructional at Lafayette	October 5, 2015
Martinez, Estafania	Paraprofessional/Pre-School For All at Mark Twain	October 14, 2015
Pommier, Melissa	Cafeteria Helper/3 ½ hours/day at Lafayette	October 14, 2015
Williams, Ty-Isha	Cafeteria Helper/4 hours/day at KJHS	October 14, 2015
Appointments-Extra-Curricular Personnel		
Annis, Timothy	Medical Academy Coordinator at KHS	October 13, 2015
Benson, Jeanne	Music Director at KHS	October 13, 2015
Benson, Jeanne	Accompanist (Fall Play & Spring Musical)	October 13, 2015
Birr, Michael	Technical Director (Black History, Hispanic Celebration, Spring Musical)	October 13, 2015

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Appointments

Birr, Michael	Set Designer at LCC	October 13, 2015
Bretzlaff, Peter	Social Studies Division Chair at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Collins, Darion	Asst. Boys' Basketball at KHS	October 13, 2015
Fierro, Melissa	Science Division Chair at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Gathing, Linda	Electives/Encore Division Chair at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Ghere, Mindy	ELA Division Chair at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Harris, Cynthia	Electives/Encore Division Chair at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Jackson, Candice	ELA Division Chair at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Knudson, David	Stage Manager at KHS	October 13, 2015
Penrod, Eric	Band Director at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Puffer, Michelle	Mathematic Division Chair at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Puffer, Michelle	Textbook Manager at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Sheely, Jana	BETA Club Sponsor at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Shellie, Laura	Student Council Sponsor at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Sobota, Theresa	Business Academy Coordinator at KHS	October 13, 2015
Tomisek, Julie	Orchestra Director at KJHS	October 13, 2015
Williams, Tammy	5 th /6 th Grade Girls' Basketball at King	October 13, 2015

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

Assistant Basketball Coach, Joseph Lightfoot II

A motion to approve the assistant basketball coach was made by Gathing, seconded by Wells. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Wells, and Johnston-Gentry. Nays: Shea and Coghlan. Abstained: Lightfoot. Motion carried.

Assistant
Basketball Coach

Audit Report for 2014-2015

Carmen Huizenga, auditor from Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm (our independent auditors), presented the audit report. Ms. Huizenga thanked the Board for allowing Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm the opportunity to perform the District's audit. Ms. Huizenga stated that there were no financial statement findings in the 2014-2015 audit report. Ms. Huizenga then reviewed the Annual Financial Report and charts that were received by the Board.

Audit Report

Ms. Huizenga also reported that there were no findings in the Student Activity Funds and grants that were audited this year.

Motion was made by Shea, seconded by Wells, to approve the 2014-2015 Audit Report and Audited Financial Statements as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Shea, Wells, Coghlan, Gathing, Lightfoot, and Johnston-Gentry. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

Old
Business

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

1. Budget Cuts for 2016-17 School Year
Dr. Walters reviewed the proposed 2016-17 school year budget cuts: move to grade centers, close Aroma Park Primary School, eliminate Bilingual Director Position and combine with the principal position at Steuben, and charge student fees for participation in extra-curricular activities
2. Annual Employee Compensation Report
3. 150th Anniversary
4. State & Federal Revenue Report
5. Budget Update

Information:
Budget Cuts
Compensation Report
150th Anniversary
Financial Reports
Staff Absence Report

6. Report on Finance & Fund Balances
7. Staff Absence Report

At 8:01 p.m. a motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Lightfoot, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED:

Karen Johnston-Gentry, President

ATTEST:

Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

vs

Approved: October 26, 2015