

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
October 24, 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 Auditorium at Lincoln Cultural Center, 240 Warren Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Amelia Davis, Vice President
 Joseph Lightfoot

A quorum was declared present.

Closed Session

At 6:01 p.m., motion was made by Gathing, 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, Shea, Wells, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The closed session was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Montessori. In honor of Hispanic Heritage month, the students recited the pledge in both Spanish and English. The students sang Montessori's theme song, "*Peace Song*" in both Spanish and English. The performance concluded with students performing a song on the piano, "*Walk Like a Mummy*" using the Quaver method, a computer-based program.

Meeting with the Board were:

Dr. Geneva A. Walters, Superintendent
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

There were no news media reporters present.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Walters reported the following information:

1. ***Good News***

School	Event	Explanation
Edison Steuben Montessori	Best Practice Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Schafroth, Jill Rodgers and Deborah Adams were chosen as winners in the 2015-16 Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education, Pledge for Life Partnership, and Life Education Center's "Best Practice Contest." <p>The "Best Practice Contest" recognized educators who developed projects to reinforce their curriculum. Holly's 1st place entry titled "Teach What You Have Learned" was awarded \$100.00, Jill's 2nd place entry titled "What Food Group" was awarded \$50.00, and Deborah's 3rd place entry titled "Vegetable Garden" was awarded \$25.00.</p>

Roll Call

Closed Session

Reconvene

Pledge

Superintendent's Report

Good News

Edison	Donation Drone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edison School is happy to be the recipient of Blessings in a Back Pack for eight Edison students. The program provides a back pack full of food for the students on the weekend. During the homecoming parade, Marcus Bulge and Nicholas Gene, two second grade students from Mrs. Sykes technology magnet class took aerial videos and photos using the drone. They were able to share the homecoming parade with their classmates who were back at school.
Mark Twain	Spirit Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Twain staff and students held a spirit day and raised \$160 to Whip Pediatric Cancer.
Kennedy	"Adopt a Class"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each year, the New Jerusalem Seventh-Day Adventist Church accepts nominations for teachers and classrooms that exhibit passion for teaching and learning. This year, Mr. Paul Galassi's 6th grade class at Kennedy was selected as the church's "Adopt a Class" initiative. They will receive a classroom party as well as \$100 to purchase items for the classroom. Congratulations, Mr. Galassi and students.

2. Kankakee Fire Department

- Dr. Walters introduced Captain Mike Casagrande from the Kankakee Fire Department who presented a "Safe School" traveling trophy to Montessori/Fine Arts School. Congratulations to Montessori for receiving this award. This school showed the most improvement of all the schools in Kankakee. Captain Casagrande also reported that the first, second, and third grade students are also involved in a new program, Sparky's To Do List. The students bring the fire safety information home, share it with their family, and bring it back. If the whole class brings them back, the Fire Department will give them a pizza party. This program was introduced because of the loss of some children in fires in Kankakee.

Principal's Report – Ms. Deb Dilks, Montessori/Fine Arts School Principal

Principal's Report

Ms. Dilks thanked everyone for the support of their school and the staff for their continued effort to help everyone be the best they can be. This public Montessori School continues to be something the district should celebrate and be proud of. Ms. Dilks said that they embrace the addition of the K-3 Fine Arts program to their school. Both programs are sharing ideas and approaches to improve student learning. Ms. Dilks stated that Dr. Walters has led their school and the district in a focused approach with goals. With her leadership, Ms. Dilks feels like for the first time, everyone is on the same page with concentrating on student learning and using data to drive our instruction.

Ms. Dilks reviewed the Montessori-Fine Arts school improvement plan which mirrors Dr. Walters goals. District Goal 1: KSD 111 will further develop and implement multi-tiered systems of support for all students for a productive future beyond high school. She introduced student Dajon Casiel to speak on how support groups helped him gain confidence and succeed in both reading and math. He also announced that this is the last time for Ms. Dilks to host the Board Meeting, so the students and staff would like to thank her for all her years of service.

District Goal 2: KSD 111 will build a positive public perception through consistent communication to all stakeholders regarding the District's work with teachers, parents, students and community members on conflict resolution, safety, health and well-being. Ms. Dilks introduced Angela Anders and Diane Richardson to speak on the new Business Education elective which will give the students a wide variety of opportunities to learn about the business field. They are starting with a school store, school newspaper, and google gurus helping the 2nd – 6th grade teachers with the chrome book rollout. Ms. Dilks stated that there are many opportunities for school connections through the following: boys' intramurals after school, girls' intramurals (volleyball/cheer squad) after school, chess club during lunch hours, drama club-2nd semester, summer garden club, and junior high volunteer classroom helpers.

District Goal 3: KSD 111 will develop an effective system of communication including roles and

responsibilities, expectations and procedures that will support, encourage and retain effective leaders.

Ms. Dilks reviewed Montessori’s PARCC comparisons and AimsWeb data. Ms. Dilks said she is celebrating the growth that Montessori made last year.

She concluded her presentation by introducing her staff.

Public Comments

- No public comments were made.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented:

1. The Board minutes of the following meeting were presented for approval:
 - **October 11, 2016-Regular Meeting** (Regular & Executive Session Minutes)
2. The **Policy Manual Changes** (2nd Reading) were presented for approval.
3. The following personnel items were presented for approval:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Resignation – Support Personnel		
Antoinette Eldridge	Head Start Teacher Assistant at Proegler	October 21, 2016
Appointment - Support Personnel		
Renee Whitehouse	Human Resources Coordinator	November 7, 2016
Appointments – Extra-Curricular Personnel		
Malik Temple	Drumline at KHS	October 24, 2016
Malik Temple	Asst. Marching Band at KHS	October 24, 2016
Malik Temple	Jazz Bank Director at KHS	October 24, 2016
Heriberto Zavala	Asst. Girl’s Soccer at KHS	October 24, 2016
Lisa Walker	Scholastic Bowl Coach at KJHS	October 24, 2016
Seneca Stevenson	Freshman Class Sponsor at KHS	October 24, 2016
Christine Williams	Girl’s Basketball Asst. at KHS	October 24, 2016
Kenneth Thomas	Boys’ Basketball – 7 th at KJHS	October 24, 2016
Tewaine Wicks	Boys’ Basketball Asst. at KHS	October 24, 2016

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

Audit Report for 2015-2016

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 briefly reviewed the Annual Financial Report that was received by the Board.

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the Audit Report for 2015-2016 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Wells, Coghlan, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Owner’s Representative

Motion was made by Coghlan, seconded by Gathing, to approve the Owner’s Representative as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Gathing, Shea, Wells, Coghlan, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

Public Comments

Consent Agenda

Board Minutes

Policy Changes

Personnel Items

Resignations

Appointments

Audit Report

Owner’s Representative

Old Business

Information and Proposals

The following items were provided for information:

- 1. FOIA Request
- 2. Head Start Policy Council Information
- 3. Board Committee Minutes
 - Curriculum Committee Meeting – April 13, 2016
 - Policy Committee Meeting – May 17, 2016

Dr. Walters introduced Mr. Dan Petrarca from Grilli Construction, Inc., as our owner’s representative. Mr. Petrarca said he was happy to be here and said he looks forward to working with everyone.

Closed Session

At 7:52 PM, President Johnston asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Shea, Wells, Coghlan, Gathing, and Johnston. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Johnston announced that there will be no action taken after closed session.

The closed session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

At 8:21 p.m. the regular session was reconvened.

At 8:22 p.m. motion was made by Shea, seconded by Coghlan, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

SIGNED: _____
Karen Johnston, President

ATTEST: _____
Barbara A. Wells, Secretary

vs

Approved: November 14, 2016

Information
FOIA
Head Start
Committee Minutes

Introduction

Closed
Session

Adjourn

Reconvene

Adjourn