

**KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD MINUTES
MAY 24, 2021**

Board President Mrs. Jill Duttlinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with all members present.

Mr. Bill Walther read the Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC) Mission Statement.

Public Participation at Board Meetings

- Marcia Kent thanked the board of education for all of their support and the opportunities that were provided.

Approved the minutes of the executive session and regular meeting on May 10, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$ 418,746.99 and the Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$14,075.57.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

Mrs. Allisa Schnick, Assistant Superintendent, reported Jasper County currently has an Orange Advisory Level in regards to COVID. There were several positive cases within the last two weeks. Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS) and Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) conducted eLearning classes for two days to reduce contact tracing.

Superintendent Don Street provided an update on ESSER III. Districts are required to set aside 20% of the total ESSER III allocation to specifically address learning loss through implementation of activities including, but not limited to, summer programming, afterschool programming, extending the school day, etc. The remaining funds may be used for a wide range of activities to address needs arising from the coronavirus pandemic that are approved by the IDOE. There are requirements to be eligible to receive the ESSER III funding. One requirement is to receive information from stakeholders. This was the purpose of the recent survey that was conducted about ESSER III funding.

Approved the following resignations:

1. Rochelle Day, DeMotte Elementary School (DES) Playground Aide, effective May 27, 2021.
2. Marcia Kent, KVMS Seventh Grade Math Teacher, effective May 28, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

Approved the following resignation:

1. Heather Cope, DES Head Cook, effective May 19, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers Vote: 7-0

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Approved the following leave request:

1. Courtney Miller, DES Third Grade Teacher, effective August 10-October 14, 2021.
Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Second: Mr. Bill Walther Vote: 7-0

Approved the following extracurricular recommendations:

1. The following recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>DES</u>	Dawn Koontz	Grade Level Chair – Kindergarten
	Susan Phillips	Grade Level Chair – Grade 1
	Angela Boezeman	Grade Level Chair – Grade 2
	Madison DeYoung	Grade Level Chair – Grade 3
	Samantha Bushman	Grade Level Chair – Specials
	Diana Hoffman	Yearbook Sponsor
<u>KVHS</u>	Danielle DeFries	Academic Team – Coach
	Lisa Faletto	Academic Team – Coach
	Jennifer Gilger	Academic Team – Coach
	Andrew Piccirilli	Academic Team – Coach
	Robert Heid	Academic Team – Coordinator
	Merel Nelson	Basketball – Girls' Freshmen Coach
	Richard Cunningham	Basketball – Girls' Junior Varsity Coach
	Jake Vujko	Football – Volunteer Coach
	Zachary Waters	Football – Volunteer Coach
	Lisa Faletto	Musical – Music Director
	Mitch Gutyan	Soccer – Volunteer Assistant Coach
<u>KVSC</u>	Molly Deardorff	Corporation Nurse
<u>Wheatfield Elementary School (WES)</u>	Olivia Bucher	Grade Level Chair – Kindergarten
	Michelle Guisinger	Grade Level Chair – Grade 1
	Jacquelyn Wilder	Grade Level Chair – Grade 2
	Lynnette Jurcik	Grade Level Chair – Grade 3
	Cassy Hinchy	Grade Level Chair – Specials
	Shelley Kamminga	Yearbook Sponsor
Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers Vote: 7-0		

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Approved the following certified recommendations:

1. The following teachers be employed to instruct DES 2021 Jump Start K-3:

Jessica Bolen Laura MacNeill
Linda Fox-Yozman Gina Netherton
Dawn Koontz Joyce Ortyl
Elizabeth Taden

2. The following teachers be employed to instruct WES 2021 Jump Start K-3:

Olivia Bucher Tiffany Popp
Stephanie Hazlett Denise Rockley
David Parks Amanda Wheeler

3. The following teachers be employed to instruct Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS) 2021 Summer School:

Kelly Bell
Robin Dietrich
Lori Hamstra
Ashley Terry

4. The following teachers be employed to instruct KVIS 2021 Jump Start:

Kelly Bell
Robin Briscuso
Robin Dietrich
Ashley Terry

5. The following teachers be employed to instruct KVMS 2021 Summer School:

Michael Clark
Holly Fischer
Theresa Norwine

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following classified recommendations:

1. The following aides be employed to assist at DES 2021 Jump Start K-3:

Bailey Bogaard
Kristine Martin

2. Jennifer Poplawski as KVMS Secretary, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Poplawski will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer.

3. The following as Summer Technology Helpers for 37.5 hours per week, at a rate of eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour:

Brock Martin
Danika Vega
Reece Wangen

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Approved the following classified recommendations (CONT):

4. Pam Luketic to fill the KVIS 5-hour Food Service opening, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Luketic will be filling a newly created position.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

Approved Option One for the Kankakee Valley School support staff retirement plans, which includes the Fixed Interest Account, as per the attachments.

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Second: Mr. Bill Walther Vote: 7-0

Approved the donation of 60 cases of water by Jasper County REMC to KVSC, distributed as per the attachment.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved the purchase from the School Lunch Fund of a Hobart Dishwasher for DES at a cost of \$53,600 and KVIS at a cost of \$44,105 from Stafford-Smith.

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Second: Mrs. Katie Sampson Vote: 7-0

Approved the purchase from the School Lunch Fund of additional tables and chairs for the cafeterias at KVHS at a cost of \$8,670.00, KVMS at a cost of \$5,304.00 (chairs) and \$4,320.00 (tables), and WES at a cost of \$3,304.00 from Sharp School Services.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Food Service vendors for the 2021-2022 school year:

HPS/GFS	Aunt Millie Bread Company
Dairy Farmers of America (DFA)	North Star Dairy

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved the updated Teacher Handbook.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

Approved the 2021-2022 Student Handbook for each of the five (5) KVSC schools, as per attachment.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved the classified staff 2021-2022 Salary Schedules, as per the attachment.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

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Approved the following number of transfer students at each grade level and at each building for 2021-2022 school year:

<u>DES</u>	Kindergarten	10
	First grade	5
	Second grade	5
	Third grade	5
<u>WES</u>	Kindergarten	5
	First grade	5
	Second grade	5
	Third grade	5
<u>KVIS</u>	Fourth grade	0
	Fifth grade	0
<u>KVMS</u>	Sixth grade	5
	Seventh grade	5
	Eighth grade	5
<u>KVHS</u>	Freshman	5
	Sophomore	5
	Junior	5
	Senior	5

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved TCI Social Studies Alive for grades three through five.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

Approved the following 2021-2022 textbook rental for grades kindergarten to eighth and high school course and consumables fees, as attached.

<u>DES and WES</u>	Kindergarten	\$102.00
	First Grade	\$122.00
	Second Grade	\$111.00
	Third Grade	\$141.00
<u>KVIS</u>	Fourth Grade	\$135.00
	Fifth Grade	\$135.00
<u>KVMS</u>	Sixth Grade	\$ 93.50
	Seventh Grade	\$ 88.50
	Eighth Grade	\$ 88.50

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Vote: 7-0

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Approved an additional year for all administrators' contracts and administrator titles, as listed:

Mike Spagna	KVHS Principal
Ryan Myers	KVHS Associate Principal
John Gray	KVHS Athletic Director
Bill Mueller	KVHS Assistant Athletic Director
Chris Fields	KVMS Principal
Andrew Sargent	KVMS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
Josh Pearman	KVMS Assistant Principal
Shelly Spagna	KVIS Principal
Guy Skrobul	KVIS Assistant Principal and KVSC School Safety Specialist
Chris Richie	DES Principal
Tracy Ribicki	DES Assistant Principal
Eric Roemer	Chief Technical Officer
James Wickstrom	Alternative School Principal
Rhonda Yates	Transportation Director
Margaret Jones	Facilities and Grounds Supervisor
Shelly Flick	Food Service Director
Travis Walstra	Maintenance Field Supervisor
Carol Deardorff	Chief Financial Officer
Allisa Schnick	Assistant Superintendent
Donald Street	Superintendent

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Second: Mr. Tim Helton Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Field Trip:

1. KVHS Football Team
Manchester University
June 14-16, 2021

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mr. Bill Walther Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Use of School Facilities:

1. Girl Scout Troop 35422 – Sports camp
WES – Gym
9:00 AM-12:00 PM; Thursday; July 8, 2021
Heather Jones, sponsor
Pending receipt of updated insurance.

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge Second: Mrs. Katie Sampson Vote: 7-0

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Approved the following Professional Leave Request:

1. David Myers
Indiana New Administrators Leadership Institute
Indianapolis, IN
July 19-20, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Vote: 7-0

Transfers

1. KVHS Secretary, Mary Cardaras, to splitting her time between KVHS Secretary (30%) and Athletic Secretary (70%), effective July 1, 2021. Ms. Cardaras will be filling a vacancy due to retirement.
2. KVIS full-time Sweeper, Valerie Grover, to KVIS part-time Sweeper, effective June 1, 2021. Ms. Grover will be filling a vacancy due to retirement.
3. English Language Learner Teacher, Kimberly Summers, from part-time to full-time, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Summers is filling a newly created position.
4. KVIS Fifth Grade Teacher, Rhonda Toppen, to KVSC Instructional Coach, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Toppen is filling a vacancy due to a move within the district.
5. KVMS Sixth Grade Math Teacher, Susan Tobias, to Seventh Grade Math Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Tobias is filling a vacancy due to a retirement.
6. WES First Grade Teacher, Stephanie Hazlett, to Title I Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Hazlett is filling a vacancy due to a move within the district.

Communications

1. A letter from the Indiana State Music Association - KVHS was one of 23 schools in Indiana to receive the "All-Music Award" from the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) for the Band program. Congratulations to directors Nick DeJarlais, Brian Moore, and Nick Boersma.

Adjournment: 6:17 P.M.


Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

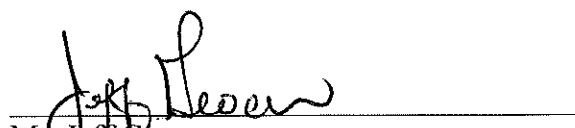
Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Vote: 7-0

Public Work Session immediately after the meeting.

Executive Session after Public Work Session was canceled.


Mrs. Kristy Stowers
Board Vice President


Mr. Jeff Groen
Secretary