

KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION
OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES
October 19, 2021

Call to Order by Board President Mrs. Jill Duttlinger at 6:00 p.m. and Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance with all members present.

Mrs. Kristy Stowers read the Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC) Mission Statement.

Mrs. Katie Sampson read the Student of the Month.

Business	Aidan Bailey
CTE Human Services	Emily Bellamy
Fine Arts	Madison Grass
Foreign Language	Alexis Donnowitz
Language Arts	Emma Helms
Mathematics	Matthew Gallo
APC/PE/Health	Allison Rushmore
Science	Lyndsey Sipe, Jillian Berndt, & Olivia Misch
Social Studies	Alexis Brockway
Technology	Brayden Swallow

Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Allisa Schnick, shared COVID FAQ information. She reviewed each question that was covered in the FAQ document and noted that additional questions will be added as needed.

President, Mrs. Jill Duttlinger, opened the floor for Public Comment.

Ms. Kristin Bristol questioned the answer to the first question on the FAQ list presented earlier and stated she does not believe there is a law regarding masks and quarantining but that it is a governor order and not a law based on how the legislative process works. She would like to know the method-based research used in regards to the effects of masks and contact tracing.

Ms. Lisa Stidham stated that when her son asked for a mask in school he was told that if he came down one more time he would be facing detention. She also stated that she advised her son to wear his mask below his nose if he was having a hard time breathing. Ms. Stidham would like to know how we are posting who got sick while quarantining, where we are coming up with statistics, and why we are choosing to do this.

Ms. Denise Ogorek thanked the Board for saying the Pledge of Allegiance. She stated that we are struggling as a nation. She also stated that her research shows the COVID virus gets through cloth and paper masks. She asked who is monitoring the physiological & psychological adverse effects of mask-wearing on students and she read a list of facts taken from her research.

Ms. Holly Ogorek, the mother of a second-grader, questioned how teachers are educated on how to handle the quarantine process and positive cases. She stated that how her son's teacher handled it recently "sucked". According to her, the teacher lined students up and told them they had won a prize when they were being quarantined instead. Ms. Ogorek asked how many kids became positive during quarantine as a result of exposure. She stated that masks are constricting, cause a lack of oxygen, and keep kids from being kids.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 27, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Second: Mr. Bill Walther

Vote: 7-0

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$1,659,096.41 and the Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$141,182.46.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mrs. Katie Sampson

Vote: 7-0

Mr. Ryan Barton, from Barton.Coe.Vilamaa spoke regarding the Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS) boiler replacement project. He stated that two bids were received, with the lowest bid being from D.A. Dodd Mechanical Contractor. Mr. Barton answered questions regarding the time frame for replacement and the fact that they will replace the current two boilers, one at a time, so the building will never be without HVAC service.

Superintendent, Mr. Don Street, reviewed the first reading of the NEOLA/Board policies.

422	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
1422.02	Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
1623	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
1662	Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment
2260	Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity
3122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
3122.02	Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
3123	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
3362	Anti-Harassment
4122	Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity
4122.02	Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee
4123	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
4362	Anti-Harassment
5517	Anti-Harassment
0112	Purpose
1220	Employment of the Superintendent
2240	Controversial Issues
2260.01	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability
3120	Employment of Professional Staff
4120	Employment of Professional Staff
4430	Leaves of Absence
5410	Promotion, Placement, and Retention
6250	Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership
7440.01	Electronic Monitoring and Recording
7450	Property Inventory
7455	Accounting System for Capital Assets
7530.02	Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices
8500	Food Service Program
8510	Wellness
8606	Bus Drivers and Cellular Telephone Use
0164.4	Meeting of the Board Defined
0164.5	Member Participation in Meetings through Electronic Means of Communication
0164.6	Meetings During Declared Disaster Emergencies
0167.1	Voting

Approved the following resignations:

- 1.) Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) Part-Time Sweeper, Kathy Hamstra, effective September 24, 2021.
- 2.) Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) Janitor, Kathryn Pollock, effective October 12, 2021.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson

Second: Mr. Tim Helton

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following extracurricular recommendations:

- 1.) Sydney Livengood as Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS) 4th/5th Grade Intramural Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year, and pending receipt of additional paperwork.
- 2.) Brian Lilley as KVIS 4th/5th Grade Intramural Boys Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.) Derek Hartwig and Jeremy Rozhon as KVHS Weight Room Coordinators, split 50/50, for the 2021/2022 school year.

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 6-0-1

Mr. Tim Helton abstained.

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Approved the elimination of one (1) 29-hour Sweeper position at WES by increasing the hours of one (1) 5.8-hour Sweeper to 8 hours per day and one (1) 7-hour Sweeper to 8 hours per day due to the lack of interest in the posted 29-Hour Sweeper position. Any unfulfilled duties will be completed by the Head Custodian.

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

Approved the addition of a Special Education bus route to support the needs of the growing number of students in DeMotte that require Special Education transportation. If approved, this would require the addition of one (1) Special Education Bus Aide as well.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers Vote: 7-0

Approved the base bid from D.A. Dodd Mechanical Contractor for \$245,950.00 to replace the boiler at KVIS.

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

Approved the replacement of the KVIS parking lot lights by EMCOR Hyre Electric for \$23,260.00.

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

Approved the resignation of Stephen Eastridge from the Kankakee Valley Board of Education as the At-Large Seat #1 effective Friday, October 29, 2021, because of relocating out of the school district.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers Vote: 6-0-1
Mr. Stephen Eastridge abstained.

Approved the following Field Trip request:

- 1.) KVHS FFA to Jasper High School
Garrett Bitterling, Sponsor
State Soil Judging
October 14-16, 2021
Jasper, IN

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

Approved the following Use of Facility requests:

- 1.) Kougars 6th/7th Grade AAU Basketball
Justin Fuqua, Sponsor
Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS)
Auxiliary Gymnasium
September 14, 2021-January 15, 2022/dates and times to be determined
- 2.) 6th/7th Grade Girls AAU Basketball
Justin Fuqua, Sponsor
KVHS Auxiliary Gymnasium
October 6, 13, and 20, 2021/7-8:30 p.m.
- 3.) Wheatfield Lions Club
Halloween Children's Parade
Thomas E. Strain, Sponsor
Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) Gymnasium
October 30, 2021/7-10 p.m.
- 4.) Pop Warner Football Practice
Jona Ewasiuk, Sponsor
KVIS grassy area near the pond
November 15-December 15, 2021, Mon-Saturday

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

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Approved the following Professional Leaves:

- 1.) Jill Tucker & Denise Rockley
Indiana Association for the Gifted
Indianapolis, IN
December 6-7, 2021
- 2.) Robin Dietrich
2021 IAG Conference/High Ability Conference
Indianapolis, IN
December 6-7, 2021
- 3.) Josh Pearman
INALI Conference on November 19, 2021
Indianapolis, IN
November 18-20, 2021
- 4.) Nicholas Boersma & Nick DeJarlais
IN Music Educators Association (IMEA) Professional Development Conference
Fort Wayne, IN/Grand Wayne Convention Center
January 13-15, 2022

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson

Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Vote: 7-0

Reviewed the following transfer:

- A. KVIS Special Education Aide, Laura Beloshapka, to 7-hour Food Service position. Ms. Beloshapka will be filling a vacancy due to a retirement.

Communication:

- A. An Exemplary Behavior Report from the IHSAA for Girls Golf setting a great example of sportsmanship.

Adjournment: 6:40 p.m.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen


Vote: 7-0

Public Work Session immediately after the meeting.

Executive Session started at 7:45 p.m. and ended at 10:30 p.m.



Mrs. Jill Duttlinger
Board President



Mr. Jeff Groen
Secretary