

KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD MINUTES
August 9, 2021

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

Mr. Tim Helton read the Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC) Mission Statement.

Public Participation at Board Meetings

- Patrons must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name.
- Each statement will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration.
- All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 26, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mrs. Katie Sampson

Vote: 7-0

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$954,056.25 and the Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$105,003.00.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther

Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Vote: 7-0

Mr. Street reviewed NEOLA Section 3000 Professional Staff, Policy 3220.01, Teacher Appreciation Grant. There were no recommended changes.

Mr. Street spoke about the opening meeting at KVMS this morning. Students will start school on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. Mrs. Schnick shared that currently we have all teaching positions filled. There are currently aide positions available.

Mrs. Schnick informed the board that none of our bus routes require students to cross a highway to ride a school bus to or from school.

Approved the following resignations:

- 1) DeMotte Elementary School (DES) Library Aide, Renee Carr, effective July 22, 2021.
- 2) Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS) Playground Aide, Nachole Cavinder, effective July 27, 2021.
- 3) KVIS Special Education Aide, Jamie De Vos, effective July 26, 2021.
- 4) KVIS Special Education Aide, Kimberly Young, effective July 26, 2021.
- 5) KVIS Playground Aide, Casie Sumner, effective July 25, 2021.
- 6) Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS) Special Education Aide, Elizabeth Bakker, effective July 26, 2021.
- 7) Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) Special Education Aide, Tracy Cusack, effective July 21, 2021.
- 8) KVMS Math Club Sponsor, Sue Tobias, effective August 2, 2021.
- 9) KVMS Alternative Class Aide, Dylan Sells, effective August 4, 2021.

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- 10) KVMS Seventh Grade Language Arts Teacher, Ember Fortenberry, effective August 5, 2021.
- 11) WES Instructional Aide, Patricia Donnelly, verbal resignation effective August 6, 2021.
- 12) WES Title 1 Aide, Jennifer Vigeant, verbal resignation effective August 9, 2021.
- 13) DES Sweeper, Kimberly Deeter, effective August 9, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved the following leaves:

- 1) Wheatfield Elementary (WES) Title 1 Aide, Simone Jones, effective August 10-September 10, 2021.
- 2) A reduction in contract for KVMS Seventh Grade Math Teacher, John Hall, dates as determined.

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

Approved the following extracurricular recommendations:

- 1) Samantha Puskac as KVHS Cheerleading Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 2) Hannah Celorio as KVHS Assistant Cheer Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3) Timothy Adams as KVHS Boys Cross Country Varsity Coach beginning with the 2021-22 school year and continuing through the 2022-23 school year.
- 4) Lane Lewallen as KVHS Girls Cross Country Varsity Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 5) Chris Korzeniewski as KVHS Assistant Boys Tennis Coach for the 2021-2022 school year and pending receipt of additional paperwork.
- 6) Brooke Campbell as KVHS Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 7) Jeremy Swallow as KVHS Volunteer Football Coach for the 2021-2022 school year and pending receipt of additional paperwork.

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

Approved the following certified recommendations:

- 1) Glenda Knight as WES Kindergarten Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Knight will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer.
- 2) Isaac Taylor as KVMS Sixth Grade Science Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Taylor will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 3) Sarah Anderson as DES Second Grade Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Anderson will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 4) Victoria Dobrowski as DES Second Grade Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Dobrowski will be filling a vacancy due to a retirement.

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- 5) Brandi Panozzo as WES Third Grade Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Panozzo will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 6) Michael Ruffalo as KVMS Sixth Grade Math Teacher. Mr. Ruffalo will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer within district.

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following classified recommendations:

- 1) Theresa Springer, DES Title 1 Aide, effective August 9, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Springer is filling a vacancy due to a transfer.
- 2) Julianna Phelps, WES After School Aide, effective August 9, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Phelps is filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 3) Megan Milbourn, KVIS Elementary Special Education Aide, effective August 11, 2021. Ms. Milbourn will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 4) Elizabeth Drake, KVMS Full Time Sweeper, effective August 10, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Drake will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer within the building.
- 5) Melissa Schreiber, part time WES Sweeper, effective August 10, 2021. Ms. Schreiber will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 6) Alcona McKinney, KVHS Special Education Aide, effective August 9, 2021. Ms. McKinney will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 7) Alexa Dishon, KVIS Special Education Aide, effective August 9, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Dishon will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 8) Nicole See, KVIS Playground Aide, effective August 9, 2021. Ms. See will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 9) Donna Brugioni, KVIS Playground Aide, effective August 9, 2021. Ms. Brugioni will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 10) Taylor Walter, KVHS Special Education Aide, effective August 9, 2021. Ms. Taylor will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 11) Jessica Arreola, DES Special Education Aide, effective August 9, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Arreola is filling a vacancy due to a transfer within the district.
- 12) Letitia Van Wienen, KVMS Special Education Aide, effective August 9, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Van Wienen will be fillig a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 13) Annabella Melvin, KVMS Attendance Secretary, effective August 9, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Melvin will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 14) Jill Heerema, DES Special Education Aide, effective August 9, 2021 and pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Heerema is filling a vacancy due to a resignation.

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15) Kelly Murray, as Kankakee Valley School Corporation Bus Driver, effective August 10, 2021. Ms. Murray is filling a vacancy due to a retirement.

16) Amanda Goggans, as DES Instructional Aide, effective August 9, 2021 and continuing for 9 weeks. Ms. Goggans will be filling a temporary vacancy due to a maternity leave.

17) Candice Fuller as KVMS Special Education Instructional Aide, effective August 9, 2021. Ms. Fuller will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer.

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

Approved an additional DES part-time media specialist aide.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther Second: Mr Tim Helton Vote: 7-0

Approved the following individuals to the newly organized Kankakee Valley Educational Foundation:

Board of Education – Jill Duttlinger
Superintendent – Don Street
High School Principal – Mike Spagna
CFO/Treasurer – Carol Deardorff
Teacher Representative – Gwyn Skrobul
Community Member – Dan Fagen
Community Member – Bill Guisinger

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

Approved the NEOLA Policy 3220.01, Teacher Appreciation Grants.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton Second: Mr. Bill Walther Vote: 6-0-1
Mrs. Katie Sampson abstained.

Approved the recommended \$19,999.93 upgrade to the KVHS Art Department Ceramics area to create more space for students to work while upgrading needed equipment. This upgrade will be paid for with ESSER funds.

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

Approved the rider of the individual Surety Bond, effective July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, for Cherie Peters to increase the amount from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

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

Approved the quote from Bertsch-Frank and Associates in the amount of \$39,445.00 for the comprehensive survey that will include the entire KVHS campus, including location of all underground utilities, in preparation of the installation of the new water main.”

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

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Approved the following field trip:

- 1) KVHS Band, Orchestra, & Color Guard
Disney World in Orlando, FL
October 19-25, 2022

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Second: Mr. Bill Walther

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Use of Facilities:

- 1) Kankakee Valley Pop Warner
WES Gymnasium
August 16-November 15, 2021
Mon-Thurs, 5:30-7:30pm
Jona Ewasiuk, Sponsor.
- 2) Kankakee Valley Pop Warner
DES Gymnasium
August 16-November 15, 2021
Mon-Thurs, 5:30-7:30pm
Jona Ewasiuk, Sponsor
- 3) Kankakee Valley Pop Warner
KVMS Football Field
August 28- November 27, 2021, exclusion dates are noted
Sat & Sun, 8am/12pm-9am/9:00pm
Jona Ewasiuk, Sponsor
- 4) Kankakee Valley Pop Warner
KVMS Football Field
August 24, 2021 (August 31 back up)
Tues, 5-7pm
Jona Ewasiuk, Sponsor
- 5) Boy Scouts, Sagamore Council-Pack 3157
DES Cafeteria
August 24, 2021 6-9pm
Bryon Haverstick, Sponsor

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mrs. Katie Sampson

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Professional Leaves:

- 1) Susan Kwiatkowski, KVHS
Indiana New Administrator Leadership Institute (INALI)
September 13-14, 2021
- 2) Susan Kwiatkowski, KVHS
Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP)
November 19-20, 2021

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther

Second: Mr. Tim Helton

Vote: 7-0

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Transfers

1. Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) Kindergarten Teacher, Andrea Swart, to DES Second Grade Teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Swart will be filling a vacancy due to resignation.
2. KVMS Special Needs Aide, Jordyn Conley, to KVHS preschool beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Conley will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
- 3.. WES Kindergarten Teacher, David Parks, to WES First Grade Teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Mr Parks will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer.
4. KVMS Special Education Aide, Shelly Bullard, to KVMS PE Aide beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Bullard is filling a vacancy in a new position.
5. Des Title 1 Aide, Abigail Phillips, to WES Third Grade Teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Phillips will be filling a vacancy due to a maternity leave.
6. DES Title 1 Aide, Rachel Caple, to DES Third Grade Substitute Teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Caple is filling a vacancy due to a maternity leave.
7. KVMS Attendance/Office Secretary, Tracy Brewster, to DES Library Aide beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Brewster will be filling a vacancy due to a retirement.”
8. KVMS Alternative Teacher, Jeremy Rozhon, to KVHS Physical Education Teacher. Mr. Rozhon will be temporarily filling a vacancy due to a resignation.
9. KVMS Sixth grade Math Teacher, Holly Cooper, to KVMS Seventh grade Language Arts Teacher.
10. DES Playground Aide, Taryn Cooley, to DES Instructional Aide, effective August 9, 2021.

Communications

Congratulations to Mrs. Gwen Skrobul, Indiana Department of Education, Teacher of the Year Top 10 Finalist.

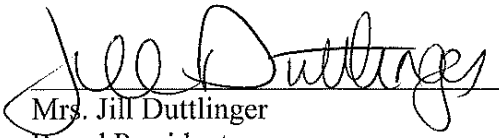
Adjournment: 6:11 PM

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mr. Tim Helton

Vote: 7-0

The Public Work Session immediately after the meeting.


Mrs. Jill Duttlinger
Board President


Mr. Jeff Groen
Secretary