

**KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2021**

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

Mrs. Kristy Stowers 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 Board members individually or speak about specific personnel.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 12, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mr. Bill Walther

Vote: 6-0

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$1,464,645.53 and the Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$13,598.76.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mr. Tim Helton

Vote: 6-0

Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Allisa Schnick, reported that while Jasper County remains at the Orange Advisory Level, KVSC had only one (1) positive COVID case last week.

ESSER III/Return to School Plan -- Presentation and Public Comment

Per Superintendent, Mr. Don Street, KVSC is expected to receive \$2,446,500.41 with ESSER III funding (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief). The release of these funds is dependent on both the school receiving public comment and the board of education approving the Return to School Plan. During spring 2020, a parent survey was provided to assist with the development of the Return to School Plan. This information was presented during a public board meeting in June 2020 and reviewed during subsequent board meetings. The plan is posted on the KVSC website. To fulfill the requirement, the Return to School Plan that has been utilized was reviewed and public input was made available on April 26, 2021; again, with no comments. The Plan will continue to be reviewed and revised as we enter into the 2021-22 school year. It is based on COVID-19 community spread, with red being substantial spread, yellow - minimal/moderate spread, and green - low/no spread. Because of the positivity rate, KVSC has operated in the minimal/moderate spread during the 2020-21 school year and anticipates operating in the low/no spread next school year, but it will depend on COVID-19 community spread.

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Approved the following retirements:

1. The following KVSC Bus Drivers, effective May 27, 2021:

Betty Bolen  
Roberta (Lynn) Creekmur  
John Lynch

2. Michael Cornwell, Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) Assistant Principal, effective June 30, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the following resignations:

1. DeMotte Elementary School (DES) After-School Program Aide, Denise Wells, effective April 9, 2021.
2. Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS) Special Needs Aide, LaShonda Harris, effective April 12, 2021.
3. Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) Third Grade Teacher, Stacey Walther, effective May 28, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 5-0-1  
Mr. Bill Walther abstained.

Approved the following leaves:

1. KVSC Bus Driver, Betty Bolen, effective April 8-May 3, 2021.
2. An extension of a previously approved leave for KVSC Bus Driver, Josephine Culbreth, effective May 1-August 1, 2021.
3. A reduction in contract for KVHS Emergency Medical Services Teacher, Jennifer Bristol, effective May 12-14, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the following extracurricular recommendations:

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

David Hanger      Basketball – Assistant Boys’ Varsity Coach  
Brett Walther      Basketball – Boys’ Junior Varsity Coach  
Michael Hutchins      Soccer – Volunteer Assistant Boys’ Coach

2. Billy Shepherd as Boys’ Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 5-0-1  
Mr. Bill Walther abstained.

Approved the following certified recommendation:

1. Sharon Nanninga as KVHS Spanish Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Nanninga will be filling a vacancy due to a retirement.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 6-0

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Approved the following classified recommendation:

1. Becky Miller, KVSC Bus Driver, for the position of washing and waxing buses at \$100.00 per bus.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 6-0

Approved to accept the donation of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) from The Winston-Salem Foundation and Dr. And Mr. Peter C. Johnson to the KVHS Welding Technology program.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 6-0

Approved to accept the donation of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) given in memory of Mr. William Ridley by Checkered Flag Racing (Fred Fowler, Dave Salomon, and Dennis Clark) of South Bend, Indiana, to the KVMS Athletic Department.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Second: Mr. Bill Walther                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the 2021 Proposal for Summer Athletic Pay, as per attachment.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the 2021 Indiana Technology Plan Survey, as per the attachment.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Second: Mr. Bill Walther                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the replacement of the WES garage roof by Ashford Builders and Roofing, INC, for the sum of four thousand, four hundred thirty-two dollars (\$4432.00).

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Second: Mr. Tim Helton                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the hookup of the new REMC transformer at KVHS at a cost of nineteen thousand, two hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$19,278.00) and the installation of a 600A feed from the existing buss to the Half-Time building disconnect in the sum of four thousand six hundred forty-two dollars (\$4642.00). The work will be done by Emcor Hyre Electric CO of Indiana, INC.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the carpet/tile replacement at DES, Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS), and KVHS for a total of eighty-two thousand, six hundred ninety-three dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$82,693.89). Carpet Barn will supply the labor, vinyl composition tile for the KVHS and KVIS art rooms, and roll carpet adhesive for projects with steps. Interface, a carpet vendor through the Indiana Approved Educational Shopping Cooperative Procurement, will be providing all carpet and adhesive products.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 6-0

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Approved Straight Edge Painting, labor only, to complete the summer painting at WES, KVIS, KVMS, and KVHS, at a cost of twenty-five thousand, six hundred sixty-two dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$25,662.88). All paint will be purchased separately by KVSC from Sherwin Williams.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the Return to School Plan, as per attachment.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Second: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Vote: 6-0

Approved the following Use of School Facilities:

1. Kankakee Valley Reunion Committee – Honor class of 1971 along with sectional and conference basketball champions of 1971  
KVHS – Cafeteria  
10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Saturday; December 4, 2021  
John Tillema, sponsor.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 6-0

Transfers

1. WES Secretary, Andrea Kelleher, to KVHS Treasurer, effective July 1, 2021. Ms. Kelleher will be filling a vacancy due to retirement.


Communications

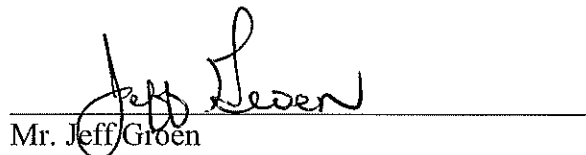
1. Exemplary Behavior report filed on behalf of Varsity Softball Team
2. Exemplary Behavior report filed on behalf of Varsity Baseball Team
3. KVHS status as a Performance Qualified High School for 2021-2022

Adjournment: 6:10 PM

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 6-0

The Public Work Session immediately following the meeting.

  
Mrs. Jill Duttlinger  
Board President

  
Mr. Jeff Groen  
Secretary