

**KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD MINUTES  
MAY 10, 2021**

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

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

Mr. Tim Helton recognized the Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) Students of the Month:

Business	Madison Perez
Career and Technical Education/ Human Services	Emmalee Nixon
Fine Arts	Deona Griffin
Foreign Language	Grace Jackson
Language Arts	Amelia King
Mathematics	Allison Boissy
Advanced Physical Conditioning/ Physical Education/Health	Olivia Sheehy
Science	Evan Glenn
Social Studies	Abigail Day
Technology	Andrew Tobias

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, names will only be read.*

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 26, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mr. Bill Walther

Vote: 7-0

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$2,753,952.95 and the Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$88,056.56.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mr. Stephen Eastridge

Vote: 7-0

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KVHS Principal, Mr. Michael Spagna, and Student Resource Officer, Mr. Craig Scheisser, gave a presentation regarding the formation of a Clay Target Club. They plan to work with Oakwood Gun Club in Wheatfield, and have seasons in the fall and spring. Regular season competition takes place at the local gun club and scores will be recorded online. The club's main focus is gun safety; Officer Scheisser will do the students' hands-on firearm training at Oakwood. Safety training will be required of any other adults involved with the club and currently there are two community members interested. Average cost per student will be two hundred thirty dollars (\$230.00) for supplies, and participants are required to have their own league-approved firearms and ammunition. To help offset the costs fundraising is planned.

Mrs. Allisa Schnick, Assistant Superintendent, reported Jasper County currently has a Yellow Advisory Level in regards to COVID. Also, summer school guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health is coming soon regarding mask requirements.

Approved the following resignations:

1. Amanda Gallagher, KVSC Bus Driver, effective May 7, 2021.
2. Teague Bunning, KVHS Special Education Aide, effective May 27, 2021.
3. Jean Capellari, Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS) Sweeper, effective May 28, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following extracurricular recommendations:

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

Breanna Pruum	Basketball – Assistant Girls' Coach
Omar Vazquez	Basketball – Freshmen Boys' Coach
David Arroyo	Football – Volunteer Coach
Jeff Martin and Kimberly Summers	Swimming – Assistant Coach <i>Will split pay 32/68</i>
Jillian Brewster	Volleyball – Junior Varsity Coach
Omar Vazquez	Volleyball – Varsity Coach

2. The following KVHS recommendations for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year:

Douglas Nelson	Basketball – Girls' Varsity Coach
Ryan Standish	Swimming – Boys' Head Coach
Donna Martin	Swimming – Girls' Head Coach

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers

Vote: 6-0-1

Mr. Stephen Eastridge abstained.

Approved the following certified recommendations:

1. Natalie Melcher as KVMS Counselor, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of additional paperwork. Ms. Melcher will be filling a vacancy due to resignation.

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Approved the following certified recommendations (CONT):

2. Mary Cameron as KVMS Sixth Grade Language Arts Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Cameron is currently a substitute teacher and will be filling a vacancy due to retirement.
3. Zachary Waters as KVMS Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of additional paperwork. Mr. Waters will be filling a vacancy due to retirement.

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

Approved the formation of a KVHS Clay Target Club.

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

Approved updates to the 2021-2022 Transportation Manual and salary schedule, as per attachment.

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

Approved the employment of three (3) part-time helpers to assist with IT tasks during the summer.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Second: Mr. Bill Walther                      Vote: 7-0

Approved two (2) new positions for the Food Service program due to an increase in demand: a four (4)-hour position for the serving area and dish room at DeMotte Elementary School (DES) and a five (5)-hour position for prepping and serving at Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS).

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

Approved the revised student daily beginning and ending times for KVSC, as attached, effective August 10, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Bill Walther                      Second: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Vote: 7-0

Approved to accept the following donations to benefit the KVIS teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week:

Jasper County REMC	\$800.00
NIPSCO	500.00
Casey's General Store	17.80

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

Approved to accept the donation from KV Rotary Club of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) given to both DES and Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) to be used for Teacher Appreciation Week.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson                      Second: Mr. Bill Walther                      Vote: 7-0

Approved the hourly rate for Summer School and Jump Start teacher pay at forty-five dollars (\$45.00) for the 2021 summer session.

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



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Approved the following Use of School Facilities:

1. Grace Fellowship/Back to School Fair – Packing backpacks with school supplies and distribution of said backpacks  
KVMS – Cafeteria, west parking lot, and driveway  
8:00 AM-3:00 PM; Friday; August 6, 2021  
8:00 AM-12:30 PM; Saturday; August 7, 2021  
Karen Hamstra, sponsor.

Motion: Mr. Stephen Eastridge      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers      Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Professional Leave:

1. Ron Cates  
Advanced Placement Teacher Investment Program Summer Institute  
Indianapolis, IN  
July 13-16, 2021.

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

Transfers

1. KVMS Secretary, Crystal Misch, to WES Secretary/Treasurer, effective July 1, 2021. Ms. Misch will be filling a vacancy due to transfer.
2. KVHS Learning Disabled Teacher, Hannah Morrow, to KVIS Fourth Grade Teacher, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Morrow will be filling a vacancy due to retirement.

Communications


1. Jasper County Public Library Community Connection – May/June 2021

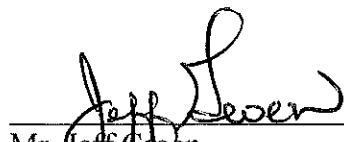
Adjournment: 6:19 PM

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

Public Work Session immediately after the public meeting.

Executive Session followed the Public Work Session, beginning at 6:30 PM and ending at 6:56 PM.

  
Mrs. Jill Duttlinger  
Board President

  
Mr. Jeff Groen  
Secretary