

**KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

Executive Session began before the Public Work Session at 5:34 PM and ended at 6:40 PM.

Board President, Mrs. Jill Duttlinger, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all members present, including Ms. Lana Olson participating through Zoom.

Mr. Jeff DeYoung read the Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC) Mission Statement.

Mr. Jeff DeYoung recognized the Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) Students of the Month:

Business	Grant Musch
Fine Arts	Jacob Stilley
Foreign Language	Lindsey Garcia Zepeta
Language Arts	Delailah Fahrback
Mathematics	Emilee Rudzinski
Physical Education/Health	Liyah Penunuri
Science	Madison Dukes
Social Studies	Hayden Myers
Technology	Zachary Ogibovic

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, names were only 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 executive session and regular meeting on November 23, 2020.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Vote: 7-0

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$1,621,413.60 and the Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$78,895.57.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Vote: 7-0

At the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Virtual Region 1 Leadership Conference this past Saturday, 27 of 32 KV students advanced from Regional to State competition. The participants took tests via an online platform with several presenting to judges via Zoom. Notable results included Annaliese Wakefield finishing first in both her individual and team event. KV also swept the top three places in Human Resource Management, with Bryce Brodner (perfect score), Connor Roach, and Julie Dykstra capturing spots one through three, respectively. Connor also placed first in Ethics and Professionalism with classmate Hayden Dase following up in second. Congratulations to all of the students and thanks to Mrs. Traci Blanco for her leadership with BPA.

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The Indiana School Board Association (ISBA) congratulated the Exemplary Governance Award winners for 2019. KVSC Board member Kristy Stowers received a Distinguished Award while Jill Duttlinger obtained an Exemplary one. Both awards are based on points earned for attending continuous improvement and professional development activities described as qualifying electives.

Outgoing school board members Jeff DeYoung, Dr. Edward Habrowski, and Lana Olson were each recognized for their service to the KVSC Board of Education with the presentation of plaques by Superintendent, Don Street.

Allisa Schnick, Assistant Superintendent, provided COVID updates affecting KVSC:

- Additional substitute teachers have been trained to help cover staff absences.
- During the second semester, students will be allowed to continue virtual learning if they were both diligent with their schoolwork and successful during the first semester.
- All virtual students will be required to participate remotely on a daily basis.

Approved the following retirements:

1. Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS) Cook, Julie Heide, effective December 18, 2020.
2. KVHS Dishwasher, Linda Hazelgrove, effective December 18, 2020.

Motion: Mr. Tim Helton

Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following resignations:

1. KVHS Special Education Aide, Monica Lane, effective November 18, 2020.
2. DeMotte Elementary School (DES) Instructional Aide, Amanda Goggans, effective December 18, 2020.
3. KVMS part-time Sweeper, John Palermo, effective December 4, 2020 (verbal resignation).
4. KVSC Board Member at Large, Jeff DeYoung, effective December 31, 2020.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 6-0-1

Mr. Jeff DeYoung abstained.

Approved the following leave:

- 1) Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS) Virtual Teacher, Miranda Oatey, effective January 25-March 5, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following extracurricular requests:

1. William Stokes as Volunteer Girls' 8th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. The following KVHS recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year:

Kale Nelson	Basketball – Volunteer Girls' Coach
Alex Gronkiewicz	Wrestling – Volunteer Coach
Randy Sneed	Wrestling – Volunteer Coach

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Approved the following extracurricular requests (CONT):

3. The following KVIS recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year:

Tracy Cochran	Basketball – Fourth and Fifth Grade Co-Coach
Catherine DeFries	Basketball – Fourth and Fifth Grade Co-Coach

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Vote: 7-0

The KVSC Board of Education received Mr. Brian Flynn’s resignation as softball coach and they expressed appreciation for his 27 years of service to the program.

Approved the following certified recommendation:

1. Amber James as a long-term substitute in the position of Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) Speech-Language Pathologist, effective December 15, 2020 through March 29, 2021 pending receipt of additional paperwork.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Vote: 7-0

Approved the following classified recommendation:

1. Cynthia Pfau as KVHS Pre-K Aide effective January 4, 2021. Ms. Pfau is a current substitute teacher and will be filling an opening due to a resignation.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved the Administration Performance Pay Stipend to all administrators employed during the 2019-2020 school year who are currently employed by KVSC. Those rated as highly effective will receive a single pay-out stipend of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) while those scored as effective will collect four hundred eighty dollars (\$480.00).

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski Vote: 7-0

Approved the creation of a Vape Education program to be used at KVMS and KVHS. This program would be beneficial to the student body and would be in partnership with the Jasper County Sheriff’s Department and Jasper County Prosecutor’s Office.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved a stipend for KVHS Learning Lab Aide, Hannah Celorio, for her work as a Virtual Student Monitor.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Vote: 7-0

Approved the adoption of a KVHS Club/Extracurricular Activity Handbook (as per attachment), effective beginning January 5, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski Vote: 7-0

Approved the creation of an additional ENL-certified English Language teacher position to serve identified ELL students at KVSC schools.

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

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Approved the Consulting Agreement between KVSC and Harry W. Orsburn for financial consulting services for calendar year 2021.

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

Approved declaring a variety of unsafe furniture from several schools, as per attachment, as junk so it may be disposed of properly.

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

Approved Resolution #2020-12, authorizing the KVSC Treasurer to issue payments prior to Board approval.

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

Approved Resolution #2020-13, authorizing the KVSC Treasurer to make transfers from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund during calendar year 2021 in amounts not to exceed two million, two hundred forty-nine thousand, three hundred dollars (\$2,249,300.00) annually to reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under Indiana Code 20-42.5.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Second: Mr. Jeff Groen Vote: 7-0

Approved Resolution #2020-14, and the revised lists of Capital Projects (as attached) and the posting of these lists on the KVSC website and submission to the Department of Local Government Finance.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Vote: 7-0

Approved the 1782 Notice for the 2021 budget. The tax rate for 2020 was 0.9185 and the tax rate for 2021 will be 0.9327.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski Vote: 7-0

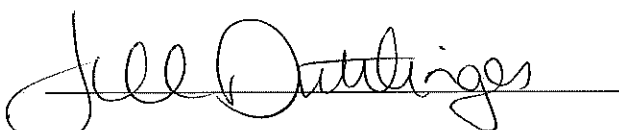
Approved to accept the Special Contract for Water Service, in principle, with Northwest Jasper Regional District for water at KVHS and instruct counsel to negotiate accordingly.

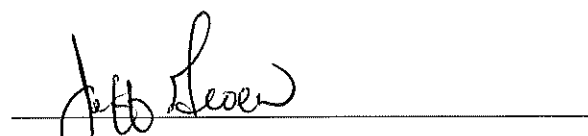
Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski Vote: 5-2
Mrs. Kristy Stowers and Mr. Tim Helton opposed.

Adjournment: 7:18 PM

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung Vote: 7-0

Executive Session that was to have followed the Public Work Session was cancelled.


Board President


Secretary