

KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD MINUTES
August 23, 2021

Board President, Mrs. Jill Duttlinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance with all members present except Mr. Stephen Eastridge.

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 Board members individually or speak about specific personnel.

Michael Boshaw, parent of KG and 5th grade students, stated that on the first day of school he received a phone call that his children were to stay home for 14 days due to being close contacts from the bus. He questioned the validity of COVID positive test results conducted by health care professionals and the need for vaccines. He also expressed concerns about masks being worn.

John Cosgrove, parent of three children at DeMotte Elementary School (DES), inquired about the process for having his concerns addressed regarding the wearing of masks. He feels students should not wear masks and would like to make changes at the local level to impact the regulations the school follows. Mrs. Duttlinger and Mr. Street provided answers and information to address his concerns. KVSC is following the regulations set by the Indiana Department of Health. Concerns with the regulations should be directed to the state officials.

Brianne Dorn, parent of 1st and 4th grade students, asked if county officials would be a first contact for parents to voice their concerns to.

Alicia Radin, parent of 4th and 5th grade students, spoke about her knowledge of surrounding schools optional quarantining practices and asked if KV would consider following as well, to which Mr. Street advised that KVSC is following the legal advice of the school attorney and the regulation of the Indiana Department of Health. Per Indiana Code, public schools must follow the regulations set by the Indiana Department of Health.

John Cosgrove asked if Critical Race Theory is currently part of the curriculum in KV classrooms, to which Mr. Street informed him it is not and directed him to the letter published on the Indiana Department of Education's website. KVSC follows the Indiana Standards and CRT is not part of the Indiana Standards.

Cynthia Costello, Critical Care Nurse, questioned why students are not allowed to return to school if they have a positive IGG antibody test, which she said is rare but it does happen. Mrs. Schnick advised that a positive COVID-19 test is valid for 90 days and we would work with the school nurse to determine the needed quarantine time in such an instance.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting on August 9, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Mr. Bill Walther

Vote: 6-0

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$720,343.49 and the Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$5,139.60.

Motion: Mrs. Katie Sampson

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 6-0

Mrs. Schnick shared the communication posted on the Kankakee Valley website regarding why schools must follow the Indiana Department of Health regulations, how close contacts are determined, and who must quarantine.

