

**KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

Executive Session began before the Public Work Session at 5:30 PM and ended at 6:46 PM.

Board President, Mrs. Jill Duttlinger, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all members present.

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

Dr. Edward Habrowski presented the following Students of the Month for January:

Business/Family and Consumer Science	Thomas Bolde
Fine Arts	Kailee Tuesburg
Foreign Language	Faith VanWienen
Health/Physical Education	Drew Andree
Language Arts	Erica Hernandez
Mathematics	Addisan Rahmoeller
Science	Erica Santamaria
Social Studies	Sophie Sullivan
Technology/Career and Technical Education	Lucas Szerlak

Ms. Lana Olson presented the following Students of the Month for February:

Business/Family and Consumer Science	Joseph Berndt
Fine Arts	Morgen Tillema
Foreign Language	Hope Deem
Health/Physical Education	Zachary Meyer
Language Arts	Eliana Wakefield
Mathematics	Jasmine Hofferth
Science	Rachael Orgon
Social Studies	Alexandrea Yuratovac
Technology/Career and Technical Education	Amber Evans

Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) Principal, Mr. Michael Spagna, shared news regarding the upcoming April 13, 2019 prom. Due to ongoing renovations at the Porter County Expo Center, this annual event has been moved to St. Peter and Paul Macedonian Banquet Hall in Crown Point and will include dinner, which is a nice change from the previous venue. The 2020 event will take place on May 2 at the same Crown Point location.

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Mr. Iran Floyd, Interim Superintendent, shared the following good news from around the Corporation:

- The KVHS Academic Decathlon Team participated in statewide competition and finished as state runner up in the small school division. Medals awarded include Emily Kwiatkowski – bronze in Math; Halee Griffey – bronze in Speech and Interview; Star White – silver in Music; Rhiannan Keister – bronze in Speech; Erica Santamaria – silver in Interview and Speech along with bronze in Social Studies; and Nathan Jaki – gold in each of the following: Art, Language and Literature, Music, and Social Science accompanied by a silver in Economics.
- Girls’ Varsity Basketball Coach, Doug Nelson, received accolades from the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) for his exemplary behavior as his team competed in sectional finals versus Michigan City. In later regional competition, Coach Nelson’s team represented KV admirably.
- KVHS Band and Orchestra students captured forty-five (45) gold, thirty-six (36) silver, two (2) bronze, and fourteen (14) participation medals at the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competition.
- Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS) Robotics Team, led by coach Robin Dietrich, recently successfully took part in competition where they earned kudos for their character, willingness to listen, and overall attitude.
- KVHS underclassman, Aiden Sneed, became the Wrestling Regional Champion in the 170-pound class and earned the right to participate in Semi-State competition.

Approved the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2019.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski      Second: Mr. Jeff DeYoung      Vote: 5-0-2  
Ms. Lana Olson and Mr. Tim Helton abstained.

Approved the minutes of the executive sessions of February 4 and 7, 2019.

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

Approved the Corporation Claims in the amount of \$1,338,691.98.

Motion: Ms. Lana Olson      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen      Vote: 7-0

Approved Cafeteria Claims in the amount of \$63,333.47.

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

Approved Lorinda Meiss as a part-time Special Needs Aide at Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS) effective February 12, 2019. She is filling a vacancy the result of a resignation.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung      Second: Ms. Lana Olson      Vote: 7-0

Approved to accept the resignation of Bridget Hernandez, KVHS part-time Sweeper, effective February 4, 2019.

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

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Approved to accept the resignation of Mindy Maciejewski, DeMotte Elementary School (DES) Title I Aide, effective February 4, 2019.

Motion: Ms. Lana Olson                      Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski                      Vote: 7-0

Approved to accept the resignation of Leann Williams, KVMS part-time Sweeper, effective February 5, 2019.

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

Approved to accept the resignation of Wendy Dunham, KVHS Dance Team Coach, effective August 1, 2018.

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

Approved the following KVHS coaching recommendations for the 2018-2019 school year:

	Junior Varsity Softball Coach
Rick Cunningham	<i>Splitting salary 26/74 with previously approved Amanda Suarez.</i>
Terri Effinger	Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach
Marilyn Hart	Volunteer Softball Scorekeeper
Derek Hartwig	Assistant Boys' Track Coach

Motion: Ms. Lana Olson                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 7-0

Approved Resolution #2019-5, authorizing the KVSC Treasurer to issue payments prior to Board approval during the months of March, June, and December 2019.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 7-0

Approved a short-term school bus lease agreement between Rensselaer Central Schools and KVSC, as per the attachment.

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

Approved the following individuals as Music Specialists for the 2019 calendar year:

Kenneth Steidle

Stephen Sholey

Motion: Ms. Lana Olson                      Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers                      Vote: 7-0

Approved purchasing the Piusi system for the fuel pumps, at a cost of fifteen thousand, two hundred sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents (\$15,216.64).

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

Approved the purchase of ML Facilities Software, at a cost of three thousand, one hundred dollars (\$3100.00).

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

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Approved the formation and by-laws of the Kankakee Valley Equestrian Club at KVMS/KVHS.  
Motion: Ms. Lana Olson                      Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski                      Vote: 7-0

Approved the cancellation of outstanding checks, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-11-10.5, written prior to December 31, 2016, and totaling two thousand one hundred thirty-two dollars and eleven cents (\$2132.11), as attached.  
Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung                      Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski                      Vote: 7-0

Approved to grant permission to advertise for bids for all supplies necessary for Food Services' operations in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.  
Motion: Ms. Lana Olson                      Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski                      Vote: 7-0

Approved to grant permission for Food Services to participate as a member in the Food2School Purchasing Cooperative.  
Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 7-0

Approved the purchase of a replacement heat pump for DES at a cost of six thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$6740) from Circle R Mechanical.  
Motion: Ms. Lana Olson                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 7-0

Approved to authorize ConspecT Services, LLC, to hire Ziolkowski Construction to repair the brick flashing at KVMS at a cost of one hundred fourteen thousand, eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$114,875.00).  
Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 7-0

Approved Resolution #2019-6, authorizing both a ground lease with Wabash Valley Energy Marketing, INC, for construction of a solar facility and a subscription agreement with Jasper County REMC, which allows KVSC to lock in a rate for a portion of its (KVSC's) electrical use.  
Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung                      Second: Mr. Jeff Groen                      Vote: 6-0-1  
Mrs. Jill Duttlinger abstained.

Approved the following Field Trip Requests

1. KVHS Future Farmers of America (FFA)  
Racine, WI – Case IH Tractor Plant and St. Nazianz, WI – Miller Nitro Spraying  
February 27-March 1, 2019  
Garrett Bitterling, sponsor.
2. KVHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)  
Muncie, IN – Curriculum-based state leadership conference  
March 7-9, 2019  
Jennifer Fase and Laurie Holcomb, sponsors.

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Approved the following Field Trip Requests (CONT)

3. KVHS Business Professionals of America (BPA)  
Indianapolis, IN – BPA State Leadership Conference  
March 10-12, 2019  
Traci Blanco, sponsor.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Use of School Facilities

1. AAU Boys' Seventh Grade Basketball – Practice  
KVMS – Main gym  
6-8:00 PM, Wednesdays; 5-7:00 PM, Fridays; February 1-March 20, 2019  
Aaron Webster, sponsor.
2. Kankakee Valley Pop Warner Cheer – Practice  
Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) - Gym  
5:30-7:30 PM, Mondays and Thursdays, February 14-March 20, 2019  
Sara Lotz, sponsor.
3. Valley Community Players – Performance  
HS Complex - Auditorium  
5-9:00 PM, Friday and Saturday, February 15 and 16, 2019  
Jill Steiner, sponsor.
4. Valley Community Players – Practice  
HS Complex - Auditorium  
7-9:30 PM, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, February 18-April 11, 2019  
Jill Steiner, sponsor.
5. Grace Fellowship Church – Community event  
HS Complex – Main and auxiliary gyms, auditorium, and cafeteria  
Noon-8:00 PM, Saturday, February 23, 2019  
Mary Ann Anderson, sponsor.
6. Girl Scout Troop 35492 – Water safety training, free play, and swimming basics  
HS Complex – Pool  
5-7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
Tiffany Graf, sponsor.
7. Wheatfield Little League – Little League games  
WES – Baseball and softball fields  
9:00 AM-10:00 PM, Mondays-Saturdays, March 1-July 1, 2019  
Luci Whitehead, sponsor.

Motion: Mr. Jeff DeYoung

Second: Mrs. Kristy Stowers

Vote: 7-0

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Approved to expunge the following Use of School Facilities

Valley Community Players – Performance

HS Complex - Auditorium

4-10:00 PM, Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, 2019

Jill Steiner, sponsor.

Motion: Dr. Edward Habrowski

Second: Mr. Jeff Groen

Vote: 7-0

Approved the following Professional Leave Requests

1. Steve Ganzeveld

Annual Coaches Convention for Tennis

Indianapolis, IN

January 31-February 1, 2019.

2. Bridget Helms

American School Counselor of the Year awards ceremony

Washington, DC

February 1, 2019.

3. Cody Scott

Football clinic

Chicago, IL

February 8, 2019.

4. Traci Blanco and Kara Miller

Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference

Indianapolis, IN

March 10-12, 2019.

5. John Gray

Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Annual Conference

Indianapolis, IN

March 16-19, 2019.

6. Bill Mueller

Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Annual Conference

Indianapolis, IN

March 18-19, 2019.

7. Crystal Berg and Kate Faust

National Science Teachers Association Conference

St. Louis, MO

April 11-14, 2019.

8. Michael Cornwell and William Ridley

Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy

Indianapolis, IN

May 13-14, 2019.

Motion: Ms. Lana Olson

Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski

Vote: 7-0

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Communications

Jasper County Public Library (JCPL) Community Connection–February 2019

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.

Mr. Spagna advised the Board that the Prom information has been sent to students and posted on Facebook.


Mr. Floyd thanked Mrs. Allisa Schnick, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Tom Sherwood, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and Mrs. Rhonda Yates, Transportation Director, for their hard work dealing with the recent challenging weather conditions.


Adjournment: 7:39 PM

Motion: Mr. Jeff Groen

Second: Dr. Edward Habrowski

Vote: 7-0

  
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Mrs. Jill Duttlinger  
Board President

  
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Dr. Edward Habrowski  
Secretary