

**KANKAKEE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD AGENDA – APRIL 8, 2024  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 6:00 p.m.**

NOTE: Board Members have received data in advance regarding items listed on this agenda.

1. Call to Order by Board President, Mrs. Kristy Stowers, Silent Meditation, and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Reading of the Kankakee Valley School Corporation (KVSC) Mission Statement.
3. Public Participation/Comments at Board Meetings
  - Attendees must register their intention to participate by completing the provided form upon arrival and five (5) minutes before the meeting begins.
  - The completed form must be submitted to the presiding officer at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
  - Patrons must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments with an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
  - Each statement will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration.
  - No participant may speak more than once on the same topic unless all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard.
  - All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually or speak about specific personnel.
  - Patrons may speak only once.
  - Total public participation is limited to thirty (30) minutes unless extended by a vote of the Board.
4. Approval of the Minutes and Claims
  - a. “Approve the Minutes from the March 11, 2024, Board Meeting and Executive Session, and the April 3, 2024, Executive Session.”
  - b. “Approve the Corporation Claims for \$2,040,176.13 and the Cafeteria Claims for \$107,449.63.”
5. Report Items
  - a. Congratulations to Kankakee Valley High School (KVHS) Senior, Emma Bell, for being named a National Merit Finalist.
  - b. The Kankakee Valley Business Professionals of America (BPA) students competed at the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. KV had sixteen students qualify for Nationals in Chicago, in nine different events, and many placed in the top ten.

<b>National Qualifiers</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place -Max Duttlinger	Ethics & Professionalism
1 <sup>st</sup> Place-Samuel Gartshore, Myles Kitchen, Noah Sessions	Computer Animation Team
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place-Juliet Starr	Computer Modeling
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place-Chloe Boer, Ava Donnowitz, Colleen Grafton, Juliet Starr	Financial Analyst Team
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place-Logan Burke, Eli Deardorff, Gabe Kistler, Lane Zander	Podcast Production Team
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place-Colleen Grafton	Personal Financial Management

## REPORT ITEMS

### National Qualifiers (continued)

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place-Luke Bayci, Zack Frieden, Mason Kitchen, Brady Sampson	Visual Design Team
5 <sup>th</sup> Place-Brady Sampson	Medical Coding
6 <sup>th</sup> Place-Ava Donnowitz	Basic Office Systems & Procedures

- c. Congratulations to two Kankakee Valley Middle School (KVMS) students, Corban Arthur, and Chase VanderMeer, for advancing to the Indiana State Science Fair Competition. Additional congratulations to Chase for winning the Lemelson Foundation Early Inventor Award, which recognizes and celebrates the achievements of individuals who have demonstrated early excellence in inventing solutions to real-world challenges.
  - d. Congratulations to Grades 11-12 Super Mileage Team, Running on Fumes, for passing inspection at the Indiana Motor Speedway Super Mileage Competition in Indianapolis this past weekend and taking 2<sup>nd</sup> for Urban Concept-Internal Combustion Engine. Thank you to David Hass and Kevin Kaluf for their support of the team!
  - e. Congratulations to Mr. John Gray, KVHS Athletic Director, who was honored by the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. Mr. Gray received the Charles Mass Award, representing District 1 for Indiana. This award goes to an administrator who has made significant contributions to interscholastic athletics on both the local and state levels.
6. Employment Action Items
- a. Retirements (2)
    - 1.) “Ellen Lapota, DeMotte Elementary School (DES) Second Grade Teacher, effective May 24, 2024.”
    - 2.) “Lisa Hamstra, Wheatfield Elementary School (WES) First Grade Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.”
  - b. Resignations (5)
    - 1.) “Sheri Sanders, Kankakee Valley Intermediate School (KVIS) Fifth Grade Teacher, effective May 24, 2024.”
    - 2.) “Tasha Curtis, KVHS ISS Aide, verbal resignation day after hire, effective March 12, 2024.”
    - 3.) “Shannon Bakker, DES Instructional Aide, effective May 23, 2024.”
    - 4.) “Christina Roberts, DES Assistant Manager and Head Cook, effective March 14, 2024.”
    - 5.) “Natasha Gunter, KVIS Playground Aide, effective May 23, 2024.”
  - c. Leaves (3)
    - 1.) “Gina Myers, KVHS Special Education Teacher, ten (10) day Reduction in Contract, March 11-22, 2024.”
    - 2.) “Jacquelyn Wilder, KVMS Math Teacher, reduction in contract April 2, 2024.”
    - 3.) “Kathleen Eckert, KVHS Teacher, April 9-May 24, 2024.”

EMPLOYMENT ACTION ITEMS (continued)

d. Extracurricular (4)

- 1.) “The following extracurricular recommendations for the 2023/2024 school year:”

Mitch Gutyan	KVMS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, pending additional paperwork
Cassandra Hinsey	KVMS Girls Head Soccer Coach, pending additional paperwork
Aubrey VanMeter	KVMS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
Rebecca Miller	2024 Summer bus waxer, paid on a per-bus basis

e. Employment

Certified (3)

- 1.) “Brittany Tuna as a DES Special Education Teacher beginning August 5, 2024. Ms. Tuna will be filling a vacancy due to a resignation.”
- 2.) “Kelli Hunter-Schroeder, continuing as a DES temporary teacher, August 5, 2024, through March 13, 2025. Ms. Hunter-Schroeder will continue to fill a vacancy due to a leave extension.”
- 3.) “Debra Kuhns as a WES temporary teacher, beginning April 2, 2024, through May 9, 2024, excluding seven and one half (7.5) intermittent days. Ms. Kuhns will be filling a vacancy due to a leave.”

Classified (3)

- 1.) “Jackie McCoy as the Corporation Office Sweeper, beginning April 8, 2024. Ms. McCoy will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer.”
- 2.) “Brittney Barkley as a DES 4-Hour Dishwasher, beginning April 9, 2024, and pending additional paperwork. Ms. Barkley will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer.”
- 3.) “Esau Escobar as a DeMotte Sweeper, beginning April 9, 2024, and pending additional paperwork. Mr. Escobar will be filling a vacancy due to a transfer.”

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Motion: “to accept the following generous donations:”

FROM	TO	DONATION
Amanda VanderMeer	KVMS Band	\$50.00
Renee Foster	KVMS Band	\$50.00
Al & Brenda Yack	Food Service	\$880.00
Herrema Dairy LLC	KVHS Athletics	\$250.00
Jasper County Farm Bureau, Inc.	KVHS FFA	\$1,250.00
Jasper Newton Foundation, Inc.	KVHS BPA	\$1,000.00
Steven W. Ward	KVHS Athletics	\$200.00
Hidden View Dairy LLC	KVHS Athletics	\$250.00
Bos Dairy LLC	KVHS Athletics	\$250.00
Oak Basin Dairy LLC	KVHS Athletics	\$250.00
Windy Ridge Dairy LLC	KVHS Athletics	\$750.00
Curtis Creek Dairy LLC	KVHS Athletics	\$750.00
Hamstra Builders, Inc.	KVHS Athletics	\$1,250.00

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- b. Motion: “to approve the recommendation that beginning Monday, June 3, 2024, KVSC begin the summer workweek schedule. All 40-hour or less weekly employees may fulfill their weekly hours Monday-Thursday. Employees may have the option of working four (4) nine-hour days and one (1) four (4) hour day. The normal five (5) day workweek schedule will resume on Monday, July 22, 2024.”
- c. Motion: “to approve administrative leave for Sharon Marich.”
- d. Motion: “to authorize Mr. Don Street, Superintendent, or Mr. Mike Spagna, Assistant Superintendent, to sign agreements for alternative and private residential school placements as the designee(s) for the President of the Board of Education.”
- e. Motion: “to approve the 2024 Jump Start, Extended School Year (ESY), and KVHS Summer School Programs, as per the attachment.”
- f. Motion: “to approve the recommendation that KVSC hire three (3) summer helpers to assist with IT tasks.
- g. Motion: “to approve the recommendation that KVSC purchase eight hundred (800) Chromebooks from Dell Computers for \$396.16 per device, a total of \$316,928.00, to refresh the current 1:1 devices in grades 1-3. This includes eight hundred (800) devices, a three-year warranty, and the Google Chrome Management Licenses. We are purchasing these utilizing the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) pricing.”
- h. Motion: “to approve the Food Service Department recommendation that DeMotte Carpet, Inc. redo the KVHS tile in the B-line serving area, for \$14,487.35.”
- i. Motion: “to approve the recommendation that Tiffin Scenic Studios, Inc. replace the front stage curtain, two side panels, and the back cyclorama at KVHS, for \$18,289.00.”
- j. Motion: “to approve the recommendation that Jack Laurie Group replace the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing carpet tile at KVMS, for \$57,270.00.”
- k. Motion: “to approve the recommendation that Tiffin Scenic Studios, Inc. perform the necessary stage rigging system repairs to KVIS for \$13,994.00 and KVMS for \$19,909.00.”
- l. Motion: “to approve the recommendation to purchase the following HVAC filters from FWSBF, LLC, dba Hometown Filter:”

DES	\$1,842.12
Corporation Offices	\$382.32
KVIS	\$2,669.04
KVMS	\$3,174.24
KVHS	\$1,275.60 (VUV's) \$8,653.44(AHU's)
WES	\$1,213.92

- m. Motion: “to approve the recommendation to purchase a Volta Spinner and a poured-in path for the KVIS playground, which will accommodate students with or without special needs, from Snider Recreation, Inc., for \$43,269.49.”
- n. Other items as deemed necessary.

9. Routine Items

a. Field Trips (3)

- 1.) Indiana Motor Speedway, Indianapolis  
Super Mileage Competition  
David Hass, Kevin Kaluf, & Grades 11-12 Welding  
Wednesday, April 3- Sunday, April 7, 2024  
Indianapolis, IN
- 2.) KVHS Grades 11-12 Welding  
USA State Conference & Competition, Indianapolis State Fairgrounds & Motor Speedway  
David Hass, Sponsor  
Friday, April 19-Saturday, April 20, 2024  
Indianapolis, IN
- 3.) KVHS Academic Decathlon Team  
National Academic Decathlon  
Robert Heid, Sponsor  
Wednesday, April 24-Saturday, April 27, 20024  
Pittsburgh, PA

b. Use of School Facilities (1)

- 1.) DeMotte KV Rotary Club/Rotary Ramble/Dan Fagen  
DES Gym and Parking Lot  
Friday, August 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m.-Saturday, August 10, 2024, 12:00 p.m.  
*pending additional paperwork*

c. Professional Leaves

10. Future Business

11. Transfers

- a. Kaitlyn Podel transferred from Server to Head Cook at DES, effective March 14, 2024, due to a resignation.
- b. Sam Tompkins transferred from Server to Assistant Manager at DES, effective March 14, 2024, due to a resignation.
- c. Paula Smiley transferred from Dishwasher to Server at DES, effective March 14, 2024, due to a transfer.
- d. Amber Justice transferred from a DES 5.8 Hour Sweeper to a KVHS Day Janitor, effective April 8, 2024, due to a resignation.

12. Communications

13. Adjournment

14. Public Work Session immediately after the meeting.