KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Kewanee Community Unit School District No. 229 was held in the Kewanee CUSD #229 Administration Office with President Johnson calling the Meeting to order at 6:16pm. Roll call showed the following Members present: Padilla, Christiansen, DeBord, Steffen, Salisbury, Stabler and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 6:16 pm Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to enter into Closed Session to consider (C) (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District and (C) (2) to consider collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (C) (5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body (C) (8) Security Procedures (C) (9) Student Disciplinary Cases (C) (11) Litigation * 5ILCS 120/2 Open Meetings *The School Code of Illinois/2017.* Voice roll vote showed all present Members voting aye. The motion carried.

At 7:30 pm Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. A voice roll call was heard with all present Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR OPEN SESSION MEETING

President Johnson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:35pm. This Open Session continued in the Staff Development Room of the Administration Office. Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Stabler, DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen and Johnson. The audience included staff members' R Baney, T Brown, J Anderson, J Bryan, D Hodge-Bates, T Atwell, D Brants, K Fristad, K Hansen J Vickrey, K Laue, G Gerard and KEA President R Kapacinskas. Community members attending the meeting were T Polowy, K Yepsen, N Yepsen, R Hansen, H Mirocha, M Mirocha, A Schwickerath, S Schwickerath and F Brown. District Auditor, Russ Rumbold of Gorenz and Associates was in attendance to report on the 2019 Audit. Recording secretary H Leckey-Hughes and Superintendent C Sullens were in attendance as well.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

President Johnson asked the audience to stand, if able, and join the Board in saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

IV. SINE DIE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWAL OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WAIVER/MODIFICATION FOR NON-RESIDENT PUPIL TUITION CHARGES FOR NON-RESIDENT CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND KEWANEE CUSD #229

President Johnson called for a motion at 7:36pm for Sine Die to the Public Hearing for the purpose of soliciting public comments on the KCUD #229 proposal to renew the previously approved modification of the school code requirement which permits the School District to charge less than 110% of the per capita tuition charge (zero charge) for nonresident children of employees to attend Kewanee CUSD #229. Member Padilla seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to enter into SINE DIE. The roll call votes showed Members Stabler, DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

A. ROLL CALL FOR SPECIAL TUITION WAIVER PUBLIC HEARING: Stabler, DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen and Johnson were all present along with Board Secretary Leckey and Superintendent

Sullens.

B. Superintendent Sullens presented the Waiver/Modification for Non-Resident Pupil Tuition Charges for Non-Resident Children of Employees to Attend Kewanee CUSD #229. The Renewal of the previously approved waiver/modification permits that School District to charge less than 110% of the per capita tuition charge (zero charge) for nonresident children of employees to attend Kewanee CUSD. Dr. Sullens reported that Senator Weaver, Representatives Swanson and Spain along with KEA President Kapacinskas were all sent notices concerning the issue. Notices were advertised in the Kewanee Star Courier newspaper and on the Kewanee CUSD #229 District Website of the Hearing date and time. There has been no negative feedback. Representative Swanson personally spoke with Dr. Sullens on the issue and was in support. The District currently has seven students attending Kewanee CUSD #229 as non-resident employee students. Those who had input felt that this has been a positive incentive to attract full & part-time staff members to the district as long as they are at least nine month employees. It is believed that the waiver process encourages staff members to be more invested in the district and committed to the children they serve if their own children are attending the school district. It is hopeful that the tuition waiver will continue to attract and retain highly-qualified candidates and staff that are certified to teach dual credit classes. The district will continue to monitor student achievement. KEA President Kapacinskas was in attendance and offered no additional comments.

C. PUBLIC, KEA AND BOARD COMMENTS

None

D. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WAIVER/MODIFICATION FOR NON-RESIDENT PUPIL TUITION CHARGES FOR NON-RESIDENT CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND KEWANEE CUSD #229.

President Johnson called for a motion to renew the previously approved Waiver/Modification of the School Code Requirement. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

E. TUITION WAIVER HEARING ADJOURNMENT

President Johnson called for a motion to adjourn Sine Die at 7:40pm. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

SINE DIE

V. INVITED GUESTS

Athletic Director Atwell presented Riley Hansen and her coach, Kirk Fristad, with a resolution recognizing her outstanding performance in Girls Golf during the 2019 season. Riley earned 1st at Geneseo Girls Invite, Kewanee Girls Invite and 5th at the Boiler Invite. She finished as a match medalist 6 times during the season, with two of those matches being TRAC conference boy's matches. Riley defended her TRAC girls conference title for the fourth year in a row. Riley won her fourth individual regional championship at the IHSA Regional Golf Championship meet and finished 3rd at the IHSA Sectional Golf meet leading her team to a 3rd place finish. Riley competed at the IHSA State Golf Match and finished 8th overall.

Principal Bryan presented the 2019 Girls Golf Team (Natalie Yepsen, Riley Hansen, Mya Mirocha and Aspen Schwickerath) and their coach, Kirk Fristad, with a resolution recognizing their outstanding performance during the 2019 Season. The 2019 Girls Golf Team is the first girls golf team in the history of KHS. The team finished the 2019 season undefeated with a 7-0 record and won the first ever Kewanee Girls Golf Invite. The team won the TRAC

Conference Girls meet, finished 2nd at IHSA Girls Class 1A Regional meet and finished 3rd at the IHSA Girls Class 1A Sectional qualifying them for State competition. The Girls placed 12th at the IHSA Class 1A State golf meet.

Russ Rumbold of Gorenz and Associates, KCUD #229 District Auditors, reported on the 2018-2019 District Audit. The audit was reviewed last month by Dr. Sullens. Rumbold's report shows a Net Equity in Operating Funds of $12,175,737. The District received 1.2 million in General State Aid/Evidence Based Funding in 2018/2019. The largest revenues sources were from Evidence Based Funding (61%) and Other State Sources (10%). Federal Sources were 12%, Local Real Estate Taxes were 10% and Other Local Revenue was 7%. The largest Expenditures were Salaries and Benefits of $18,766,974 (66%) and Purchased Services (11%). The Purchased Services reflects Salaries and Benefits paid for Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District #801 employees totaling 1.6 million. The District received a 3.80 Financial Profile Designation.

VI., VII. & VIII. MINUTES, FINANCIAL, TREASURER'S REPORT, AND BILLS AND PAYROLL CONSENT AGENDA

President Johnson asked for a motion for a Consent Agenda and acceptance of Items VI, VII & VIII. Member Christiansen seconded the motion made by Member Steffen to approve consent Items VI, VII & VIII. The roll showed Members Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Padilla and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

X. REPORT FROM ADMINISRATION

A. Superintendent

1. Tentative 2019 Tax Levy/EAV

   Dr. Sullens reported that the District Tax Levy/EAV has changed little. It is hoped that local solar farms will be up and running soon and the District will receive funding from them. After speaking with Bureau and Henry County Tax Assessors, Dr. Sullens was told that it looks like the Bureau County EAV will increase approximately 6.14% next year to $18,583,000 for tax year 2018. Henry County EAV will most likely be only a 1.70% increase to $61,891,842. The District's overall total for anticipated projected change will be an increase of 2.69% or $2,109,597.

2. KHS Fall Play – *Alice in Wonderland*

   Dr. Sullens noted that the KHS Fall Play *Alice in Wonderland* was again a wonderful event. KHS graduate Johnny Williams was the director. The students all did a fantastic job.

3. FY20/21 School Funding

   Superintendent Sullens stated that the biggest issue out there right now is the new taxes generated for the State beginning January 1, 2020. There is also a commission looking at a Maintenance Grant and Capital Project Grants. It is hoped there will be matched or 50/50 grants available to the District. The School Board Convention is next weekend and Dr. Sullens looks forward to hearing from our Representatives on legislative updates and to hear what Senator Manar brings to the table.

B. Mr. Atwell – KHS Athletic Director

Mr. Atwell reported on the Winter Sport Participation Numbers at KHS. There are currently 15 students involved in Poms/Dance (down 3 from last year), 47 Boys Basketball athletes (up 6 from last year), 20 Cheerleaders (up 2 from last year), 28 Wrestlers (up 5), 30 Girls Basketball athletes (up 7), 25 Bowlers (up 12) and 12 Swimmers (no change).

Three Rivers First Team All-Conference members were named: Riley Hansen, Girls Golf Champion; Alyson Shafer, Volleyball; Gabe Johnson, Colin VanStechelman & Haley Heeren, Cross Country; and Tayvian Taylor (RB), Kavon Russell (Off End & Return Specialist) and Xavier Crowe (Def Line), Football.

Atwell informed the Board that the Football playoffs ended up with Kewanee winning 50-0 against Chicago Ag. Kewanee was defeated in Round 2 0-25 by Coal City. Atwell also thanked all the students and staff who assisted with clearing snow from the field and bleachers. Member DeBord noted that he enjoyed the Band being in the stands during the Round 1 game and asked if that could be continued next season. Atwell stated that it would be a possibility unless the bleachers are full. He also stated that it has already been up for discussion. Sullens stated that "Meet the Boiler" Girls was last Saturday and the Boys Basketball "Meet the Boilers" will be this coming Friday.

C. Mrs. Hodge-Bates – Neponset Principal

Mrs. Hodge Bates reported on the 2018-2019 ISBE School Report Card. Mrs. Hodge-Bates handed out a flyer showing Kewanee District #229 Designations and what will be done to improve for next year.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Solar Update

Dr. Sullens reported that permits were submitted on behalf of us by CEDG Group to the Regional Office of Education for the Admin. Building, Central JH, Neponset, Belle, and KHS Solar Panels. Estimated time of completion is February 15, 2020.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading of Various New & Revised Policies

No Action

XIV. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations

Cafeteria Substitute	Kathryn Howard	Effective 11/13/19
KHS Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach	Tom Miler	

Dr. Sullens recommended to accept the resignations of Howard and Miler. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen and Johnson all voting aye. The motion carried.

B. Retirements

None

C. Hires

Cafeteria Substitute	Katheryn Howard	Beginning 11/7/19
Belle 21st Century Student Assistant	Dana Eble	
KHS Musical Pianist	Karleigh Matuszyk	
Regular Bus Driver	Daniel Morgan	
Central Gr 8 Volleyball Coach	Kelli Jackson	

*All hires are contingent upon hires obtaining appropriate certification and qualifications prior to beginning job.

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed hires. Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Stabler seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed Members Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

D. Leaves

None

E. Long Term Sub

KHS Alternative - 2nd Semester	Ryan Hicks	
Elementary Art - 2nd Semester	Kayla Jewell	
Central Gr 5 - 2nd Semester	Jennista Eastman	
Central Elem Title I Teacher M-TH & District Sub F – 2nd Semester		LaNita Brown
KHS/Central Resource – 2nd Semester	Kristen Adkinson	
Central Gr 6 - 2nd Semester	Suzanne Burkhart	
Maternity Leave for P Diaz 8 weeks beginning 11/26/19		Katherine Coppejans

Sullens recommended to approve the long term subs. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Stabler DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

F. Transfer/Hire

None

G. Volunteers I

KHS Cheerleading	Randi Wilder
KHS Boys Basketball	Brandon Ince
KHS Swimming	Nathan Wager
KHS Wrestling	Gustaf Elliott
Belle Alexander School	Mary Smith
KHS/Central Piano Accompanist	Abbie Hamilton
KHS/Central Piano Accompanist	Katie Rushing-Anderson
KHS/Central Piano Accompanist	Karleigh Matuszyk

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above volunteers. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member DeBord to approve. The roll call vote showed Members DeBord, Padilla, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

H. Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

I. OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

XIV. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

President Johnson stated that a Resolution Committee Report was distributed to Board Members. The only issue President Johnson noted was the possible arming of District Employees. There were no other comments from Board Members.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32pm President Johnson called for a motion for Adjournment. Member DeBord made a motion to approve. Member Padilla seconded the motion. A Voice vote was heard with all members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT **JAN PADILLA, SECRETARY**