**KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JANUARY 16, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR SPECIAL 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 Nolan calling the Meeting to order at 6:15pm. Roll call showed the following Members present: Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey, Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson and Nolan. Superintendent Sullens was also present for the Closed Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

At 6:16pm Member Johnson seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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 Members voting aye. The motion carried.

At 7:21 Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Leckey to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. Voice roll call showed all Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR OPEN SESSION MEETING**

President Nolan called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:22pm. This Open Session continued in the Staff Development Room of the Administration Office. Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey, Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson and Nolan. The audience included staff members: T Brown and D Brants. KEA President R Kapacinskas arrived at 7:32. Reporter M Helenthal of the Star Courier was in attendance to report on the meeting. There were no community members attending the meeting. Recording D Simaytis and Superintendent C Sullens were in attendance as well.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

President Nolan asked the audience to stand, if able, and join the Board in saying the “Pledge of Allegiance” to the flag.

**INVITED GUESTS**

None

**MINUTES, FINANCIAL, TREASURER’S REPORT, AND BILLS AND PAYROLL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE**

None

**REPORT FROM ADMINISRATION**

1. **Superintendent**

Winter Break Projects

Dr. Sullens conveyed that the college students that assisted the District’s Maintenance Department were a great help over the winter break. The students worked on snow removal and on getting the new classroom additions at Irving School and Central Elem/JH school ready. Sullens stated, “There was a lot of work that needed to be done and the kids chipped right in and did a great job”.

Good Fellows Baskets

Sullens reported that he received a letter from Mr. Buchanan thanking M Vail-Frakes for her and the Key Club’s help with the Good Fellows baskets this year. M Vail-Frakes is a co-president of Key Club. Sullens stated that the students did a great job packing & distributing approximately 950 baskets. Sullens also informed the Board that the Kewanee Salvation Army Angle Tree had 1,803 names taken and gifts purchased, for those in need, which were then distributed by the Salvation Army. The Kewanee Save-A-Lot had 230 bags of groceries donated and then distributed them within the Community.

KHS Musical

Dr. Sullens informed the Board of Education that the Musical, “The Little Mermaid”, held this past Saturday & Sunday was a full house both performances. Nearly every seat in Petersen Auditorium was taken this year both days. The students and staff once again did a phenomenal job!

Petersen Auditorium Upgrades (LED Lighting and Piano Bump out)

Sullens noted that a new LED Light Board was added this year. The board allows the LED light colors to be changed to any color desired. In the past someone would have to climb up and place colored gel filters over the bulbs during the Play itself or during intermission, in order to change the colors. The lighting color can now be changed from the ground at any time. L Flannery helped to set up and program the Light Board. There are currently six LED bulbs in the auditorium ceiling. The goal is to add four more bulbs up above and to add some LED lighting on the stage itself. (Upper lights cost approx. $2,000 ea. and Stage LED’s are $1500 ea. The Stage has greatly improved with the lighting upgrades and the addition of the storage area that was added for storing risers and the piano.

Governor Rauner’s Amendatory Veto of SB444

Superintendent Sullens explained Governor Rauner’s Amendatory Veto of SB444. SB 444 is known as the “Clean-up bill” for the original funding Bill SB1947, which passed on August 31, 2017. Essentially there are schools that are just “Registered” with ISBE, and there are Non-Public Schools that are “recognized” with ISBE. Gov. Rauner has started an “Invest in Kids” Scholarship Program, where individuals can donate to Private School tuition and he would like to include the “Registered” Schools, as also being eligible for the Program. It is to be seen if his Amendatory Veto will be overridden or not.

**Mr. Anderson – Central Principal**

Participation Numbers for Winter Activities: Elem & JH GBB & Scholastic Bowl

Mr. Anderson was unable to attend tonight’s Board Meeting, but Dr. Sullens reported on his behalf. Elementary Girls’ Basketball has a total of (84) students participating: (25) sixth graders, (25) fifth graders, and (34) fourth graders. JH Girls’ Basketball has (26) total student athletes: (16) seventh graders and (10) eighth graders.

PARCC Assessment

Dr. Sullens also reported for J Anderson that the PARCC Testing window for Central School will be from April 1st to April 30th this year.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. KHS Soccer Field/Parking Lot Update

Dr. Sullens reported that the KHS Soccer Field/Parking Lot Project has two concrete culvert tubes that have not been installed as hoped. The tubes had to be custom made, which set the Project time-line back. Then, unfortunately,

Contractor K Dana was called upon to assist with another project after an accident occurred at another business’ location. The Builder there had a heart attack and fell approximately (20) feet, while setting trusses. K Dana went to help finish that job, and by the time he was ready to return to the KHS Soccer Field Project the weather turned too cold. It is projected that the culverts will be set as soon as it thaws in the Spring.

1. Discussion of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Sidewalk at KHS

Dr. Sullens related that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Sidewalk, was put forth before the City Council at their last meeting where they did not vote on it. It sounds like the City may be in favor of the installation of the Memorial, in Veterans Park, but not in the current sidewalk that circles the Park. The City had the same concerns that the District did with snow removal and possibly damaging the Memorial. The City Council meets again next Monday.

1. Consideration and Approval of Policy 8:72

Dr. Sullens recommended approving Board Policy 8:72. Member Leckey made a motion to approve. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed Members Leckey, Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson, Padilla, Christiansen and Nolan all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and Approval of IRS Mileage Rate for 2018 (2018-.545; 2017-.535)

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the IRS Mileage Rates for 2018. Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve and increase the Rate to .545 cents per mile. The roll call vote showed Members Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson, Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey and Nolan all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

1. Consideration and Approval of Gorenz and Associate, Ltd. to conduct the District’s FY2018 Audit

Superintendent Sullens recommended to approve the continuation of Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. as FY2018 District Auditors. Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Member Leckey seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed Members Salisbury, Johnson, Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey, Steffen and Nolan all voting aye. There were no nay votes from the Members present. The motion carried.

1. Consideration and Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Approve them as Remaining Closed (Through December 31, 2017) and destruction of verbatim records prior to July 1, 2016.

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve keeping the Closed Session Minutes through December 31, 2017 as closed and to approve the destruction of verbatim records prior to July 1, 2016. President Nolan called for a motion to approve. Member Leckey made the motion to approve. Member Steffen seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all Members approving. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

1. Consideration and Approval of Seniority List and Years of Continuous Service List
2. Certified Staff Seniority List 2017/2018
3. Certified Staff Years of Continuous Service 2017/2018
4. Union Years of Continuous Service 2017/2018
5. Non-Union /years of Continuous Service 2017/2018

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the Seniority List and Years of Continuous Service Lists (items d. 1-4). Member Johnson seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Johnson, Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey, Steffen, Salisbury and Nolan all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

1. Consideration and Approval of the Application for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for Kewanee High School, Central Elementary and Irving Schools. These Grants are in partnership with the BHS Regional Office of Education.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Application for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grand for KHS, Central Elementary, and Irving school. Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Leckey seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed Members Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey, Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson and Nolan all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

**ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**PERSONNEL:**

**Resignations**

KHS Assistant Football Coach Casey Miller Effective of 17/18 Sch Yr

KHS Speech Coach Jacque Komnick Effective End of Speech Season F18

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the resignations of C Miller and J Komnick. Member Leckey seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Christiansen, Leckey, Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson, Padilla and Nolan all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

**Retirements**

None

**Hires 1**

Regular Bus Driver Greg DeKeyser Eff F/18

Central Bilingual Aide Loemi Meza (Translator until Certification is approved)

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

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

**Internships**

None

**Leaves**

None

**Long Term Sub**

Maternity Leave for Emily Robinson Ellen Johnson Began 1-10-18

KHS Special Education Teacher Pam Mott 2nd Semester 17/18

Dr. Sullens recommended approving E Johnson and P Mott as Long Term Subs. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson, Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey and Nolan all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

**Transfers**

None

**Volunteers I**

KHS Speech Susan DeVilder Effective Immediately F/18

KHS Football Coach 2018/2019 Casey Miller Effective Immediately F/18

Elementary Girls’ Basketball Coach Matt Brody Effective Immediately F/18

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

**Student Teachers**

None

**Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions**

None

**OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

None

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION**

Board Member Johnson asked if there had been any more action, after his request to explore additional training for Staff to teach students in poverty and is this still an option being considered? Dr. Sullens replied that the District just received our Healthy Kids’ Grant approval, which he wrote last month in December. Sullens stated, “We have dollars that have been set aside in the Grant to bring somebody in from the outside, for more training”. Member Johnson stated that he knows that there is more than one source for that kind of information and training and asked if there is an agreement between principals, as far as the direction they would like to take. Dr. Sullens answered that it depends on what is available, because a lot of the groups are booked months in advance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Johnson to adjourn the open meeting. A voice vote from Members Padilla, Christiansen, Leckey, Steffen, Salisbury, Johnson and Nolan was heard all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

The open meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**DAN NOLAN, PRESIDENT MIKE LECKEY, SECRETARY**