

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-JANUARY 17, 2023

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 High School Petersen Auditorium with President Johnson calling the Meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call showed the following Members present: Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present for the Closed Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

At 6:01pm, Member Dev 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/2021*. Voice roll vote showed all present Members voting aye. The motion carried.

At 7:17 pm Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Dev to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. 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 7:30pm. This Open Session continued in the Petersen Auditorium at Kewanee High School. Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, and Johnson. Member Steffen was absent. The audience included: R Baney, T Brown, C Douglas, J Doddroe, L Flannery, and J Russell from the Kewanee Radio Station. Recording secretary H Hughes and Superintendent C Sullens were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Joseph Doddroe stated he wanted to propose an idea to challenge the students. He stated he is in talks with the City of Kewanee to use logs at Francis Park to create lumber. This lumber will be donated organizations in Kewanee for Community Projects. Mr. Doddroe stated that in the past horse drawn carriages were used on the trails at Francis Park during the 4th of July Festival. He would like KHS students to use the donated lumber to build a horse drawn carriage. Member Johnson asked if Mr. Doddroe envisioned the project being built in the KHS shop. Mr. Doddroe stated yes. Mr. Doddroe stated that he would like to know if organizations were interested in participating. Otherwise, there would be no point to working with the City and harvested the logs from the trails. Mr. Doddroe believes that there are enough logs to create lumber for many years' worth of projects. Member Christiansen asked if he had plans for the horse drawn carriage. Mr. Doddroe stated he would like the students to design and create their own plans, in order to challenge them. Dr. Sullens stated he would talk to the Industrial Arts teacher and follow up with Mr. Doddroe.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

Winter Break Repairs/Upgrades

Dr. Sullens stated that the Maintenance staff with the help of some college students did a great job during break.

KHS Musical- Anastasia

Dr. Sullens stated that the students did a great job with the musical. It was performed on Thursday for students in grades K-3 and on Friday for Central and Neponset students. The backdrop was done with a projector and screen this year versus the normal painted one.

FOIA Requests

Dr. Sullens stated that all FOIA requests that have been received were fulfilled.

Dr. Sullens also informed the Board that 756 Good Fellows food baskets were delivered this year. He stated that he was proud of the many student organizations that helped with the project.

Mrs. Baney-KHS Principal

Mrs. Baney informed the Board that Amron Buchanan was honored by News Channel 8 for his volunteer work. He was nominated by Teresa Bryner. Mrs. Baney also stated that a video on social media of Teresa Bryner was featured on the Today Show on January 3. The video was taken of her reaction to being named the Honorary Boilermaker during Homecoming Celebration. The video posted by her daughter had hundreds of thousands of views and was featured during "Hoda's Morning Boost."

KHS IL State Scholars

Mrs. Baney informed the Board that Madison Copeland, Shaan Dev, Mayra Diaz, Natalie Maxon, Lena Miller, Mary Miller, and Marcos Pagan were named Illinois State Scholars.

KHS Winter Sports Update

Mrs. Baney stated that it was a busy weekend at KHS. The MLK Girls Basketball tournament was held and the Wrestling team was home on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. She also gave an update on Regional dates and locations. Mrs. Baney informed the Board that the Bowling team has won three meets in a row. She also mentioned that Brady Clark is getting closer to 1000 career points. Before the evening's game he was at 899 points.

Mrs. Baney stated that she had been in contact with the Lieutenant Governor's office about setting up a visit to view all of the new additions at KHS. Her staff was interested and is working on setting up a time.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that generally the weather has been in our favor. The freezing and thawing along with the rain has made it difficult for the heavy machinery. Crews have been unable to work on connecting sewer pipes at Belle this week due to the rain. Neponset has walls up but the floors haven't been poured yet. Currently, the floors are rock. The plan is to pour the concrete through the windows or to move the concrete with carts into the building.

KHS Ag Addition and Belle Gym Addition

Dr. Sullens stated the projects are progressing. This week the duct work will be installed and the HVAC unit will be installed next week. Plans were to be in the Ag Addition this week but it looks to be another couple of weeks before they are complete. Drywall will be completed this week and then painting can begin.

Irving School Main Entrance

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the railing has been installed. The main entrance is still closed. The new exterior doors are due to arrive this month. When the doors are here the remainder of the project will begin.

KHS Fieldhouse/Locker Rooms

Dr. Sullens stated that the goal is to get bids for the project to see what the overall cost would be. The Foundation has been in contact with potential donors for the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of IRS Mileage Rate for 2023 (2023- .655; 2022- .585)

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the new IRS Mileage rate of .655.

Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Stabler, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Steffen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Approve Them as Remaining Closed (through December 31, 2022) and destruction of verbatim records prior to July 1, 2021

Dr. Sullens recommended approving that the Closed Session minutes through December 31, 2022 remain closed and the destruction of verbatim records prior to July 1, 2021.

Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member DeBord to approve. The roll call vote showed Members DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Stabler, Dev, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Steffen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Seniority List and Years of Continuous Service List

1. Certified Staff Seniority List 2022-2023
2. Certified Staff Years of Continuous Service 2022-23
3. Union Years of Continuous Service 2022-2023
4. Non Union Years of Continuous Service 2022-2023

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Seniority and Years of Continuous Service lists. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member DeBord to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Christiansen, Salisbury, Stabler, Dev, DeBord, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Steffen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Bank Account Changes

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the bank account changes as presented. These account changes are necessary due to staffing changes.

Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Salisbury, Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Steffen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Selling the District's Old FAT Timing System to Hall High School

Dr. Sullens recommended selling the District's Old FAT Timing System to Hall High School for \$500.

Member Johnson seconded a motion made by Member Stabler to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Steffen was absent. The motion carried.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

Resignations

Randi Wilder	KHS Sideline Cheerleading Coach
Ron Finney	Bus Driver
Marcy Solomon	Irving Aide Effective 2/3/2023

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

Retirements

None

Hires

Central Playground/Office Aide/Afterschool

Dominic Denham

Cafeteria Substitute
ROE Safe School Teacher for 2nd Semester
ROE KHS 21st Century Coordinator
ROE Belle 21st Century Aide
ROE Belle 21st Century Aide
KHS Sideline Cheerleading Coach (Remainder of 2022-23 Season)
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F/T Substitute Teacher
Belle Playground Supervisor

Jaytez Talbert
Megan Lane
Ariel Byerly
Brooke Mills
Harper Gillespie
Heather Swanson
Susana Murillo
Eusebia Quintero
Nevyah Lewis

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

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

Leaves

None

Student Teachers

None

Transfers

Dawn Hull From Cafeteria Sub to KHS F/T Cafeteria Worker

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

Volunteers

Central Jr. High Cheerleading Coach Emily Robinson
KHS Musical Devin Randall

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

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Real Estate-1200 E. Third Street

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the purchase price for 1200 E. Third Street at \$170,000. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Stabler to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Steffen was absent. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Member Christiansen wanted to follow up with the KHS Musical. She stated that after each years' performance she thinks that it was the best one yet and this year was no exception. Member Christiansen said that the students did a great job and that she appreciates Larry Flannery's hard work. She stated she has heard positive comments in the community about the projected backgrounds.

Member Johnson stated he had heard comments in the community as well. He stated that many parents are appreciate that their students are able to participate in a production at this level. They have also mentioned they appreciate all of the

Performing Arts offerings at KHS.

Member DeBord stated that he has spoken with students from other Districts. They are amazed that KHS offers a musical every year. Many other Districts only perform a musical once every four years.

Dr. Sullens congratulated Member Stabler on the birth of his daughter over the weekend.

Moment of Silence for Robert Donaldson – Former Football Coach

Moment of Silence for Spencer Wallace – Brother of Stephanie Johnson (Teacher at KHS)

Moment of Silence for Sally VanWassenhove – Mother of Paul VanWassenhove (Teacher at KHS)

Moment of Silence for Arline Coyne – Mother of Ted Coyne (Bus Driver)

Moment of Silence for Connie Sellers – Former Cafeteria Worker

Moment of Silence for Robert Bumphrey – Brother of Mindy Bumphrey (Aide at Central)

Moment of Silence for Brycelyn Powell – 1st Grade Student at Belle

Moment of Silence for Susan Welgat – Visitation School Secretary and Liaison to Central AD and Superintendent

ADJOURNMENT

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

The open meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY