

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-DECEMBER 19, 2022

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 Stabler 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 7:16 pm Member Steffen 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, Steffen, and Johnson. The audience included: J Anderson, R Baney, C Douglas, T Atwell, L Flannery, K Callahan, M Carton, A DeSchepper, M Mirocha, H Mirocha, E Brokaw, 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.

SINE DIE

Tax Levy Hearing

President Johnson called for a motion to go into Sine Die for the 2022 Tax Levy Hearing at 7:32pm. Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Stabler seconded the motion. The voice vote showed all present Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

Presentation by Dr. Sullens

Sullens reported that the total EAV in Bureau County is going to rise from \$21,725,534 up to an approximate \$22,825,916 which is an increase of 5.06% or \$1,100,382. Henry County is also showing an increase. For Henry County the increase is 7.19%. The previous tax year was \$65,290,145 but will increase to an approximate \$69,985,906 for a gain of \$4,695,761 in total assessment for Henry County. Sullens explained that we do our levy in December not knowing really how much property value we have. Dr. Sullens stated that these are the best estimates we have available.

In order to cover ourselves and make sure that we don't leave "money on the table" and make sure that we get our full \$1.84 in the Education Fund, \$0.50 in the Building Fund, \$0.20 in the Transportation Fund, \$0.05 in Working Cash, \$0.04 in Special Ed., \$0.05 in the Lease and \$0.05 in the Life Safety Fund the District will ask for a little extra. Therefore, the tax rate we are requesting would be 4.54395.

Dr. Sullens recommended the Board of Education to approve the tax levy based upon an EAV of \$95,000,000. The probable Within this tax levy hearing there is also three resolutions to pay Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax money of \$98,465.75 to pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Source) series 2018, Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$1900.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Source) series 2021A, and Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax money for \$488,050.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) Series 2021B. These Bonds will be paid by funds from the Countywide Sales Tax. Dr. Sullens stated that in addition to paying the bond payments, the sales tax money has helped

pay for many projects including Central's secure entrance, KHS Stadium visitor bleachers, windows at KHS, the parking lot behind KHS, and the bus parking lot behind the stadium.

Comments/Discussions by Visitors and Board Members -None

Consideration and Approval of:

1. Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$98,468.75 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2018)
2. Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$1900.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2021A)
3. Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$488,050.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2021B)
4. 2022 Tax Levy

President Johnson called for a motion for a consent agenda to approve the Bond Resolutions and the 2022 Tax Levy. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member DeBord to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

At 7:49 pm President Johnson called for a motion to adjourn Sine Die and re-enter the regular meeting. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to approve. A voice vote was heard with all present Members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

SINE DIE

INVITED GUESTS

Mya Mirocha, State Girls Golf Finalist was in attendance. Mrs. Baney presented her with a Resolution from the Kewanee CUSD #229 School Board.

Kewanee FFA Chapter was represented by McKenzie Carton and Abigail DeSchepper. Mrs. Baney presented the Kewanee FFA Chapter with a Resolution for earning the 3 Star Gold Chapter Award at the National FFA Convention.

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 Salisbury seconded the motion made by Member Dev to approve consent Items VI, VII & VIII. The roll showed Members Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

State of IL FY2023 Budget/ISBE FY2024 Budget

Dr. Sullens stated that the current fiscal outlook for the State of Illinois is good. ISBE is starting to work on the budget for the FY24 that would be the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Sullens stated that he hopes that State continues to add more to the Evidence Based Funding model. The District has benefited from EBF versus the general state aid formula of the past.

Winter Break Cleaning & Maintenance Projects

Dr. Sullens stated that the Maintenance crew is doing a great job of getting projects done. It is hoped that much will be accomplished over Winter Break.

Good Fellows Baskets

Dr. Sullens stated that Good Fellows Baskets will be delivered tomorrow. He estimates around 1000 baskets will be delivered.

Winter Programs and Concerts

Dr. Sullens stated that students at all of the winter programs and concerts did an amazing job. Member DeBord stated that the KHS Mosaic concert is his favorite of the year. Member DeBord also stated that is was a testament to Dr. Sullens and the vision of the Board that we have three incredible music teachers. With Mr. Binek being gone Miss Krohn was able to step in without missing a beat.

Dr. Sullens stated that all of the programs and concerts are on the District's YouTube channel. Member Christiansen stated that she is glad that the District has many events on the YouTube channel not just sports. She stated is great for families who live out of the area to view events or for those locally who are unable to make it to the live event.

County Sales Tax for Tax Year 2022 Projects Included: KHS LED/Practice Field Lighting; KHS Cafeteria, Welding, Storage

Dr. Sullens stated that funds from the Countywide sales tax are used to pay the bond payments. The bond funds have been used to pay for many projects within the District. After the bond payments are paid funds will be used to pay for turf field, LED lighting, and other projects.

Eagle Enterprises-District Recycling

Dr. Sullens stated that Eagle Enterprises had been picking up our recycling for free. They will now begin charging for it. Dr. Sullens stated that if we didn't pay for recycling we would have to pay more for trash pickup. Eagle Enterprises gave a breakdown of recycling levels at each building served. Leading the way was Central with 17,130 pounds from January to September. KHS had 8,280 pounds, Belle had 6,475 pounds, and Irving had 875 pounds. Mr. Anderson stated that the K-Kids at Central collects the recycling for the building. Dr. Sullens stated that at KHS the Life Skills Program pick up the recycling for the building.

Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director

KHS Winter Sports Update

Mr. Atwell gave the Board information on the Regional and Sectional dates and locations. Mr. Atwell stated that over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend KHS will be hosting a wrestling tournament, a girls' basketball tournament, and the KHS Musical. Mr. Atwell also informed the Board that KHS hosted their 2nd Annual Competitive Dance Invitational and the girls placed 5th. Finally, he informed the Board that Mya Mirocha was named the Moline Dispatch's Girl Golfer of the Year.

Mrs. Baney-KHS Principal

Mrs. Baney gave the Board an update of recent activities at Kewanee High School. The KHS Choir performed the National Anthem at the Peoria Rivermen Hockey game on December 15th. Miss Yelm had the performance on Facebook Live. Central and KHS Choirs' performance of Christmas Carols will be shown throughout the week on KWQC. The KHS Student Council hosted Dress up days. Money raised was used to support the Salvation Army. They raised \$276. The KHS FFA prepared snack boxes for students taking final exams. In each of the packages, information on suicide prevention and crisis intervention was included. The KHS Robotics team is currently in 3rd place in the Western Illinois Division. The Gordon Vickrey Food Drive was a huge success again this year. The top four Advisories at KHS collected a total of 1745 pounds of food. Those classrooms were in first place Mrs. Titlow and Mr. Taylor's class with 893 pounds of food, Mrs. Ellerbrock's class with 489 pounds, Ms. Olalde's class with 204 pounds, and Mr. Binek's class with 159 pounds. All of the food collected goes directly to Central for distribution. Mrs. Baney stated that many student groups have been assisting with the Good Fellows Baskets this year.

Mrs. Baney informed the Board that today with Ms. Evans, they worked on the press release for the Illinois State Scholars at Kewanee High School. The students who have earned this honor are Madison Copeland, Shaan Dev, Mayra Diaz, Natalie Maxon, Lena Miller, Mary Miller, and Marcos Pagan.

Mrs. Baney announced that KHS student, Petra Petty has been named to Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton's Council on Women and Girls. Petra Petty had to submit an application and complete the interview process for the one-year term. Nineteen girls across the State were named to the Council this year.

Mr. Anderson-Central Principal

Mr. Anderson wanted to thank the Central Teachers for their flexibility with scheduling. He stated that this time of year it

gets crazy and with the teachers' help everything worked out. Mr. Anderson wanted to mention the hard work the Central Counselors and Social Workers have been putting in with planning dress up days, holding jingle jar wars, and with the adopt a family program. These events are in addition to their normal teaching, small group sessions, and handling crisis situations.

Jr. High Athletics-IESA 8th Grade Girls Basketball State Tournament

Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the 8th grade Girls Basketball Team made it to the IESA State Tournament. He stated that the girls played well but didn't get the win. He wanted to thank the Kewanee Police Department who escorted the team into town after each win.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that the crews are to getting everything enclosed. At Belle, crews are starting to install drywall. At Neponset, the roof is on. The current plan is to enclose the building and then pour the floor.

KHS Ag Addition and Belle Gym Addition

Dr. Sullens stated the projects are progressing. At KHS, the windows are finally being installed. Once all of the windows are installed at KHS the crew will move over to Belle. At Belle, crews need to complete windows in the gym area that connect with the existing building. The current timeline has the KHS Ag Addition being completed at the end of January.

Irving School Main Entrance

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that crews are waiting for the railings to be painted and installed.

2nd Reading of New & Revised Policies: 2:100; 2:105; 2:210; 2:250-AP1; 2:250-E2; 2:265; 2:265-E; 3:50; 3:60; 3:60-E; 4:10; 4:60-AP1; 4:120; 4:140; 4:140-AP; 4:140-E1; 4:165; 4:170-AP1; 4:190-AP1; 4:190-AP2; 5:20; 5:120; 5:120-AP1; 5:120-AP2; 5:120-AP2, E; 5:200; 5:220; 5:250; 5:280; 5:290; 5:320; 5:330; 6:15; 6:20; 6:20-AP; 6:50; 6:60; 6:60-AP1; 6:65; 6:220; 6:250; 6:255; 6:260; 6:260-AP; 6:260-AP, E; 6:300-E2; 6:300-E3; 6:310; 6:340; 7:20; 7:50; 7:70; 7:100; 7:180; 7:190-AP3; 7:190-AP4; 7:190-E2; 7:190-E3; 7:250; 7:250-AP2; 7:285; 7:285-AP; 7:285-AP, E; 7:290; 7:290-AP; 7:340; 7:340-AP1; 7:340-AP1, E4; 7:340-AP2; 7:340-AP2, E1; 8:30-AP; 8:95-AP

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Appointment of IMRF Authorized Agent

Dr. Sullens recommended approving Kara Yepsen as the District's IMRF Authorized Agent. This is necessary due to Connie Wager's upcoming retirement.

Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to approve. A voice vote showed all present members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Illinois EMPOWER FY23 School Improvement Report-Central Elementary, Central Jr. High, Irving Elementary

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the School Improvement Reports for Central Elementary, Central Junior High, and Irving Elementary Schools.

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

Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Real Estate – Parcel A

Dr. Sullens recommended purchasing approximately 12.87 acres from Abilities Plus. The land is located East of the Abilities

Plus facility on East Street in Kewanee. The land could be used for farming or athletics. Each acre will be \$13,000.

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

Consideration and Approval of Purchase of Real Estate – Parcel B

Dr. Sullens recommended purchasing 1200 E. Third Street. This property is across the street from the Ag Science Center at KHS. The house and barn will be purchased for \$150,000.

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

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

Resignations

None

Retirements

None

Hires

Central Jr. High Assistant Wrestling Coach	Michael Weir
Central Jr. High Track Coach	AJ Cook
School Counselor-Variou Buildings	Alexandria Weston
KHS Resource Teacher for 2023-2024 School Year	Jared Hahn
KHS Contest Play Director	Zach Murphy
Regular Bus Driver	Ted Coyne

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member DeBord to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson 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.

Leaves

None

Long Term Subs

KHS Alternative Teacher for 2 nd Semester of 2022-2023	Jakob Saey
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Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed long term substitute. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

Transfers

Lorie Jackson	From F/T Cafeteria to F/T 12 Month Custodian
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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed transfer. Member Steffen seconded the motion made by Member Dev to approve. The roll call vote showed Members DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, Dev, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

Volunteers

Central Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach	Michael Tumbleson
KHS Cheerleading Coach	Susana Murillo
KHS Wrestling Coach	Raful Solano

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

Student Teacher

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

Moment of Silence for James Schoals - Stepfather of Coessa Rusk (Aide at Neponset) and Step Grandfather of Thalia Padilla (Cafeteria Worker)

Moment of Silence for Jerry Phelps Sr. – Father of Angela Wyant (Aide at Irving)

Moment of Silence for John Resch – Father of Keith Resch (Custodian at Irving)

ADJOURNMENT

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

The open meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY