

**KEWANEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #229
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-FEBRUARY 23, 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 6:00pm, Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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/2022*. Voice roll vote showed all present Members voting aye. The motion carried.

At 7:20 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, Steffen, and Johnson. The audience included: R Baney, D Brants, C Douglas, M Perva, T Ramos, D DeMay, 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 Christiansen to approve consent Items V, VI & VII. The roll showed Members Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

FY24 Funding

Dr. Sullens stated that the Governor Pritzker has presented a budget proposal to the State legislators. He stated that the Governor recommended fully funding the Evidence Based Funding Model for FY24.

Building & Grounds Improvements

Dr. Sullens stated that the Maintenance department has been doing great job of staying on top of repairs throughout the District. Staff has also been working on additional lighting for the KHS parking lots.

National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant (KHS serving line and additional freezer space)

Dr. Sullens stated that the District has submitted an application for the National School Lunch Program Equipment Grant.

This grant would provide funds to add a second serving line and to build an area to house additional freezer space at Kewanee High School.

Special Education ESSER Funds- Addition at Lyle School

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that ESSER funds received from Henry Stark Special Education would be used to build a 20-foot by 20-foot addition at Lyle School. This addition would allow Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy to have space to provide services to students.

FOIA Requests

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

Mr. Anderson-Central Principal

Testing-Preparation

Mrs. Baney presented for Mr. Anderson. She stated that the District will be administering the IAR test to students in grades 3-8 again this year. The testing dates are set for March 14-24. KHS students in grades 9-11 will be taking the PSAT and SAT on April 12th. The 12th grade students will be participating in a Career Day. The Career day is a Kiwanis Service Project held each year.

Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director

KHS Sports Update

State Qualifiers-Bowling, Wrestling, Speech

Mrs. Baney presented for Mr. Atwell. She stated that overall the Winter sports season was successful. The KHS Wrestling team won the Regional and competed in the IHSA Dual Sectionals against Canton. Unfortunately, they were defeated. Max Kelly and Will Taylor qualified for the State Individual Wrestling Meet. Alex Duarte and Jaxson Hicks were named alternates. Both Max Kelly and Will Taylor lost in the first round. Will Taylor won his first wrestle back.

The KHS Bowling team had a successful season advancing from Regionals to Sectionals. This was the first time this happened since the IHSA went the current tournament structure. Mya Mirocha qualified for the State tournament but didn't qualify for the Finals.

The KHS Girls Basketball team played Spring Valley Hall in the Regional Quarterfinal Game. They were defeated. The KHS Boys Basketball team won the Regional Quarterfinal Game versus Chillicothe IVC. The team is currently playing Stillman Valley in the Regional Semi Final.

Cooper Bates was named the Speech Regional and Sectional Champion in Original Comedy. He placed 8th at the IHSA State Speech Tournament. There was a police escort held and approximately 60 community members watched a performance at KHS.

The KHS Swimming team competed at Sectionals at United Township High School on February 18th. KHS did not have any State qualifiers.

Mrs. Baney informed the Board of recent accomplishments of the KHS FFA Chapter. On February 14th, they competed in the Section 3 Veterinary Science Career Development event. The Varsity team won the event. They will be competing at State on March 4th. On the same day, there was a Public Speaking Leadership Development event held. In the Extemporaneous Speaking competition, Whitney Minton placed fifth at the Varsity level and Emma Evans placed third in the JV level. For the Creed Speaking competition, Kalleigh Gale placed first overall and advances to the District competition. Paige Polowy placed seventh at the event. On Monday, February 20th, the KHS FFA hosted the Section 3 Illinois State Degree candidate interviews and interviews for SAE projects. During the day, 97 interviews took place with 35 volunteer judges. KHS had three students recommended for State Degrees.

Member Salisbury asked if the District was still working on video boards in the gym. Dr. Sullens stated that they were.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that generally the weather has been in our favor. At Belle, we are hoping to be in the new classrooms next month. The floor tile has been installed in two classrooms and the hallway. The remaining classrooms will be installed next week. In Neponset, the goal is to get the floor poured next week. The temporary heating needs to be working in order to pour the floor.

KHS Ag Addition and Belle Gym Addition

Dr. Sullens stated the projects are progressing. The ROE did an inspection in the Ag Addition. Crews will have to rework a couple of things. Next week, we will start moving Mrs. Callahan's and Ms. Ruemker's classroom materials into the space. The gym at Belle is not going to be completed until April.

Irving School Main Entrance

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the exterior doors have been installed. The interior doors arrived damaged and had to be sent back. The project will continue when the doors arrive.

KHS Fieldhouse/Locker Rooms

Dr. Sullens stated that the KHS Fieldhouse is an action item.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Field House/Locker Room Bid

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the base bid of \$1,433,000 from Valley Construction for a new Fieldhouse at KHS. Peoria Metro submitted a base bid of \$1,546,000. Dr. Sullens stated that the Foundation believes that they have secured a donor or donors that will contribute \$250,000 towards the project. The listed costs do not include lockers. Dr. Sullens stated that the plan will be to use the existing fieldhouse for a locker room space for the girls who participate in the football and soccer programs and for physical therapy.

Member Salisbury 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of LU Interactive UNO System (Grant Funded)

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the purchase of three LU Interactive UNO Systems. The purchase will be funded with the District's FY23 Digital Equity Grant. The systems integrate mental and physical fitness into the activities. The systems are similar to Clevertouch boards but use a projection screen and are generally used in gym spaces. The systems have a sound system built in and have activities included such as yoga. Member Christiansen asked if they were grant funded. Dr. Sullens stated that they were and that ISBE has already approved the grant budget.

Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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.

Consideration and Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented. Member Christiansen 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 Non-renewal of the Kewanee High School Head Football Coach and Releasing All Assistant Coaches (all assistant coaches can re-apply for coaching positions)

Dr. Sullens recommended not extending the contract of Coach Swanson for the 2023-2024 school year.

Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury 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.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

Resignations

Etta LaFlora	Aide at Irving-Effective 2/7/2023
Ashley Williams	Aide at Lyle-Effective 2/2/2023
Emali Porter	Neponset Track Coach
Sandra Bonilla	Bilingual Aide at Central

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

Retirements

None

Hires

Neponset Track Coach	Tatum Drury
Athletic Support Staff/Streaming Announcer	Russ Hughes
Cafeteria Substitute	Jena McCartney
Cafeteria Substitute	Janeth Holmes
Lyle Full Time Aide	Catie Griffin
Irving Part Time Aide	Michelle Reiter
ROE Central 21 st Century Student Aide	Addison Clark
ROE Central 21 st Century Student Aide	Naisha Colombani
Central Jr. High Science Teacher for 2023-24 School Year	Cara Nelson
KHS Spring Weights Coach	Matt Clark
KHS Speech Assistant Coach	Heather Olalde

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. Member Johnson seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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

Anna Cole-Maternity Leave for 6 weeks- starting approximately 2/19/2023

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed leave. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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.

Student Teachers

None

Transfers

Jaytez Talbert	From Cafeteria Sub to KHS P/T Cafeteria Worker
Angie Wyant	From P/T Aide at Irving to F/T Aide at Irving
Robin Allen	From P/T Aide at Irving to F/T Aide at Irving

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed transfers. Member Steffen seconded the motion made by Member DeBord 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

None

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Thalia Padilla	Increase hours from 10 hours per week to 27.5 hours per week in KHS Cafeteria
Brad DeWolfe	Resignation-KHS Industrial Arts Teacher-Effective End of 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed items from closed session. 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.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

Moment of Silence for George Ouart-Retired District Custodian
Moment of Silence for Marvin Brown-Former District Substitute Teacher and Grandfather of Elizabeth Murphy (Teacher at Belle/Neponset)
Moment of Silence for Carl Nelson-Former Math & Industrial Arts Teacher at Central & KHS and Neponset Grade School Principal

ADJOURNMENT

Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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 8:38 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY