

**KEWANEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #229
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-MARCH 20, 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 Christiansen 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 7:01 pm Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Stabler 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, J Anderson, C Douglas, T Brown, T Atwell, J Looney, M Kelly, C Kelly, N Kelly, M Rachel, C Rohrig, C Bates, M Bates, J Bates, P Evans, M Mirocha, M Mirocha, H Mirocha, E Brokaw, J Taylor, W Taylor, M Taylor, C Eads, Z Murphy, 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

Mya Mirocha was honored with a Resolution from the Board of Education for qualifying for the IHSA State Bowling Tournament. The Resolution was presented by Mrs. Baney to Ms. Mirocha and her coaches Marland Rachel and Carl Rohrig. Mya Mirocha stated that she was grateful to the Board for everything they have done for the KHS students. She stated that she realizes it is costlier to have a Bowling team and having to transport the athletes to and from Princeton.

Max Kelly was honored with a Resolution from the Board of Education for qualifying for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament. The Resolution was presented by Mrs. Baney to Mr. Kelly and his coaches Charley Eads and Chad Kelly.

Will Taylor was honored with a Resolution from the Board of Education for qualifying for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament. The Resolution was presented by Mrs. Baney to Mr. Kelly and his coaches Charley Eads and Chad Kelly.

Cooper Bates was honored with a Resolution from the Board of Education for earning a Regional and Sectional Championship and for placing 8th in Original Comedy at the IHSA State Speech Tournament. The Resolution was presented by Mrs. Baney to Mr. Bates and his coach Zach Murphy.

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, Steffen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Jon Looney, Black Hawk College Trustee, stated that his comments were his and not those of the Black Hawk Board of Trustees. He stated that Black Hawk College is currently searching for a President. The search committee will be holding Community Forums starting next week. The forums will be held in the auditorium at Black Hawk College-East Campus. Mr. Looney encouraged the Board and the public to attend and to provide feedback. Mr. Looney also thanked the Kewanee District for their partnership with Black Hawk College. The partnership has allowed many students the ability to earn dual credits. He stated that he would like the new President of Black Hawk to expand this partnership with Kewanee CUSD and other area districts in the future.

Jason Bates thanked the District and community for their support of his son Cooper throughout the speech season. Mr. Bates stated that he moved his family to Kewanee for the opportunities provided at Kewanee High School. He stated that the Arts programs and Instructors in the District are outstanding.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

State of Illinois FY24 Education Budget

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.

KHS Group Interp and Contest Play-Sectionals March 18th at Olympia High School

Dr. Sullens stated that Mrs. Baney would give the update on the KHS Group Interp and Contest Play.

Discussion of Adding a JV Dance/Pom Squad

Dr. Sullens stated that Katie Rushing-Anderson the coach of the KHS Dance/Pom Squad contacted him about adding a JV Dance/Pom Squad for next year. This year, 34 students tried out for the squad. She would like to add a JV squad to work with students and improve their skills before they get to the Varsity squad. Students will still have the option of Fall, Winter, or both seasons. It is not believed that this would pull anyone from other sports. Member Christiansen stated that if it wouldn't affect other sports, she would be in support of adding a JV Squad.

FOIA Requests

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

Mrs. Baney-KHS Principal

KHS Testing Schedule

Mrs. Baney stated that 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.

Mrs. Baney informed the Board that Group Interp placed second at the Olympia Sectional. They qualified to compete in the IHSA State Tournament on March 24 at Glenwood High School in Chatham, Illinois. The KHS Contest Play placed third at Sectionals and did not qualify for the State Tournament. Mrs. Baney informed the Board that Kenzie Carton and Kyle Joos were competing on March 25th for their SAE Proficiencies for FFA. By advancing, they are in the top 5 in the State for their areas.

Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director

Spring Sports Update

Mr. Atwell gave the Board an update on the KHS sports teams. He stated that Brady Clark was named TRAC Boys Basketball 1st Team. Mr. Atwell informed the Board that Will Taylor set the record for the most wins in a single wrestling season with 43. Spring sports numbers include 28 out for both the Girls and Boys Track teams, 15 out for Varsity Baseball, 21 for F/S Baseball, and 15 out for Softball.

Mr. Anderson-Central Principal

Mr. Anderson gave the Board an update on the Central 8th Grade Volleyball team. The team finished the season 23-3. The season ended with a loss to Morton at Sectionals.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that the Belle classrooms are expected to be open to students when we come back from Spring Break. He stated that the Neponset project is behind schedule and we are hoping to be in there in early May.

KHS Ag Addition and Belle Gym Addition

Dr. Sullens stated they held a ceremonial ribbon cutting on Friday for the Ag Addition. He informed the Board that they wanted to get the Seniors into the space as soon as they could. He stated that a formal open house will be held in May. Dr. Sullens stated that crews are planning to complete the concrete work in front of the addition over Spring Break.

Irving School Main Entrance

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the project is close to being completed. He stated that it looks really nice.

KHS Fieldhouse/Locker Rooms

Dr. Sullens stated the project is to begin after Brockman Relays. The plan is to close down a couple of lanes on the track. By this time, all of the home meets will be done but practices will still be able to be held. Athletes will use the locker rooms in the High School for the season.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Kewanee Personnel for 2023-2024 School Year

Vote #1: Consideration and Approval of Kewanee 2023-2024 Probation and Tenure List

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the 2023-2024 Probation and Tenure List as presented in the Board packet. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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.

Vote #2: Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Notice of Non-Renewal and Dismissal of Probationary Teacher

Dr. Sullens stated that no vote was required.

Vote #3: Other-Additional individual names as requested by Board Members

Dr. Sullens stated that no vote was required.

Consideration and Approval of Naming Rights for the KHS Stadium Fieldhouse

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the naming rights for the KHS Stadium Fieldhouse. Dr. Rick Cernovich and Kim Cernovich have pledged \$250,000 towards the project. The new Fieldhouse will be known as Cernovich Field House in honor of their fathers, George and Mike.

Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Stabler 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 Naming Rights for the KHS Ag Science Center's Classroom & FFA Lounge

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the naming rights for the KHS Ag Science Center's Classroom and FFA Lounge. The classroom and FFA Lounge will be named in honor of Rodney R. Dorman. The Rod Dorman family has pledged \$75,000 towards the project. The amount will be paid over five years. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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 KHS IHSA Membership Renewal for 2023-2024 School Year

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the KHS IHSA Membership Renewal for the 2023-2024 School Year. Dr. Sullens

informed the Board that there was no fee for the Membership.

Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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 Lyle Addition Bid

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the bid from Valley Construction for \$307,600. Only one bid was received. This approximately 500 square foot addition will house space for Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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.

Consideration and Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Resolution

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement Resolution with the Quad City CTE Consortium. The QCCTEC assists the District in receiving federal Perkins Grant funds. Member Stabler 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Joint Agreement Resolution

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Joint Agreement Resolution with the Quad City CTE Consortium. This resolution updates the previous Joint Agreement between the District and the QCCTEC. 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Changing the District's Insurance Agent of Record from Dimond Brothers to Kepple Healthcare Consulting Effective April 1, 2023

Dr. Sullens recommended changing the District's Insurance Agent of Record to Kepple Healthcare Consulting effective April 1, 2023. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury 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 Compensation Adjustment for Technology and Assistant Technology Director

Dr. Sullens recommended adjusting the pay rate for the Technology Director and Assistant Technology Director. After researching the pay rates of area districts IT staff and reviewing job descriptions, Dr. Sullens stated an adjustment is necessary.

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.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

Resignations

Francisco Grajeda	KHS Head Soccer Coach
Jacob Doan	KHS Freshman Class Advisor
Bradley Swanson	KHS PE/Dr. Ed Teacher-Effective End of 2022-2023 School Year
Emma Miller	Central Jr. High 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

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 Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

Retirements

Kim Ellenberger	Change in Retirement Date from 2025-2026 School Year to the End of the 2022-2023 School Year
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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the change in retirement date. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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.

Hires

KHS Cheerleading Coach for 2023-24 School Year	Emily Robinson
KHS Head Football Coach for 2023-24 School Year	Matt Taylor
Belle Bilingual Aide P/T (pending certification)	Arely Hernandez

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury 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.

Student Teachers

Ana Gerard	Student Teacher at Belle Alexander-1 st Grade with Mrs. Anderson
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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed Student Teacher. Member Johnson 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.

Long Term Sub

None

Transfers

None

Volunteers

None

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Vote #1

Taylor Haseley	Growing Agriculture Science Teacher (GAST)-Intern with Mrs. Callahan
Laurny Kuehl	Growing Agriculture Science Teacher (GAST)-Intern with Mrs. Callahan
Blair Snyder	Growing Agriculture Science Teacher (GAST)-Intern with Mrs. Callahan

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed Interns to work with Mrs. Callahan. Member DeBord seconded the 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. The motion carried.

Vote #2

Jeremy Murphy	Volunteer for KHS Contest Play
Amy Boyles	Resignation-ROE Professional Development Coordinator-effective April 14, 2023

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

Member Christiansen wanted to thank the donors that have come forward to help with all of the building projects throughout the District. She stated that it is great to see Alumni coming back to support the District. Also, she stated that she was

excited for all of the students' successes recently. Member Christiansen wanted to thank our great teachers, as well as, the bus drivers who have been taking the kids all over the place.

Moment of Silence for Mary Kirkhove-Grandmother of Brad Swanson-KHS Teacher

Moment of Silence for Letha Wessels-Retired KHS Office/Art Room Worker

Moment of Silence for Tyanda Thomas-Sister of Kayla Thomas-21st Century Aide

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, Steffen, and Johnson was heard all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

The open meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY