

**KEWANEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #229
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-APRIL 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 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 7:11 pm Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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, T Brown, D Hodge-Bates, T Atwell, M Kelly, C Kelly, C Bates, M Bates, J Bates, P Evans, J Taylor, W Taylor, C Eads, D DeMay, K Peterson, P DeBord, J Hicks, S Oetzel, W Lambert, B Taylor, A Duarte, L Mason, H Vancil, C DeSplinter, M Newton, E Witte, C Olalde, F Frykman, J Pendergrass, J Duytschaver, I Ruiz-Sanchez, M Ruiz, D Boswell, T Simaytis, E DeBord, K Peterson, L Vancil, T Baney, A Newton, A Kewish, H Olalde, C Duarte, A Mason, J Jagers, J Oetzel, S Oetzel, T Mitchell, K Mitchell, J Ince, 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

The KHS Group Interp Team and the All State Cast members were honored for their success during the 2023 performance season. The team placed second at the Olympia Sectional and qualified for a 17th consecutive appearance at the State Competition. Cast members: Cooper Bates, Laryn Conley, Isaac Lynes, Tessa Mitchell, Bethany Olalde, and Bethany VanWassenhove were given All State Cast Recognition. Mrs. Baney presented a Resolution from the Board of Education to the team and their Coach Heather Olalde.

The KHS Wrestling Team was honored for their success during the 2023 season. The team finished the season with a Dual Team record of 25-4. This was the most Dual Team wins during a season in school history. The team won back to back Regional Championships and advanced to the Sweet 16. Mrs. Baney presented a Resolution from the Board of Education to the team and their coaches Charley Eads, Chad Kelly, and Trevor Simaytis.

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 Dev seconded the motion made by Member DeBord 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

State of Illinois FY24 Budget Proposals

Dr. Sullens stated that the State Legislators are currently working on the State Budget. The budget funds many different programs. Dr. Sullens hopes that the legislators continue to fully fund all of the existing programs.

Evidence Based Funding Update

Dr. Sullens stated that the EBF formula is complex. The hope was that ISBE would update the formula for FY24 but it looks that the update won't be complete in time. Dr. Sullens stated that the District has benefited greatly from the EBF model and would have benefited even more with the update.

District General Maintenance

Dr. Sullens stated that the Maintenance staff has been doing a great job of keeping up with projects in the District. He stated that he is excited about the projects that we are going to tackle this summer.

FOIA Requests

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

Mrs. Baney-KHS Principal

National Honor Society Banquet

Mrs. Baney stated that KHS held the National Honor Society Banquet on April 5th. This year 42 new members were inducted and there was 23 returning members. In order for students to qualify for the National Honor Society students must hold a 3.5 GPA, have completed a minimum of 10 service hours, and be approved by the high school faculty.

IPA Breakfast Banquet

Mrs. Baney stated that she attended the Illinois Principals Association Black Hawk Region Student Leadership Recognition Breakfast with Emma Crofton and Marcos Pagan. Each high school could nominate one female and one male student. Mrs. Baney received help with the KHS nominations from the staff leadership groups.

Mrs. Baney also informed the Board about the Kiwanis Career Day. KHS had 80 seniors attend the event. Eight groups toured businesses and colleges in the area. Mr. Willis took a group of students to Western Illinois University, where they were able to sign up for classes. Mrs. Carmichael took a group to Black Hawk College Quad City Campus. Students were able to tour the campus. Mrs. Baney stated that a large group of students visited OSF Saint Luke Hospital and were able to participate in many hands on activities. Mrs. Baney stated the students had a great day.

Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director

Sports Update

Mr. Atwell gave the Board an update on the KHS Spring sports and activities. He stated that the Baseball team will be competing at Princeton or Orion for the Regional starting May 15th. The Sectional will be held at Knoxville. Softball Regional will be either at Princeton or Prophetstown starting May 15th. The Softball Sectional will be held at Tremont. Girls Track will be at the Galesburg Sectional on May 11th. The girls' State Track Meet will be held at EIU on May 18-20th. Boys Track will be at the Geneseo Sectionals on May 17th. The boys' State Track Meet will be held at EIU on May 25-27th. Mr. Atwell informed the Board that Kewanee High School hosted the IHSA Music Sectional on April 14th. He stated that the kids did an excellent job. Mr. Atwell stated that the KHS band placed 2nd in the State in Class B. Mr. Atwell congratulated the KHS Music Department on a great year.

Mr. Anderson-Central Principal

Central and Neponset Jr. High Track Numbers

Mr. Anderson gave the Board an update on the Central and Neponset track numbers for this year. Central has 36 girls and 43 boys out for Track. Neponset has 10 girls and 13 boys out for Track.

Mr. Anderson stated that IAR testing was completed before Spring Break. The ISA testing will be started this week for grades 5-8. He also invited the Board to attend the 8th Grade Promotion on May 22 at 7 pm.

Mrs. Hodge-Bates-Neponset Principal

Title I Annual Review Report

Mrs. Hodge-Bates gave the Board an overview of the Consolidated District Plan, Parental Involvement Policies, and the District Title I Plans.

Dr. Sullens stated that the IHSA Organizational Music event was wonderful. He informed the Board that every 20 minutes a different group performed. He stated that our students were fabulous. He also stated that the performances are available to watch on the District's YouTube channel. Member Christiansen stated that she appreciated that the performances were on the YouTube Channel. As she was traveling and was able to watch some of the performances.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that the Belle classrooms are waiting on desks and chairs. Those items arrived today. He stated that the Neponset project will possibly be finished by the end of the school year.

KHS Ag Addition (May Open House-TBD)

Dr. Sullens stated that he hopes to have an Open House in May possibly during Mother's Day weekend. He stated that 99% of the outside work is finished. Workers still need to plant some grass seed and move some top soil.

Belle Gym Addition

Dr. Sullens stated that they are currently installing the hardwood floor and are 75% done. Crews should be done in the next day or so. Crews will then sand and seal the floor. Once the floor is complete, crews will install bleachers.

Irving School Main Entrance (Completed)

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the project is completed. He stated that staff are working on installing a scan card system and will be phasing out using keys.

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.

Lyle Addition

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that crews started the Lyle project last Monday. They are pouring the floors this week. Dr. Sullens stated that it will be nice having the additional space for Speech, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Districtwide Parental Involvement Policy

Consideration and Approval of Belle Alexander Parental Involvement Policy

Consideration and Approval of Irving Parental Involvement Policy

Consideration and Approval of Central Parental Involvement Policy

Consideration and Approval of Neponset Parental Involvement Policy

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Parental Involvement Policies for Belle Alexander, Irving, Central, Neponset, and Districtwide as presented in the Board packet.

Member Stabler 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.

- Consideration and Approval of Districtwide Title I Plan
- Consideration and Approval of Belle Alexander Title I Plan
- Consideration and Approval of Irving Title I Plan
- Consideration and Approval of Central Title I Plan
- Consideration and Approval of Neponset Title I Plan
- Consideration and Approval of Consolidated District Plan

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Title I Plans and the Consolidated District Plan as presented in the Board packet. Member Salisbury 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.

1st Reading of Various New and Revised Policies

No action was required.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

Resignations

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| Chad Kelly | KHS Assistant Wrestling Coach-Effective Immediately |
| Stephanie Martinez | KHS Girls Wrestling Coach-Effective Immediately |

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above resignations. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member DeBord 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.

Retirements

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| Kandy Hansen | Neponset 4 th /5 th Grade Teacher-End of 2026-2027 School Year |
| Steve Hill | KHS 3 rd Shift Custodian-Effective 5/31/2023 |

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed retirements. Member DeBord 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. The motion carried.

Hires

Vote #1

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| KHS Assistant Football Coach for 2023-24 School Year | Corey Tavares |
| KHS Assistant Football Coach for 2023-24 School Year | Nick Christakos |
| KHS Assistant Football Coach for 2023-24 School Year | Rick LaFollette |
| KHS Assistant Football Coach for 2023-24 School Year | Mike Weir |
| KHS Assistant Football Coach for 2023-24 School Year | Courtney Conley |
| KHS Assistant Football Coach for 2023-24 School Year | Jared Hahn |
| P/T Substitute Teacher for 2023-2024 School Year | Kim Ellenberger |
| Central Jr. High 8 th Girls Basketball Coach for 2023-24 School Year | Hall Keene |
| P/T Advanced Practice Registered Nurse for 2023-2024 School Year | Anna Slover |
| Belle Kindergarten Teacher for 2023-2024 School Year | Stephanie Humphrey |

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

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

Vote #2

Summer School Hires

Maintenance/Custodial- Brandon Pickering, Cameron Bates, Cooper Bates, Dan Boswell, Rachel Brown, Amos Campbell, James Campbell, McKenzie Carton, Madalyn Chapman, Addison Clark, Brady Clark, Cameron Conley, Alicia Conner, Regan Coombes, Parker DeBord, Aaliyah Duarte, Alex Duarte, Jersie Duyschaver, Zach Dyer, Jackson Hawkins, Clark

Heeren, Elena Jackson, Blake Johnston, Kerrigan Kelly, Max Kelly, Andrea Lang, Isabella Martinez, Noelia Martinez, Landon Mason, Lincoln Mason, Natalie Maxon, Hannah Pratt, Jennifer Pratt, Dillon Price, Coessa Rusk, Gunnar Salisbury, Makaela Salisbury, Marissa Stevens, Trenton Terry, Willie Terry, Bethany VanWassenhove, Avery Yepsen, and Logan Zarvell.

Chad Palm, Katy Witte, and Maddie Damron starting July 1st.

Administrators (not on contract)- Cassandra Douglas, Dena Hodge-Bates, Deena Brants

Secretaries- Yasmy Blas, Jackie Johnson, Maria Fragoso, Katy Witte, Cheryl Rohrig, Lilliam Pagan, Kendal Bennison, and Chloe Gruszczyka

Resource Officers- Jon Jagers and Terry Engels

Teachers

KHS- Emma Reidner, Jacob Doan, Jennifer Grebner, Jace Jennings, Marland Rachel, Ben Hunter, Charley Eads, Audrey Hoadley, Jakob Saey, Vincent Miles, Brandon Owens, and Brittney Krohn

Belle- Leticia Martinez, Koreen Jurgensen, Wendy Goodrum, Amanda Minx, Laura Anderson, and Brooke Hicks

Irving- Melissa Newman, Jennifer Plum, Hailey Strickler, Angie Kluever, Joanne Bennett, Brigida Castillo, Michelle Palm, and Brooke Esquer

Central- Jill Peart, Peggy Costenson, Jennifer Vickrey, Jessica Hogeboom, Alicia Ralston, Jessica Carlson, Pam Schneider, Dede Grice, Ryan Hansen, Jonathon Henegar, Heidi Abernathy, and Daymon McDowell

Neponset- Jackie Haage, Kandy Hansen, and Tatum Drury

Lyle- Amanda Clementz, Rachel Smyth, Autumn Brown

Aides

Belle- Yolanda Quintero, Chasity Hall, Maya Padilla

Irving- Leticia Munoz, Ashley Mason, Jacquie Cernovich, and Erin Havelka

Central- Loemi Meza, Amanda Johnson, and Kayla Jewell

Neponset- Kaylee Anderson

Neponset- Student Assistant- Riley Hansen

Lyle- Lynn Cruse, Taylor Chasteen, and Alyssa Kiermeier

Lyle Parent Coordinator- Karen Rogula

Counselors- Ali Weston and Chelsea Hamerlinck

Academic Advising- Paula Evans

Social Worker- Robin O'Connor

Nurses- Joan Becker, Tara Hicks, Jennifer Pickering, Kelly Duytschaver, and Tara DeBlieck

Kitchen- Pat Damron, Mark Eilers, Melinda Blust, Trisha Behnke, Karen Colwell, Jeri Kuster, Violet Peterson, Lisa Verbout, Stella Long, Jamie Wilson, Laurie Schafer, Thalia Padilla, Sarah Hamilton, Kathryn Davis, Dawn Hull, and Holly Weida

Podcast Development/KHS Security- Bob McKee

Bus Drivers- Janis Boyk, Pete Tanzillo, Joe Seyller, Troy Weida, Bob Braden, Larry Hampton, Ladosha Bystry, Janette Wager, John Olwig, Paul Williams, and Ted Coyne

Bus Aides- Chris Lewis, Robin Hampton, Shane Pickering, Tina Rosebecke, and Linda Stetson

ADJOURNMENT

Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member DeBord 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 8:25 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT**JON DEBORD, SECRETARY**