

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING APRIL 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR SPECIAL 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, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Member DeBord was absent. Superintendent Sullens was also present for the Closed Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

At 6:00pm 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. Member DeBord was absent.

At 7:15pm Member Christiansen 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. Member DeBord was absent.

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, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Member DeBord was absent. The audience included staff members: R Baney, J Anderson, J Bryan, C Eads, C Kelly, B VanWassenhove, J Bates, H Olalde, B Olalde, K Rednour, L Bryant, J Bryant, B Rednour, E Witte, F Frykman, C Bates, M Gustaitis, M Gardner, and J Russell from the Kewanee Radio Station. Recording secretary H Hughes and Superintendent C Sullens were in attendance as well.

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

Mr. Bryan read and presented a Board Resolution recognizing Kadin Rednour and coaches Charley Eads and Chad Kelly. Kadin Rednour qualified for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament. Mr. Bryan also read and presented a Board Resolution recognizing the IHSA State Qualifying Group Interp Team and their coach Heather Olalde.

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

State of Illinois FY23 Budget Proposals

Dr. Sullens stated the State of Illinois is still working on the FY23 Budget. Legislators have decided this year to discuss the budget earlier than normal. It is hoped the budget will be finalized and approved by May 1st.

Evidence Based Funding Update and ISBE Corrections (FY 2019-2022 +\$200,937)

Dr. Sullens stated that for the Evidence Based Funding Model to be fully funded an additional \$350 million needs added each year. It is hoped that the funds will be included in the State Budget again this year. Dr. Sullens informed the Board that ISBE had sent out an EBF update last week. The update stated that the formula had been figured incorrectly. Therefore, the District will be receiving an additional \$200,937 by the end of June.

District General Maintenance

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the District Maintenance crew did a fantastic job over the winter removing snow. He stated that there were crews working on tuck pointing at Kewanee High and at Belle Alexander. Dr. Sullens also mentioned that the new sign at Petersen Auditorium will be lit soon. The electrician needs to update the breakers that go to that area of the building.

21st Century Grant Applications-Central and KHS

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the ROE is applying for funding to begin 21st Century After School Programs for Central Junior High and Kewanee High School.

Students in our District from Afghanistan (Belle-3; Irving-3)

Dr. Sullens updated the Board on the students that have come from Afghanistan. Currently, 3 students are attending Belle and 3 students are attending Irving. Dr. Sullens stated that the Kewanee Welcomes group led by Bobi Throneburg have done a fabulous job. Mrs. Baney stated that the children are fast learners and are catching on quickly. She also mentioned that it has been great working with a gentleman from the Afghan community that speaks English. He has been helping with the students at both Belle and Irving.

ISBE Neponset Food Grant-Equipment Received

Dr. Sullens stated that all of the equipment purchased with the NSLP Equipment grant funds have been delivered and installed at Neponset. The grant paid for a cooktop, serving line with hot and cold pans, a double convection oven, and two commercial freezers. Everything has been installed and is in use.

Mr. Bryan – KHS Principal

National Honor Society Banquet

Mr. Bryan stated that last year with the pandemic they spread the National Honor Society Banquet over two nights. While planning this year's banquet there was still a mask mandate. This year's banquet was also held over two nights again. On April 13th, twenty-two Seniors returned. The guest speaker was Dr. Zack Fulton from the KHS Class of 1993. He practices medicine in Freeport, Illinois. On April 20th, twenty-three Juniors will be inducted into National Honor Society. The speaker will be Kim Miler Boland from the KHS Class of 1996. She is the VP of Quality and IT at Intermatic. Pat and Lisa Damron along with the KHS kitchen staff made the meal for both banquets.

Kiwanis Career Day

On April 13th, Kewanee High School held PSAT and SAT testing for the Freshmen-Juniors. The Seniors participated in the Kiwanis Career Day. Organized by Willie Burford from Kiwanis, Casie Douglas, and Tiffany Platz from Kewanee Schools, students were able to choose from seven career fields. Mr. Bryan stated that he heard nothing but praise from the students. Students were also able to hear from speaker Isaac Stewart from Black Hawk College. Kiwanis provided lunch for the students after the tours. Mr. Bryan wanted to thank the businesses who participated for their time and help. They included Great Dane, Rhino Tool, Sullivan Door, Rumbold & Kuhn, Martin Tractor, OSF Saint Luke, Black Hawk College, Mel Foster, Breedlove's Sporting Goods, Good's Furniture, Kewanee Physical Therapy, Regional Media, B & B Printing, Jackson & Peck Financial Group, People's National Bank, the Kewanee Police and Fire Departments, Edward Jones-Mike Miler, and Barash & Everett Law Offices.

Dr. Sullens stated that he went with the students to Great Dane. He stated that the kids got a lot out of the tour.

Member Christiansen stated she had lead the group at the hospital. She was proud of how the students handled themselves. She stated that the students were very receptive of the information they were presented. She felt many of

the students were surprised at the range of professions or careers that are in a health care setting. Also the fact that there are many opportunities for those with a two-year degree or even no degrees to be employed in healthcare.

Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director

Sport Update

Mr. Atwell was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Bryan presented a sports update on his behalf. Mr. Bryan informed the Board that baseball and softball Regionals will begin on May 16th. Kewanee will be hosting the softball Regional and the baseball team will travel to either Princeton or Sherrard. For Sectionals, baseball will be at Knoxville and softball will be in Tremont. Girls track will compete at the Class 2A Sectional at Geneseo on May 11th. The boys track team will compete at the Class 2A Sectional at Metamora on May 18th. The State track meets will be at EIU for the girls and boys team. The girls will compete on May 20 & 21 and the boys will compete May 27 & 28. Mr. Bryan stated that the KHS band has been competing all year in the ILMEA State Competition. The band receives points for each competition. In Class B Solo/Ensemble/Organizational, the KHS band finished 6th in the State with 684 points. Mr. Bryan believed that was the highest Kewanee High School had ever finished. Member Dev confirmed it was.

Mr. Anderson- Central Principal

Central and Neponset Jr. High Track Numbers

Mr. Anderson informed the Board that Central Junior High has 28 girls and 34 boys out for track this year. He also stated that Neponset has 23 students out for track. The Sectionals for Junior High track is May 13th in Sherrard. Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the Strawberry Festival is returning this year with a family night and art show.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

KHS Welding/Cafeteria and Fine Arts Storage Project

Dr. Sullens reported the cafeteria is now being utilized completely. Staff waited until after Spring Break to fully utilize it. Dr. Sullens invited the Board to tour the Welding addition as they left. The area is completed except for a few cosmetic items.

Various Gym/Cafeteria HVAC Projects

Dr. Sullens stated that crews are continuing to make progress. Sullens Gym is half completed. At Neponset they are working on finalizing the project.

Turf Field Update

Dr. Sullens stated that Byrne and Jones is planning on starting the project the week of May 22nd. Dr. Sullens stated that he had been in contact with a representative from the Kewanee Park District about taking the top soil that is removed from the football field. The discussion involves the Park District taking the soil for use on their soccer fields. Dr. Sullens stated that he is working on an agreement that could possibly freeze the School District rental rate for ten years in exchange for the top soil. Dr. Sullens stated he believes that this is a great opportunity to partner with the Kewanee Park District.

KHS Stadium Lighting Update-Start Week of April 18th

Dr. Sullens stated that the removal of the current lighting began today. The lights are being stored under the stadium until they are moved to their new poles. Musco Lighting is planning on delivering the new lighting around May 23rd. Those lights will be installed on the existing poles and will have a 25-year warranty. The current lights will be installed on new poles at Central Field.

Member Salisbury asked Dr. Sullens when he expected an answer from the Kewanee Park District. Dr. Sullens stated he was going to speak to Andy Dwyer, Park Director, again. But believed that they wouldn't receive an answer until after the Park District's May meeting. Member Salisbury stated he believes that the two entities working together is great for residents. Dr. Sullens stated that he believes the top soil's value would be approximately \$50-75,000 without delivery costs. The turf contract states that they will deliver the soil within five miles for free. The Park District would have no

expense for delivery.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Bureau, Henry, & Stark Regional Office of Education, Kewanee CUSD #229, Central Jr. High School & Henry/Stark County Health Department for the Purpose of Implementing the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application

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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Memorandums of Understanding with Bureau, Henry, & Stark Regional Office of Education, Kewanee CUSD #229, Henry/Stark County Health Department, Central Junior High, and Kewanee High School for the purpose of implementing the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant applications. The grant applications for allow for Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning programs to be operated at Central Junior High and Kewanee High School. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Dev, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member DeBord was absent. The motion carried.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

PERSONNEL:

Resignations

KHS Assistant Football Coach	Vincent Miles	
KHS Assistant Volleyball Coach	Jessica Crofton	
Central Jr. High 8 th Grade Basketball Girls Coach	Kari Laue	
Central P/T Cafeteria Worker	Teresa Unakis	Effective 5/15/2022
Central Jr. High 8 th Grade Volleyball Coach	Kelli Jackson	
Irving 3 rd Grade Teacher	Emily Nelson	End of School Year 2021-2022
Central 8 th Grade Math Teacher, 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Jr. High PBIS Coordinator	Brad Kehl	
Irving Paraprofessional	Leslie Dir	End of School Year 2021-2022

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

Retirements

Belle Kindergarten Teacher	Kim Ellenberger	End of School Year 2025-2026
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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed retirement. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, Dev, Christiansen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member DeBord was absent. The motion carried.

Hires

Cafeteria Substitute	Lynn Stoner
Interpreter (4 days per week)	Ziaurahman Yousufzai
Central Resource Teacher for School Year 2022-23 (pending certification)	Jill Bartelt

Summer Maintenance/Custodial Workers: Brandon Pickering, Carter Bates, Cooper Bates, Rachel Brown, Sam Burkhart, Amos

Campbell, James Campbell, Michael Colombani, Naisha Colombani, Regan Coombes, Maya Davis, Blake Johnston, Natalie Maxon, Landon Mason, Kerrigan Kelly, Max Kelly, Jaiden Little, Denniko Powe, Jr., Hannah Pratt, Jennifer Pratt, Makaela Salisbury, Marissa Stevens, Chloe Sullens (partial summer), Trenton Terry, Willie Terry (start 7/1), Maddie Damron (start 7/1), Brady Zarvell, Katy Witte (start 7/1), Logan Zarvell, Chad Palm (start 7/1).

KHS Summer Office Worker: Josie Heeren

Summer School Administrators: (not on contract) Rebecca Baney, Dena Hodge-Bates, and Deena Brants.

Summer School Teachers/Social Worker/Counselors:

Counselors/Social Worker: Katrina Wager, Ashley Mikenas, Tiffany Platz, Robin O'Connor, Chelsea Hamerlinck

KHS: Emma Reidner, Jacob Doan, Jennifer Grebner, Jace Jennings, Marland Rachel, Cody Butler, Charley Eads, Audrey Hoadley, Jakob Saey, Vincent Miles, Brad Swanson, Brittany Krohn.

Belle: Leticia Martinez, Katie Buerk, Koreen Jurgensen, Wendy Goodrum, Kelli Jackson, Amanda Minx, Laura Anderson, Aubrey Hoffman.

Irving: Melissa Newman, Jennifer Plum, Katie Gerard, Angie Kluever, Joanne Bennett, Megan Gayer, Brigida Castillo, Michelle Palm, Chad Palm, Brooke Esquer.

Central: Jill Peart, Jennifer Vickrey, Yesenia Guerrero, Hailey Strickler, Emily Robinson, Peggy Costenson, Jessica Carlson, Alicia Ralston, Pam Schneider, Kristen Adkison, Dede Grice, Ryan Hansen, Jonathan Henegar, Heidi Abernathy, Gretchen Arzola, Nikki Kubiak, Jennifer Lang, Brad Kehl

Neponset: Alicia Conner, Jordan Soja, Tatum Drury, Jackie Haage, Kandy Hansen, Mechelle Dyer

Lyle: Amanda Clementz, Rachel Smyth, Autumn Brown

Location to be determined: Yazemin Onder

Summer School Nurses: Joan Becker, Tara Hicks, Jennifer Pickering, Kelly Duytschaver, and Tara DeBlieck.

Summer School Aides: Maddie Damron, Maya Padilla, Chasity Hall, Leticia Munoz, Ashley Mason, Jacquie Cernovich, Erin Havelka, Elizabeth Allen, Robin Allen, Kyle McAdam, Loemi Meza, Amanda Johnson, Michelle Hand, Kayla Jewell, Kyra Shimmin, Rachel Freeburg, LaNita Brown, Keyla Arroyo Nieves, April Knott, Ann Crofton, Coessa Rusk, Kaylee Anderson, Kelsey Kaiser, Riley Hansen, Willie Terry, Lynn Cruse, Taylor Chasteen, and Alyssa Kiermeier.

Summer School Secretaries: Jackie Johnson, Maria Fragoso, Katy Witte, Cheryl Rohrig, Lilliam Pagan, and Jill Taylor.

Summer Food Service Workers: Pat Damron, Mark Eilers, Melinda Blust, Trisha Behnke, Karen Colwell, Jeri Kuster, Violet Peterson, Lisa Verbout, Stella Long, Jamie Wilson, Luann Scott, Laurie Schafer, Loreen Jackson, Thalia Padilla, Coessa Rusk (July/Aug), Kathryn Davis, Contina Hernblom

Summer School Bus Drivers: Janis Boyk, Pete Tanzillo, Willa Horsley, Joe Seyller, Troy Weida, Bob Braden, Larry Hampton, Ladosha Bystry, Janette Wager, John Olwig, Paul Williams, Ron Finney

Summer School Bus Aides: Chris Lewis, Robin Hampton, Shane Pickering, Tina Rosebecke, Rose McGee

Summer School Resource Officers: Jon Jagers, Terry Engels, Shaun Gruszczyka

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

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

Leaves

FMLA Medical Leave Beginning 3/11/22 Amy Boyles-ROE Professional Development Coordinator

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

Long Term Subs

None

Student Teachers

None

Volunteers

Central Jr. High Track Coach	Jason Grice
KHS Track Coach	Shaun Gruszeczka

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

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

Tenure List for 2022-2023 School Year

Central 5th Grade Teacher 1st to 2nd Year Probation Kimberly Chenoweth

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

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Expulsion of student C-2022

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the expulsion of student C-2022 for gross misconduct until Fall 2023. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, Dev, Christiansen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member DeBord was absent. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Johnson stated that after the meeting last month he realized he forgot to mention the Key Club Convention. His wife is a Kiwanis member and advisor at Kewanee High School. She had many positive things to say about the students and their advisor Mrs. Miler. She really enjoyed the convention and is looking forward to next year.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of Silence for Orville "Ollie" Mahnesmith-Father-in-law of Patrick Damron (District Head Cook)

Moment of Silence for Mary McIntire-Retired School Nurse

Moment of Silence for Basil "Keith" Davis-Father of Stella Long (Cafeteria Worker)

Moment of Silence for Patricia Dennison-Wife of Former Foundation Director Bruce Dennison

ADJOURNMENT

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

The open meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY