

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 20, 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, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present for the Closed Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SPECIAL 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 7:21pm Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Dev to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. Voicercall 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 7:31pm. 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 staff members: R Baney, J Anderson, T Brown, D Hodge-Bates, T Atwell, J Lang, L Meyer, X Gruszczyka, A Johnson, C Palm, C Palm, B Whitcher, J Whitcher, C Whitcher, M Whitcher, 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.

SINE DIE-BUDGET HEARING

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

The roll call showed Members Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson all present.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2021-2022 AMENDED BUDGET BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sullens presented details of the Amended Budget to the Board. He stated that when the original budget is approved in September we do our best to estimate both the expenditures as well as the revenue. As the year progresses we monitor the budget amounts and the amended budget is where we make the adjustments. Dr. Sullens stated the key changes in the budget was with ESSER funds, countywide sales tax funds, Corporate Personal tax, and EBF funding. In September when the budget was approved we had an idea of how we were going to spend the ESSER III funds but no finalized plan. He stated that at this time we know the costs of the planned projects and the timing of the expenses. On the revenue side the adjustments involve countywide sales tax which have increased now that online sales have to collected the local tax rate. Corporate personal tax amounts have also increased this year. The District also received an additional \$200,000 from the State in EBF funding. This was due to a miscalculation by ISBE. Dr. Sullens gave an overview of how each fund will end the fiscal year. The Education, Building, IMRF/Social Security, Working Cash, Tort Funds will gain for the year. The Transportation will show a loss for the year. This could change based on the timing of some expenditures. While the Capital Projects shows a loss of \$3,600,000 for this year and that is deceiving. The revenue for these expenditures is bond money and that was received in a prior year's budget.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

NONE

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 AMENDED BUDGET

President Johnson called for a motion to accept the Amended 2021-2022 Budget as presented. Member Christiansen seconded the motion made by Member Dev 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.

ADJOURNMENT

President Johnson called for a motion to adjourn Sine Die at 7:41pm. Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. Member DeBord seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all Members voting aye. No nay votes were heard. The motion passed.

SINE DIE

INVITED GUESTS

Mr. Atwell read and presented a Board Resolution recognizing Larissa Meyer and Xander Gruszczyk. They were present along with their coaches Jennifer Lang, Chad Palm, and Amanda Johnson. Both Larissa Meyer and Xander Gruszczyk qualified for the IHSA State Track Meets.

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 Steffen seconded the motion made by Member Stabler 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

Budget Overview FY22 & FY23

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the Evidence Based Funding model is budgeted to be fully funded for FY23. The State plans to add \$350 million more to the EBF model. This will guarantee that the District will not receive any less money than last year and hopes to see new income for the upcoming year.

Summer Cleaning/Maintenance

Dr. Sullens stated that summer maintenance and cleaning crews have been doing a great job. They have been working on cleaning and waxing floors in all buildings and cleaning up the landscaping at the buildings.

Mrs. Elizabeth Blachinsky

Dr. Sullens wanted to bring to the Board's attention to an article that was in the Star Courier recently. The article covered the life and career of former principal, Elizabeth Blachinsky.

Mr. Atwell- KHS Athletic Director

KHS Sports Update

Mr. Atwell gave the Board an update of the spring sports at KHS. Girls Track had two athletes qualify for the State meet. Larissa Meyer placed 13th in the High Jump. Makenna Peed placed 2nd in the 100m and placed 3rd in the Shot, Discus, and 200m in the wheelchair division. Girls Softball played in the Regional Semifinal game against Sherrard and lost 10-2. Baseball played in the Regional Semifinal on versus Sherrard and lost 7-0. Xander Gruszczyk placed 10th in pole vault at the IHSA State Meet. Kewanee High School athletes named All-Conference included James Conner and Will Bruno for baseball and Xander Gruszczyk for boys track. For the KHS softball team Makaela Salisbury, Marisa Stevens, Lainey Kelly, and Mckensy Stontz were named. The girls track team had Makenna Peed, Rachel DeRycke, and Larissa Meyer named All-Conference.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

KHS Stadium Turf/Lighting/Soil

Dr. Sullens stated that the project is currently on schedule. The project is due to be done on August 15th. This is a week before the first fresh/soph home game. The varsity football team doesn't have a home game until Labor Day weekend. The turf is scheduled to begin the install between July 12 and 15th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

KHS Welding Project

Dr. Sullens reported that the only thing remaining to be completed is a cover for the electrical panel. Once the panel arrives and is installed the project will be complete.

Various Gym/Cafeteria HVAC Projects-Irving/Central/Neponset-Parts & Start-up

Dr. Sullens stated that Neponset and Central HVAC units are complete. The project at Irving is waiting on a part and then crews will get the system up and running.

Belle Gym & Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that the project has begun. The cement pad is ready to go but they are waiting on the metal building. The building is currently scheduled to be delivered September 17th.

KHS Ag Addition

Dr. Sullens stated that the Ag Addition has begun. The classroom area with the poured concrete walls is in progress. The metal building is due to be delivered September 5th.

Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that the crews are due to start the project soon.

Consideration and Approval of New & Revised Policies: 2:150-AP; 2:230; 4:10; 4:60-AP4, E1; 4:70; 4:110-AP2; 4:170-AP1, E1; 4:170-AP1, E2; 4:170-AP4; 4:180-AP1; 5:40; 5:40-AP; 5:70; 5:80; 5:130-AP; 5:220-E; 5:240; 5:270-E; 6:80; 6:120-AP3; 6:120-AP3, E1; 6:140; 6:140-AP; 6:250-E; 6:290; 7:10-AP1; 7:10-AP2; 7:15; 7:60-AP2; 7:140-AP; 7:270; 7:270-AP1; 7:270-AP2; 7:270-E1; 7:285; 7:285-AP; 7:300-E1; 7:300-E3; 7:340-AP1, E2; 7:340-AP1, E5; 8:20-E

President Johnson called for motion to approve the above listed policies. Member Dev seconded the motion made by Member Christiansen. The roll call vote showed Members DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, Dev, and Johnson all voting aye. No nay votes were heard. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Sullens stated that the Board of Education Meeting dates would be the third Monday of the month unless there was a holiday. If there is a holiday the meeting would be moved to the Tuesday. As of this time, the plan is to have the meetings in Petersen Auditorium. In the future, if the Board chooses to move back to the Administration Office the District would announce it via an ad in the newspaper.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Board of Education Meeting dates provided in the Board packet. Member Stabler 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Lunch & Breakfast Rates for 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Sullens stated that he recommends raises breakfast and lunch rates by fifteen cents per meal. Member Steffen 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.

Consideration and Approval of Bids for Paper Products/Milk Products/Bread Products & Waste Disposal Pricing

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that bids were received for paper products, milk products, bread products and waste disposal. These bids are normally received in July but Pat Damron had concerns about getting a bread bid. Our current bread supplier Aunt Millie's did not submit a bid. The only bread bid we received was from Bimbo Bakery. This bid was sent electronically not sealed, therefore, we are not allowed to accept it. For paper products, Wilson Paper was the only bidder. The bid is up this year but mainly due to a change in quantities needed. Enyeart Distributing was the low bidder for milk. The milk costs went up 5 cents per carton for chocolate milk and 6 cents per carton for white milk. Waste Management was the only bidder for waste disposal.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the bids for paper products, milk products, and for waste disposal. Member Steffen 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.

Consideration and Approval of ROE (TRS Qualified Employees) to continue with the Kewanee 229 Payroll and Health Insurance from 9/1/22 to 8/31/2023

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the ROE TRS qualified employees continuing with the Kewanee 229 payroll and health insurance for the next year. This would include two employees and has been done for the last six or seven years. Member Stabler 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Pay Raises for Employees Not Covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that he was recommending raises of 4% for administration which is the same as the union contract. This would not include Dr. Sullens or Dr. Brown. Dr. Sullens has a separate contract and Dr. Brown is under the retirement contract. He also recommended a 4% raise for Daniel Nolan, Michael Perva, Jeremy Salisbury, and Connie Wager. A raise of \$1.00 per hour was recommended for Connie Briggs, Heather Hughes, Rocio Morales Quintero, Antonio Ramos, Maria Grajeda, and Brandon Pickering.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the raises for employees not covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. 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 the Application for the Solar Project at Lyle School with CEDG-Spring/Summer 2023 Installation

Dr. Sullens stated that Kevin Yepsen had informed him that due to trees being removed in the Lyle School area. Solar panels could now be installed at Lyle School. Previously, the trees that were not owned by the District shaded enough of the roof to not make solar panels cost effective. But with the tree removal, solar panels are now possible. Dr. Sullens stated that with this installation Irving will be the only building without solar panels.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the application of the solar project at Lyle School. Member Christiansen seconded a 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Handbook Changes

Dr. Sullens informed the Board of the changes for the handbooks. The handbooks will have wording included in them that states that the handbook are a fluid documents. Therefore, they can change throughout the year. Many of the changes in the handbooks are due to legislative action and requires that items be included in the handbook. The major change to the handbooks is aligning the grading scale throughout the District. This will change grades 4-6 to match the junior high and high school.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the changes to the District handbooks. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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

Central 5 th Grade Teacher	Kimberly Chenoweth	End of School Year 2021-2022
KHS Set Design	Jacob Doan	End of School Year 2021-2022
KHS Social Studies Teacher/KHS Student Council/KHS Head		
Baseball Coach	Cody Butler	End of School Year 2021-2022
Central Patrol	Jennifer Vickrey	End of School Year 2021-2022
KHS Assistant Baseball Coach	Nick Christakos	End of School Year 2021-2022
KHS Assistant Baseball Coach	Brett Sellers	End of School Year 2021-2022
KHS MTSS Coordinator	Julie Fristad	End of School Year 2021-2022

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed resignations. Member Stabler 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.

Retirements

KHS Drivers Ed Teacher/Athletic Director	Tim Atwell	Effective 6/30/2026
District Maintenance/Lyle Custodian	Jack Cheline	Effective 8/13/2022
Payroll/Personnel	Connie Wager	Effective 2/28/2023

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

Hires

Summer School Bus Aide	Amanda Lisenbee
Central 8 th Grade Math Teacher	Daymon McDowell
Central 5 th Grade Teacher	Dede Grice
Central Jr. High Track Coach	Alexis Webster
Neponset Volleyball Coach	Danielle Hoopes
Neponset P/T Cafeteria Supervisor/Custodial Aide	Katie Bowen-Schmitt
Neponset Scholastic Bowl Coach	Jackie Haage
Neponset PE/To Be Determined Teacher	Anthony Cook
Neponset Jr. High Social Science/Language Arts Teacher	Shannon Webster
Irving 2 nd Grade Teacher	Candace Conley
Irving F/T Bilingual Aide	Ana Favela
KHS Resource Teacher	Peter Savage
KHS Head Baseball Coach	John Moraski
Summer Help beginning 7/1	Maria Fragoso

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.

Leaves

Elizabeth Murphy	Maternity leave-approximate dates 11/23/22-1/4/23
Jonathon Henegar	Paternity leave for 3 weeks beginning approximately 9/13/2022
Kristen Adkison	Maternity leave for 6 weeks beginning approximately 9/21/22

Katie Buerk Maternity leave for 6 weeks beginning approximately 8/13/22

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed leaves. Member Christiansen seconded the 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 Subs

Gayle Burhorn Maternity leave for Katie Buerk
Kayla Jewell Maternity leave for Elizabeth Murphy
Donna Havelka Maternity leave for Kristen Adkison

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed long term subs. 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.

Transfers

Tyler Russell	From Central 7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach to Central 8 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
Madelyn Damron	From Belle P/T Aide to Belle F/T Aide
Tiffany Platz	From Counselor Intern to Counselor at Irving School
Makaela Salisbury	Summer Custodial from 20 hours a week to 40 hours per week
Blake Johnston	Summer Custodial from 20 hours a week to 40 hours per week
Marisa Stevens	Summer Custodial from 20 hours a week to 40 hours per week
Maya Padilla	Summer School Funding from Title I Funding Source to ROE Funding Source
Megan Gayer	From Irving 2 nd Grade teacher to Irving 3 rd Grade Teacher
Ben Hunter	From KHS Alternative to KHS Social Studies Teacher

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

Volunteers

Central Jr. High Football Coach	Matt Taylor
KHS Tennis Coach	Emma Reidner
AmeriCorps Worker at Central	Abigail Schmitt

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed volunteers. Member Christiansen 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.

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

Student Teachers

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Jessica Hogeboom	Hired for Central Elementary Teacher-Assign her to 4 th Grade
Allison McDowell	Hired for Central Elementary Teacher-Assign her to 6 th Grade

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above assignments. Member Dev 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. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Moment of Silence for Christy Philhower-Harbin-Retired Cafeteria Worker

Moment of Silence for Father John Burns

Moment of Silence for Kenn Willis-Father of Jamie Willis-KHS Counselor

ADJOURNMENT

Member Dev 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 8:34 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY