

**KEWANEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #229
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-JULY 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: DeMay, Dev, DeBord, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Member Christiansen was absent. Superintendent Sullens was also present for the Closed Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

At 6:02pm, Member DeMay 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. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

At 7:11 pm Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. Voice roll call was heard with all present Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Christiansen was absent. 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: DeMay, Dev, DeBord, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Member Christiansen was absent. The audience included: R Baney, C Douglas, T Atwell, R Kapacinskas, J Chapman, J Carlson, N Enderle, A Conner, L Murphy, A Weston, C Hamerlinck, H Strickler, K Murphy, C Conley, T Drury, K Johnson, M Newman, W Landsiedel, R Price, N Hodge, M Costenson-Segura, J Becker, A Philhower, K Laue, J Vickrey, J Bennett, C Palm, E Martinez, P Lewis, H Barnes, C Weir, M Reiter, J Hogeboom, T Conover, M Byers, A Hoadley, A Ralston, B Kirsch, L Jackson, A Kaiser, J Haage, L Carmichael, L Stisser, E Robinson, J Plum, A Kluever, M Wise, B Hunter, T Newman, E Lindenmeyer, A Johnson, A Joos, J Grebner, H Safiran, H Keene, A McDowell, A Reiter, M Gayer, K Buerk, K Jurgensen, C Eads, A Clementz, P Schneider, A Baptiste, M Nelson, J Bartelt, A Miler, L Flannery, K Callahan, K Joos, R DeRycke, K Yordy, 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

Rachel DeRycke, Kyle Joos, & Kiersten Yordy-FFA State Degrees

Mrs. Baney, KHS Principal, presented a Board Resolution to Rachel DeRycke, Kyle Joos, and Kiersten Yordy. The Board Resolutions honored the three students and their advisors for earning their FFA State Degrees. The FFA State Degrees were presented June 14, 2023 in Springfield at the State FFA Convention.

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

Summer Maintenance

Dr. Sullens stated that the summer maintenance crews have been accomplishing a lot. The goal is to finalize many of the projects by the end of July.

FY24 State Evidence Based Funding

Dr. Sullens stated that \$350 million was added to the Evidence Based Funding model, with \$300 million to the formula and \$50 million to the Property Tax Relief for some Districts in the State. The State has added funding five out of six years. Dr. Sullens stated the District has benefited from the Evidence Based Funding model.

FOIA Requests

Dr. Sullens stated that three FOIA requests have been received. One has been fulfilled and the others are being in process. They should be completed and sent this week.

Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director

Summer Athletic Update

Mr. Atwell informed the Board that the Pom Squad hosted a USD Team Camp. Five Seniors were named All American and will march in the Pearl Harbor Parade in December. Mr. Atwell stated that all fall practices will begin on August 7th. He also listed the dates for the first contests for the Fall Sports.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Belle Gym, Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that both Belle and Neponset projects are completed. He stated that they are working on getting the furniture in place at Neponset.

KHS Ag Addition

Dr. Sullens stated that the project is complete and the recent rain has helped the grass grow. The plan is to have an Open House prior to the start of the school year. It will be announced once the date is finalized.

KHS Fieldhouse/Locker Rooms

Dr. Sullens stated that there is a lot of work to complete before football season. Crews are planning to pour the concrete floor and finish installing the roof this week.

Lyle Addition

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the project is waiting on the stone facade to arrive. He stated that they hope it will be delivered soon.

Irving Playground/Parking Lot

Dr. Sullens stated the Irving playground/parking lot was completed last week. Crews will get the fence reinstalled soon.

Consideration and Approval of New & Revised Policies: 2:170; 4:45; 4:55-E; 4:60-E; 4:80-AP1; 4:100; 4:160-AP; 5:230; 6:40-AP; 6:120-AP1, E1; 6:220-E1; 6:220-E2; 6:240-AP; 7:15-E; 7:150-AP; 7:275; 7:280-E3; 7:300-E2; 7:305; 7:305-AP; 7:330; 7:330-E; 8:25

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the new and revised policies as presented in the Board packet. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Dev, DeBord, Salisbury, Steffen, DeMay, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Consent Items A-D

Consideration and Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Approve Them as Remaining Closed or as Being Open (through June 30, 2023)

Consideration and Approval to Authorize the Superintendent to Prepare the 2023/2024 Budget

Consideration and Approval of Bus Hazard Resolution

Consideration and Approval of Bids of Bank Account Changes

Dr. Sullens recommended approving items A-D as presented. Member DeMay seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members DeBord, Salisbury, Steffen, DeMay, Dev, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Bus Mileage Rate – F/23 \$2.75/mile – F/24 \$2.75/mile

Dr. Sullens recommended keeping the bus mileage rate the same as last year. Member DeMay seconded a motion made by Member DeBord to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Salisbury, Steffen, DeMay, Dev, DeBord, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Waste Disposal Bid for 2023-2024 School Year

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the bid from Waste Management for waste disposal for the 2023-2024 school year. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Steffen, DeMay, Dev, DeBord, Salisbury, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution Providing for an Inter-Fund Loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Tort Fund

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Inter-fund loan from Working Cash to the Tort Fund. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Dev to approve. The roll call vote showed Members DeMay, Dev, DeBord, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval to Join the CIE (Central Illinois Educators) Health Insurance Co-Op (approved last week for membership by the CIE Board)

Dr. Sullens recommended joining the CIE (Central Illinois Educators) Health Insurance Co-Op. Member DeMay seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Dev, DeBord, Salisbury, Steffen, DeMay, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

Resignations

Jebadiah Ralston	F/T Maintenance Effective 7/7/23
Jamie Willis	KHS Counselor- Effective 7/31/2023
Haley Hamilton	KHS Fall Play Director-Effective Immediately
Tad Stout	KHS Assistant Baseball Coach-Effective Immediately
Leticia Martinez	Belle Kindergarten Teacher-Effective Immediately

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

Retirements

None

Hires

Tom Campbell	KHS Social Studies/CTE Teacher-2 nd Semester 2023-2024 School Year
Jan May	KHS US History Teacher-for 1 st semester 2023-2024 School Year (Mentor for Tom Campbell and F/T Substitute for 1 st Semester)
Tom Campbell	KHS Fall Play Director
Gillian Jurgensen	P/T Paraprofessional at Belle
Miriah Anderson	P/T Paraprofessional at Belle
Alyssa Kiermaier	F/T Paraprofessional at Lyle
Melody Yartins	Cafeteria Substitute
Duane Johnston	F/T Maintenance
Willie Terry III	KHS Assistant Baseball Coach
Emma Lindenmeyer	KHS Assistant Softball Coach
Josh Hicks	KHS Assistant Softball Coach
Gene Peed	Central Jr. High Assistant Softball Coach
Jenni Pickering	Summer Worker (Painting)

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 Salisbury, Steffen, DeMay, DeV, DeBord, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Christiansen was absent. The motion carried.

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

Leaves

None

Long Term Sub

LaNita Brown	Central Title I Teacher Tu-F and District Sub on Mondays-For 1 st Semester 2023-2024 School Year
Suzanne Burkhart	Central 6 th Grade Teacher-for 1 st Semester 2023-2024 School Year
Jennifer Chapman	Central 6 th Grade Teacher for 1 st Semester 2023-2024 School Year

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

Transfers

None

Volunteers

Luis Nunez	KHS Soccer Coach
Jesus A. Martinez	KHS Soccer Coach
Rodolfo Ulises Zorate	KHS Soccer Coach

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

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

Moment of Silence for Stina Tavares-Grandmother of Tara Hicks (KHS Nurse) and Corey Tavares (Central Alternative Teacher)

Moment of Silence for Susan Wyant-Mother in Law of Angie Wyant (Irving Aide)

Moment of Silence for Brian Long-Husband of Stella Long (Cafeteria Worker)

ADJOURNMENT

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

The open meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY