

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JULY 18, 2022

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 Dev seconded a motion made by Member Stabler 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 7:17pm Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. Voicerooll 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: T Atwell, C Butler, H Swanson, R Jackson, C Jackson, M Copeland, K McAdam, S Murillo, R Wilder, V Murillo, J Duytschaver, K Duytschaver, 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

None

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 DeBord to approve consent Items VI, VII & VIII. 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

Heather Swanson, parent of KHS cheerleader, stated that the cheerleading squad at KHS puts a lot of work into what they do. She stated that they went to the UCA Camp and that three squad members were named All American Cheer and have the opportunity to go to Hawaii. Ms. Swanson stated that the Cheerleading Squad is willing to work hard and believes that competing will show the squad what they are capable of. The parents are very proud of the students and are willing to help. She ended by asking the Board to consider allowing the KHS Cheerleading Squad participate in Competitive Cheerleading.

Randi Wilder, KHS Cheerleading Coach, stated that the UCA Camp showed the students what they are capable of. She believes that Competitive Cheer will allow these students to be highlighted. Ms. Wilder feels that being recognized by the IHSA will be a great opportunity for students. She stated that some of the seniors are interested in trying to continue cheerleading at a collegiate level and competitive cheer will help with that.

Dr. Sullens added that the subject is on the agenda. He asked Ms. Wilder to be available later in the meeting to answer questions.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

Summer 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. Maintenance staff has also been hard at work adding lights outside around KHS.

FY23 State Evidence Based Funding

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.

Honorable Jeff O'Connor (retired) KHS Class of 1967 Recognition of his efforts as Chief Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit on behalf of children (in Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, and Whiteside counties)

Dr. Sullens wanted to bring to the Board's attention to the retirement of the Honorable Jeff O'Connor. He was a 1967 graduate of Kewanee High School. In 1982, he was appointed as a Judge. In August 2020, Judge O'Connor retired after 38 years of service. Dr. Sullens stated that during Judge O'Connor's career he was an advocate for children.

Mr. Atwell- KHS Athletic Director

Summer Athletic Updates

KHS Cheerleaders attended UCA camp at ISU

Mr. Atwell informed the Board that the KHS Cheerleaders attended UCA camp at Illinois State University this past week. The cheerleaders received 2nd place for the Varsity Division for Game Day Cheer, a superior blue ribbon for Game Day Sideline and Camp Routine, and a red ribbon for their Band Chant. Mr. Atwell stated that Marlee Bates, Madison Copeland, and Kyle McAdam were chosen as All American Cheerleaders and have the opportunity to perform in Honolulu this December. Kyle McAdam and Madison Copeland also received the "Pin it Forward Award." This award is given to individuals who embodied what a cheerleader stands for.

Parent Request for Competitive Cheerleading

Mr. Atwell stated that Competitive Cheer is considered by the IHSA as a Winter Sport. The season begins on October 24th and the season includes a Sectional and State competition. There are four classes Small, Medium, Large, and Co-Ed.

Randi Wilder, KHS Cheerleading Coach, stated that during the competition groups perform a routine. These routines include dancing and stunting. She also mentioned that Illinois is adding Game Day to the competition. This consists of cheering and chanting. It is similar to their regular performances but more organized. Ms. Wilder stated that with competitive cheer the cheerleaders would continue to cheer at all of the regular events.

Dr. Sullens questioned whether there would be issues with seasons overlapping. As with volleyball players who cheer for the basketball season. Ms. Wilder stated that the competitive cheer teams can have 16 individuals on the roster but only 12 are on the floor competing at a time. If an individual wanted to participate in both volleyball and competitive cheer and there was a scheduling conflict, they could choose to not perform at that particular cheer event. Member Christiansen asked if there are any football cheerleaders who participate in basketball. Ms. Wilder stated that at this time they do not. The cheerleaders who only participate during the fall season don't participate in a winter sport and there are just a handful volleyball players who winter cheer. Member DeBord asked how many individuals who currently participate in the cheerleading program. Ms. Wilder stated that over all of the seasons there are 24 participants. She believes that interest could increase. Member DeBord asked if there would be a tryout or how would you handle if more than 16 wanted to join. Ms. Wilder stated that she would hold a tryout, but she believes there are some students that would not be interested in participating in competitive cheer. Member Christiansen asked if there was a limit on participant numbers just for the Sectional and State competitions or all. Ms. Wilder said that the IHSA partners with the ICCA (Illinois Cheerleading Coach Association) for competitions. The officials come from the IHSA and rules state only 12 participants on the floor. Ms. Wilder mentioned that if there are 2 male competitors the team qualified for the Co-Ed division and there are no limits for the number performing on the floor at a time.

Dr. Sullens stated that this was not listed as an action item on the agenda, therefore there would be no vote. He stated he hoped to have a meeting with Mrs. Baney, Mr. Atwell, Mr. Butler, and Ms. Wilder to discuss this. Ms. Wilder added that the Competitive Dance team has tryouts and she hoped to work with their coach to discuss it.

Other Items

Mr. Atwell informed the Board that the Poms "Boilerettes" hosted a USD Team Camp on June 20-22 at Good's Gym. Dancers were here from Kewanee, Galva, and Bureau Valley High Schools. There were 19 blue ribbons and 17 red ribbons awarded to the Boilerettes. Kenzie Carton was chosen as an "All American Dancer" and has the opportunity to perform in the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade in Honolulu this December.

Mr. Atwell also updated the Board on dates for the first home games and meets of fall season.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

KHS Stadium Turf/Lighting/Soil

Dr. Sullens stated that the project is currently on schedule. Byrne and Jones is in the process of getting the field ready for the turf. Crews are working on the site stabilization. The Project Manager said they needed an additional week due to the rain. The plan is to start on the crushed rock tomorrow. Two inches will be added and compacted down. It is scheduled to be done by next Tuesday. The turf will be delivered next week but won't be installed on the field until August 1st. The turf installers are scheduled to be here August 1st to August 15th and then they move on to their next job. Crews will work past eight hour days to complete the project. The key to the project is to have it done prior to the first game. This will give the football team time to practice.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

KHS Welding Project (panel)

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

Dr. Sullens stated that crews had been waiting on a part to complete the HVAC system at Irving. The part has arrived finally and when the electrician is available it will be installed. The installation will require the power to be disconnected for two days. Staff will be reassigned for those two days. The HVAC system should be up and running by the beginning of school.

Belle Gym & Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that the project has begun. The crews started on rerouting a sewer line south of the building. The sewer line will be moved to allow it to go around the addition.

KHS Ag Addition

Dr. Sullens stated that the Ag Addition has begun. The concrete walls have been poured and the forms were removed on Saturday. The metal building is in production. The building is due to be delivered around Labor Day weekend.

Neponset Classroom Additions

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

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, 2022)

Dr. Sullens recommended that the minutes remain closed.

Consideration and Approval to Authorize the Superintendent to Prepare the 2022-2023 Budget

Consideration and Approval of Bus Hazard Resolution

Consideration and Approval of Bank Account Changes

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the four items listed above. Member Salisbury 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Bus Mileage Rate-F/22 \$2.50/mile - F/23 \$2.75/mile

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the change in bus mileage rate from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per mile. Member Christiansen seconded a 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Resolution providing for an Inter-Fund Loan from the Working Cash Fund

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Resolution to provide an inter-fund loan from the Working Cash Fund. Member Steffen 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of New KHS Fieldhouse, Partnership with the Kewanee Schools Foundation: Major Donor(s)

Dr. Sullens proposed partnering with the Kewanee Schools Foundation and donors to build a new fieldhouse at KHS. At this time, he is just proposing approving the architect to start on plans and instructing the Foundation to try and secure major donors for the project. The current fieldhouse was built in the early 1940s. Tearing it down isn't feasible as the building also serves as the bus garage and the maintenance office. The proposed plan is to build a new structure east of the existing building. This new structure would create two separate areas. During the fall season, separate areas would be used for fresh/soph and varsity football. During the spring season, boys and girls track would use the separate areas. The existing fieldhouse would be used for storage and laundry facilities. A location near the practice field was looked at but wasn't feasible due to the cost of installing water and sewer lines. Building next to the existing fieldhouse gives crews access to water and sewer. The estimated cost of the project is \$700,000 to one million dollars. The final proposal will give a better idea of pricing. Member Christiansen asked for clarification on the vote and if there would be another vote once more details were available. Dr. Sullens stated yes there would be another vote and that the District was not obligated to follow through with the project. He stated that his plan is to bring more detailed plans to the Board in September and possibly bid the project in November.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the partnership with the Kewanee Schools Foundation for a new KHS fieldhouse. Member Steffen 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 heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Athletic Code Additions to the KHS Handbook

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that Mrs. Baney and Mr. Butler have presented some changes for the KHS Handbook's athletic codes. These changes were suggested by the Illinois Principals Association and are just clarifying rules that are already in place.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the athletic code additions to the KHS Handbook. 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.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

PERSONNEL:

Resignations

Central 6th Grade Teacher

Anabel Alva

Central 4 th Grade Teacher	Samantha Spears	
Irving 3 rd Grade Teacher	Yasemin Onder	
Belle Cafeteria Worker	Connie Weir	
KHS Boiler Bash Co-Advisor	Cassandra Douglas	
KHS Junior Class Advisor	Heather Olalde	
KHS Office Summer Worker	Josie Heeren	Effective 7/29/2022

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

Retirements

District Custodian/Maintenance	William Brackett	Effective 8/31/2022
Neponset Head Cook	Laura Jane Cleaver	Effective 5/23/2022

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

Hires

Summer Custodial Worker	Sarah Milnes
Bus Aide	David Bystry
Belle P/T Aide	Nicholas Woods
Belle P/T Aide	Starr Watts
Belle Cafeteria Worker	Rebecca Johnson
KHS F/T Cafeteria Worker	Lynn Stoner
Neponset F/T Cook Assistant	Holly Weida
Central Patrol Supervisor	Suzanne Burkhart
Central Jr. High Football Assistant Coach	Anthony Cook
Central 7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Ryan Hansen
KHS Student Council Advisor	Marcus Throneburg
KHS Fall Weights (pm)	Charley Eads
KHS Business Teacher (pending certification)	Cheryl Osborne
KHS MTSS	Lisa Stisser

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

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

Leaves

Kylie Murphy Maternity leave-approximate dates 11/11/22 for 6 weeks

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed leave. Member Stabler seconded the 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. The motion carried.

Long Term Subs

LaNita Brown	Central Title I Teacher Tu-F and District Sub on Mondays for 1 st semester
Suzanne Burkhart	Central 6 th Grade Teacher for 1 st semester

Jakob Saey KHS Alternative Teacher for 1st semester
Elise Swinford Neponset Music Teacher- 2 days a week – for 1st semester

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed long term subs. Member DeBord seconded the 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.

Transfers

Jamie Willis From Counselor Intern to Counselor at KHS (pending certification)
Karen Colwell From KHS cafeteria 7 hours per day to KHS cafeteria 8 hours per day
Lisa Verbout From Neponset Cook Assistant to Neponset Head Cook

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed transfers. Member Christiansen seconded the 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.

Volunteers

Central Football Coach Chris Colomer
Central Football Coach Michael Weir
Central Softball Coach Jason Grice

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed volunteers. Member Steffen 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. The motion carried.

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

Student Teachers

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Stabler 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 8:36 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY