

## KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 15, 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 Christiansen 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 7:12 pm 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.

### 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, T Brown, 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

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 Stabler 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

#### Evidence Based Funding FY23

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that with the Evidence Based Funding model being budgeted fully for FY23. The District will receive \$871,744 in new money. The District's adequacy level has increased from 63.1% to 65.97%.

#### Estimated Enrollment

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that he is confident that we are holding our own with enrollment numbers. Dr. Sullens stated that he would have updated enrollment numbers for the Board at the September meeting.

### Kewanee Police Department Resource Officer for Kewanee CUSD #229

Dr. Sullens stated that Shaun Gruszczyk has been assigned to the District as a Resource Officer. Mrs. Baney and Joe Cervantez interviewed candidates that were interested in the position. They were impressed with the quality of candidates that applied.

### **Mrs. Baney- KHS Principal**

#### KHS Boiler Bash

Mrs. Baney informed the Board that the Boiler Bash was held on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. This event is geared towards incoming Freshmen and new students at KHS. Students are able to get their schedules, locker assignments, and tours of the building. Mrs. Baney stated that 116 students were in attendance and that is approximately 76% of the Freshman class. Mr. Butler held a parent meeting and 20 parents attended. Mike Perva and Tony Ramos presented a Tech Q & A as well.

### **Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director**

#### KHS Fall Sports Participation

Dr. Sullens stated that Mr. Atwell was at a Golf meet and wasn't able to attend and presented for him. Dr. Sullens gave an update on the Fall Sports numbers. Overall, for Fall 2022 there is 10 more athletes participating compared to last year. Dr. Sullens also stated that participation in Band is up. Mr. Binek is still trying to recruit students who stopped participating during COVID to rejoin.

#### Coaches Meeting

Dr. Sullens stated that on August 10<sup>th</sup> a coaches meeting was held. Speakers at the meeting included Mr. Atwell, Mrs. Baney, Mr. Butler, Matt Costenson, Russ Hughes, and Dr. Sullens. Mr. Atwell went over changes, updates, and points of emphasis for the coaches. Member DeBord, who attended the meeting stated he felt it was a fantastic event.

Dr. Sullens also stated that Competitive Cheer isn't on the agenda for this month. He believes that a decision will be made at the October Board Meeting. There are still some questions that need to be answered. The subject will be on the September Agenda to get more information. The final decision doesn't need to be made until October or November.

## **SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### KHS Stadium Turf/Lighting

Dr. Sullens stated that the nine-man crew is currently working on installing the turf. The turf is down and the crew is hand cutting and installing lines, hash marks, numbers, and end zones. After installation of turf, the crew still needs to add sand and pellets to the field. The crew is on schedule to be completed by next Wednesday. The new lighting for the field is completed at this time. Dr. Sullens stated that the lighting will be completed next week for the practice field and Central field. The ROE will be here to give a Certificate of Completion for the project.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 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 arrived and has been installed. This completed all of the HVAC system installs.

### Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that both projects have begun. It is hoped that the projects will be complete by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### KHS Ag Addition (9-2) and Belle Gym Addition (9-7)

Dr. Sullens stated that the Ag Addition and the Belle gym addition projects will continue once the steel trusses are delivered.

### Irving School Main Entrance

Dr. Sullens stated that he hopes to have bids for the project at September's Board Meeting. The project will include remodeling the secure entrance, replacing the stairs, and adding a handicap accessible ramp to the front entrance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Consideration and Approval of Blue Cross Blue Shield to be the Health Insurance Carrier for Kewanee School District for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dr. Sullens stated that the Insurance Committee received bids for the District health insurance plan. Our current provider Health Alliance had an increase of 29% over last year's total, Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Choice was an increase of 15.2%, and United Healthcare was an increase of 41.4%. The committee recommended Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Choice for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Blue Cross Blue Shield as the insurance provider for the 2022-2023 school year. 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 Reciprocal Reporting Agreement Between Kewanee Community Unit School District #229 and The Kewanee Police Department

Dr. Sullens stated that this was the second part of the agreement with the Kewanee Police Department to employ a School Resource Officer.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the agreement with the Kewanee Police Department. Member DeBord 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 heard. The motion carried.

### Consideration and Approval of Belle Alexander School Electrical Service Upgrade

Dr. Sullens stated that with the additions being added at Belle Alexander the electrical system needs updated. Bids were received and the low bid was from Rock River Electric for \$55,532.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the bid from Rock River Electric. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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**

Irving 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher	Emily Asleson
Belle 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher	Aubrey Hoffman
Central Cafeteria Worker	Contina Hernblom
KHS Library Clerk	Angela Dillender
Lyle Pre-K Aide	Kelsey Kaiser
KHS Assistant Wrestling & Girls Wrestling Coach	Ryan Welgat
Irving Aide	Pasence McClintic
P/T Resource Officer	Shaun Gruszeczka

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed resignations. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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**

Bus Driver	Diane Ruzas	Effective End of 2021-2022 School Year
Neponset Jr. High Social Science/ Language Arts Teacher	Shannon Webster	Effective End of 2025-2026 School Year

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

### Hires

KHS Sr. Class Co-Advisor	Katherine Streicher
KHS Jr. Class Advisor	Jennifer Coombes
KHS Boiler Bash Co-Advisor	Heather Olalde
KHS Sophomore Class Advisor	Nubia Duarte
KHS Cafeteria Worker	Emily Opper
KHS Assistant Softball Coach	Daymon McDowell
Belle 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Student Assistant	Jocelyn Martinez
Belle 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Student Assistant	Laini Schaefer
KHS 10 Month Secretary	Elizabeth Carrillo
Irving Aide	Marcy Solomon

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. 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.

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

### Leaves

Taylor Chasteen	Maternity leave-Beginning approximately 10/17/2022 for 10 weeks
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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed leave. Member Johnson 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

None

### Transfers

Lynn Stoner	From KHS Cafeteria Worker to Central Cafeteria Worker
Angela Washburn	From 1 on 1 Health Aide to KHS Library Clerk

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed transfers. Member Salisbury seconded the 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. The motion carried.

### Volunteers

Central Football Coach	John Cernovich
Central Football Coach	Brian McVicker
Central Softball Coach	Daymon McDowell
Central Softball Coach	Grace Clucas
KHS Wrestling Coach (Boys & Girls)	Ryan Welgat

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed volunteers. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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.

### Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

