

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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 7:19 pm Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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: K Stout, M Copeland, J Duytschaver, E Jackson, C Hamerlinck, C Heeren, H Swanson, R Jackson, K Duytschaver, R Wilder, M Throneburg, E Bermudez, A Clark, E Crofton, H Gillespie, K McAdam, C Jackson, T Atwell, J Anderson, C Douglas, 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.

SINE DIE-BUDGET HEARING

President Johnson called for a motion at 7:31 pm for Sine Die to enter into the 2022-2023 Budget Hearing. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to enter into the Budget Hearing. A voice vote was heard with all Members voting aye. No nay votes were heard. The motion carried.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

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

PRESENTATION OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Sullens presented the proposed 2022-2023 Budget to the Board of Education. Technically, the fiscal year began July 1, 2022 and will end on June 30, 2022. The budget is developed by considering the projected revenues and expenses. The estimated fund balances as of July 1, 2022 are \$11,722,705 in the Ed Fund, \$2,449,606 in the Building Fund, and \$1,064,884 in the Transportation Fund. The projected revenues are \$20,635,210 in the Ed Fund, \$2,611,605 in the Building Fund, and \$1,315,095 in the Transportation Fund. Total projected expenditures are \$19,730,460 in the Education Fund, \$2,960,905 in the Building Fund, and \$1,401,905 in the Transportation Fund. Projected ending balances including provisions for contingencies, revenue minus expenses is \$904,750 for the Ed Fund, a loss \$349,300 for the Building Fund, and a loss of \$86,810 in the Transportation Fund. The expenditures all include contingencies. The Debt Service Fund is showing a loss of \$1,310,145 due to the District paying back the QZAB Bonds, the sales tax bonds, and the debt certificate payment. The QZAB Bond was a \$1,000,000 bond that was interest free for ten years. The bond payments will be paid with Countywide Sales Tax money. The Capital Projects Fund is also seeing a loss due to funds

being received in one fiscal year and spent in another. Dr. Sullens stated that with the budgeted \$15 million in Evidence Based Funding it has given the District's financial situation a brighter future than fifteen years ago.

PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS

None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET

President Johnson called for a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Budget as presented. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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 7:39 pm. Member Stabler made a motion to approve. Member Dev seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all Members voting aye. No nay votes were heard. The motion carried.

SINE DIE

INVITED GUESTS

KHS Student Council Officers-Mr. Marcus Throneburg, Advisor

Mr. Throneburg introduced the KHS Student Council Officers for the 2022-2023 school year. Officers for the year are Emma Crofton, President, Harper Gillespie, Vice President, Addison Clark, Secretary, and Elijah Bermudez, Treasurer.

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 Stabler seconded the motion made by Member Christiansen 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

Chelsea Hamerlinck, Central Junior High Cheerleading Coach, spoke to the Board about the possibility of bringing Competitive Cheerleading to Central Junior High. She stated that the Junior High Squad was interested in participating in Competitive Cheer. Ms. Hamerlinck stated that there were benefits to Competitive Cheer. She stated that it requires discipline, work ethic, and teamwork. It is also a confidence and self-esteem boosting activity. The cooperative agreement with the IESA is due on November 11th and the cost is \$75 per division. The squad would like to participate in the Small Team Cheer and the Small Team Routine and they would fundraise to help cover costs. The competitions that the squad is interested in are on January 14th in Lemont, Illinois and the State Competition on February 18th.

Dr. Sullens stated that he would be following up with Mr. Hinton in regards to the Competitive Cheer request.

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

Enrollment Numbers

Dr. Sullens updated the Board on the enrollment numbers for the 2022-2023 school year. Currently, we are at an enrollment of 1929 which is up from last year's beginning enrollment of 1910. Dr. Sullens stated that while we are down 13 students from the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Enrollment numbers for the beginning of the year are up from last year's numbers. Last year, we gained students as the year went on. Dr. Sullens stated that as a District we are holding our own. Many Districts in the area are losing enrollment.

Summer Maintenance Crew

Dr. Sullens wanted to mention again that the summer maintenance crew did a great job.

KHS Soft Lockdown

Dr. Sullens addressed the soft lockdown that occurred at KHS on Thursday, September 15. There was a report of a possible weapon in a locker at KHS. After this report, Mrs. Baney, Mr. Butler, Resource Officer Mr. Cervantez, and Officer Gruszczyka placed KHS in an immediate soft lockdown. Lockers were searched by staff and police. No weapon was found. Chief Welgat issued a press release in regards to the incident. Mrs. Baney kept parents informed via Remind messages.

Central Accident

Dr. Sullens updated the Board of the accident that occurred at Central School on Thursday, September 15. The traffic accident at Central School involved a student riding a bike and a parent who had dropped their student off. Parents dropping students off on Central Blvd. has been a concern for safety of students and the fact that traffic gets backed up. Mr. Anderson has announced the drop off procedures via notes, Facebook, and Remind. Police have been at the school multiple times this school year to assist with traffic. District Staff will continue to work with the Kewanee Police Department to address concerns.

Mr. Atwell- KHS Athletic Director

KHS Athletics

Mr. Atwell informed the Board of upcoming Regional and Sectional dates released by the IHSA. Cross Country will participate at the St. Bede Regional on October 22 and the Sectional will be held October 29 at Oregon. The Tennis team will compete at Sectionals in Geneseo on October 14th. For the golf teams, the Regionals for the girls will be at Rock Falls on September 29th and the boys will be at Geneseo but the date has yet to be determined. The Sectionals for both teams will be on October 3rd with the girls at Kewanee's Baker Park and the boys will be at Bartonville. The Volleyball team will compete at Regionals on October 24th at either Hall or Orion. Sectionals will be held in Farmington. Soccer Regional is on October 7th at either Peoria Christian or Quincy Notre Dame. The IHSA will release football pairings on Saturday, October 22nd.

KHS Competitive Cheerleading Information

Mr. Atwell gave the Board information about Competitive Cheer that he had received from Coach Wilder. He stated that if Kewanee was to compete they would compete as Small Varsity Team.

KHS Cheer/Dance National Parade Participation Information

Mr. Atwell stated that students from both Cheer and Dance qualified to participate in a National Parade in Hawaii. He gave the Board an itinerary for the students.

Mrs. Baney-KHS Principal

KHS Homecoming-September 30th

Mrs. Baney updated the Board on the KHS Homecoming. KHS Homecoming has a Roaring 20s theme this year and dress up days are scheduled all week. She stated that the plan is to return to a traditional Homecoming schedule. On Monday there will be a pep assembly, Spirit Games will be held on Wednesday, and Bonfire and FFA cookout on Thursday. Friday will include the Homecoming Assembly, the parade, and the game. The week will conclude with the dance on Saturday in Good's Gym.

Mr. Anderson-Central Principal

Mr. Anderson gave an update on the Central Junior High Softball team. They finished the season with a record of 16-2. He stated that unfortunately their season ended with a loss to East Peoria Central. He wanted to congratulate the team and Coach Hicks for a great year. Mr. Anderson informed the Board that the Junior High football team had a home game on Tuesday versus Knoxville. The junior high team has 48 kids out this year.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

KHS Stadium Turf/Lighting

Dr. Sullens stated that the new turf has allowed the field to be used for more than football even with all of the rain that we have had. Previously, the field would be off limits with all of the rain. But with the turf the soccer team, the marching band, and the football team have been able to utilize the field this week. Dr. Sullens also mentioned that the ability to repurpose the older lights on Central Field have made the area safer for the fans and the students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Various Gym/Cafeteria HVAC Projects

Dr. Sullens stated that all of the HVAC projects are completed.

Belle & Neponset Classroom Additions

Dr. Sullens stated that by next week the third wall will be poured at Belle. The crew will then move to Neponset to pour the walls for that addition.

KHS Ag Addition and Belle Gym Addition

Dr. Sullens stated that the iron workers have been hard at work on the Ag Addition and the Belle gym addition projects.

Irving School Main Entrance-Bids Due on September 26th

Dr. Sullens stated that the District will open bids on September 26th for the Irving School main entrance project. This project will replace the existing steps and entrance with new steps, an accessible ramp, and a more secure entrance/vestibule. The bids will not include the new doors. The District ordered those already to try and get ahead of supply chain issues and stay on schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Approval of EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for FY22

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for FY22. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. A voice vote was heard with all Members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of School Maintenance Project Grant (Irving School West Playground)

Dr. Sullens informed the Board that the State has another School Maintenance Project Grant available. This grant is a matching grant up to \$50,000. The plan is to replace the existing asphalt playground on the West side of Irving School. Dr. Sullens stated that he believes the asphalt is at least 27 years old and the project has been needed for a while. The plan is to replace the existing asphalt with concrete. The estimated cost is \$125,000 with the State to cover \$50,000. This would be a Spring or Summer project depending on weather.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the School Maintenance Project Grant. Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury 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 Memorandum of Understanding Between The Board of Education of Kewanee Community Unit School District #229 and The Kewanee Education Association

Dr. Sullens stated that with the Memorandum of Understanding states that the School Code of the State of Illinois has been amended to provide all school employees with paid COVID administrative leave days if fully vaccinated. A staff member is considered fully vaccinated by the standards set by the CDC and the IDPH. Current standards state that employees ages 18 to 49 require the primary vaccination and one booster. Employees over the age of 50 require primary vaccination and two boosters to be considered fully vaccinated.

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the KEA. Member Christiansen 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.

First Reading of Policy 7:286 Anaphylaxis Response Policy

No action required.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

PERSONNEL:

Resignations

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| Neponset Cheer Advisor | Jordan Soja |
| Irving Bilingual Aide | Ana Favela |

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 Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

Retirements

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| William Brackett | Amend Retirement Date to 8/12/22 |
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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed amended retirement. Member Christiansen 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

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| Central ROE 21 st Century Aide | Aspen Pinnick |
| Central ROE 21 st Century Aide | Monica Jarvis |
| Central ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant | Heaven Pinnick |
| Central ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant | Hannah Ince |
| Belle ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant | Avigail Favela |
| Belle ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant | Emma Hurley |
| Belle ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant | Gillian Jurgensen |
| Belle ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant | Marissa Hicks |
| Belle ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant (1 ¾ hours per day) | Aleigh Murphy |
| Irving ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant | Catie Griffin |
| Belle Playground Supervisor (2 hours per day) | Aleigh Murphy |
| KHS Math Teacher | Austin Enburg |
| Central P/T Counselor-3 days per week | Michelle Bruty |
| Bus Aide Beginning 8/29/2022 | Erin Zimmerman |
| Central P/T Aide/Playground Supervisor | Kari Clark |
| Lyle F/T Aide | Ashley Williams |
| Neponset P/T Bus Aide | Angie Joos |
| Neponset P/T Bus Aide | Holly Weida |
| Maintenance P/T | Kirk Ince |
| Maintenance P/T | Brady Zarvell |
| Cafeteria Substitute | Erika Hilburn |

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. Member Salisbury seconded a 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.

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

Leaves

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| Sheri Swearingen | Maternity Leave-Beginning 8/11/22 for 6 weeks |
| Rocio Morales Quintero | Maternity Leave-Beginning approximately 3/4/2023 for 8 weeks |

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.

Student Teachers

None

Transfers

Tim Boswell From P/T Bus Driver to F/T Bus Driver/Custodian

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed transfer. Member Dev seconded the motion made by Member Salisbury 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

Vote #1

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| KHS Soccer Coach | Luis Nunez |
| Central Football Coach | Robert Hoopes |
| Central Football Coach | Brandon Peart |
| Central Football Coach | Ture-Adon Thibodeaux |
| Stempladder Tutoring Program | Pam Mott |
| Americorp Program | Marcos Pagan |
| Americorp Program | Natalie Maxon |
| KHS Fall Play | Nick Woods |
| KHS Fall Play | Marisa Romanelli |
| KHS Robotics | Devin Randall |

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

Vote #2

KHS FFA Jeff Johnson

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

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Baney, KHS Principal, wanted to congratulate the “Boiler Burners.” The KHS concession stand grilling team made it to the “Savory 16” in the IHSA Pork & Pigskins Competition. There will be a guest pork sandwich judge visiting to decide the winner.

Randi Wilder, KHS Cheer Coach, wanted to thank Mrs. Baney for bringing back the traditional Homecoming schedule. She stated that she would like the Board to approve a membership with the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association (ICCA). The cost for the District is \$75 per year and the membership gives students an opportunity to apply for a \$10,000

scholarship and to qualify for awards as a scholar athlete. She stated that for coaches the ICCA offers mentorships to new coaches and would give her resources for the Competitive Cheer team. Ms. Wilder also stated that currently 13 students are interested in Competitive Cheer. She stated that KHS has been adding amazing things for the students and that Competitive Cheer would continue it.

Madison Copeland, KHS Senior, stated that at Cheer Camp this summer she made All American. This gave her the motivation to look into a sport she was already passionate about. She said that many of the college cheer teams require prior Competitive Cheer experience. Ms. Copeland stated that if KHS had a Competitive Cheer team it would open up opportunities for students. She said she would like to be able to compete in sport she is passionate about.

Jersie Duytschaver stated that Competitive Cheer helps members with selflessness. They need to think of others on their team. She stated that it was necessary to be in sync with teammates in their dance. She also said that during stunting they have to be able to trust one another.

Kyle McAdam, KHS Senior, stated that college cheer programs require Competitive Cheer experience. He stated that he wants to continue his cheer career beyond high school. He hopes that the Board will consider approving Competitive Cheer.

Elena Jackson stated that she believes that Competitive Cheer would open up college opportunities for students.

Member Dev wanted to thank Mrs. Baney for the communication during the KHS soft lockdown. The messages that parents received were appreciated. She also stated that parents should sign up for the Remind messages.

Member Christiansen stated that one year ago we were coming out of COVID and the many restrictions. She stated that this year it has been a joy to see the students being able to participate in all of the activities again. Also she is excited for the students to be able to enjoy the opportunities of all of the District expansions and additions. Member Christiansen also thanked Mrs. Baney for all of the communication. She also welcomed Mrs. Douglas to the District Administration team.

President Johnson stated that he had visited three buildings so far this year. As we get back to normal he intends to continue visiting the buildings and seeing what is happening.

Member Christiansen mentioned that the Hall of Fame event was wonderful. She stated that it was touching to hear the 1960-61 football team's memories of Kewanee High School and their reactions to the current KHS.

Moment of Silence for Ned Stuckey- Retired District Head of Maintenance
Moment of Silence for Debbie Bond- Mother of Candice Conley (Teacher at Irving)
Moment of Silence for Mark Vanderostyne- Father of Jennifer Edwards (Teacher at Central)
Moment of Silence for Sam Bell- Brother of Carrie Streeter (Henry/Stark Aide at Lyle)
Moment of Silence for Phyllis Elliott- Former Cook

ADJOURNMENT

Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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 8:38 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY