

**KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR OPEN SESSION MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Kewanee Community Unit School District No. 229 was held in the Kewanee CUSD #229 Petersen Auditorium with President Johnson calling the Meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call showed the following Members present: Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present. Member Dev was absent.

II. CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:01pm Member Salisbury seconded the 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/2020*. A voice vote was heard with all present Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

At 7:18pm Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Stabler to adjourn the closed session meeting. A voice vote was heard with all 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 KHS Petersen Auditorium. Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Member Dev was absent. The audience included staff and community members: R Baney, T Atwell, J Anderson, T Brown, J Bryan, G Wertheim, C VanStechelman, L Maher, C Palm, L Flannery, J Russell from the Kewanee radio station and KEA President R Kapacinkas.

Recording secretary H Hughes and Superintendent C Sullens were in attendance as well.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

President Johnson asked the audience to stand, if able, and join the Board in saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

SINE DIE

IV. Tax Levy Hearing – 7:31pm

President Johnson called for a motion to go into Sine Die for the 2021 Tax Levy Hearing at 7:31pm. Member DeBord made a motion to approve. Member Steffen seconded the motion. The

voice vote showed all present Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

A. Presentation by Dr. Sullens

Sullens reported that the total EVA in Bureau County is going to rise from \$20,163,656 up to \$21,267,300 which is an increase of 5.47% or \$1,103,644. Henry County is also showing an increase. For Henry County the increase is 3.42%. The previous tax year was \$62,544,431 but will increase to \$64,685,168 for a gain of \$2,140,737 in total assessment for Henry County. Sullens explained that we do our levy in December not knowing really how much property value we have. "These are the best estimates we have available." It is projected that our overall tax levy will go from \$4.58 to \$4.59.

In order to cover ourselves and make sure that we don't leave "money on the table" and make sure that we get our full \$1.84 in the Education Fund, \$0.50 in the Building Fund, \$0.20 in the Transportation Fund, \$.05 in Working Cash, \$.04 in Special Ed., \$.05 in the Lease and \$.05 in the Life Safety Fund the District will ask for a little extra. Therefore, the tax rate we are requesting would be \$4.5948. Even though we're going to ask for more in those aforementioned funds we will only get what our EAV is times our tax rate.

Sullens recommended the Board of Education to approve the tax levy based upon an estimated EAV of \$86,163,810.

Within this tax levy hearing there is also three resolutions to pay Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax money of \$103,820.00 to pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Source) series 2018, Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$1,420.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Source) series 2021A, and Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax money for \$79,020.00 to Pay General

Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) Series 2021B. These Bonds will be paid by funds from the Countywide Sales Tax.

Dr. Sullens stated that with the last Bond issuance there was a Bond Resolution approved to pay the Series 2013 Bonds. That Resolution is already on file with the County Clerk's office. Therefore, the totals of the Bond Resolutions being approved tonight will not equal the annual amount being paid by the Sales Tax Funds.

B. Comments/Discussions by Visitors and Board Members

None

C. Consideration and Approval of:

1. Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$103,820.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2018)
2. Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$1420.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2021A)
3. Bond Resolution (Transfer of County Sales Tax Money for \$79,020.00 to Pay General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2021B)
4. 2021 Tax Levy

President Johnson called for a motion for a consent agenda to approve the Bond Resolutions and the 2021 Tax Levy. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

At 7:41 pm President Johnson called for a motion to adjourn Sine Die and re-enter the regular meeting. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member DeBord to approve. A voice vote was heard with all present Members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

SINE DIE

V. INVITED GUESTS ADDRESS THE BOARD

- A. Colin VanStechelman-State Cross Country Qualifier
Mr. Bryan read and presented a Board Resolution recognizing Colin VanStechelman for qualifying for the State Cross Country Meet.
- B. Greg Wertheim-Henry-Stark Special Education District, Executive Director
Mr. Wertheim stated that he was attending area Board meetings to answer any questions that the Board had and to be able to meet under pleasant circumstances. He stated that Henry Stark Special Education had approximately 50 employees working within the Kewanee CUSD 229 buildings. Mr. Wertheim also informed the Board that Henry Stark received ESSER III dollars and that those funds are being allocated based on the number of Special Education students that are served in District buildings. The Kewanee CUSD 229 will be allocated \$406,784 of the ESSER III funds they have received.

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

X. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

1. State of IL FY 2022 Budget/ISBE FY2023 Budget
ISBE uses the Evidence Based Funding Model (EBF) to allocate funds to Districts throughout the State. The EBF model works towards getting Districts to a target of 90% adequacy. The State is looking at adding an additional \$350 million to the pot for FY23. Three of the last four years funds have been added.
2. Winter Break Cleaning & Maintenance Projects
The Maintenance crew will be keeping busy over break. The lockers in the locker rooms at Central and Kewanee High School will be replaced over break. The lockers at KHS are original 1956-57 lockers and Central boy's lockers have been upgraded at least once during Central's history and the girl's lockers are from 1967. The HVAC project at Central will hopefully be completed over break. There was a delay due to asbestos but hopefully the HVAC projects will be completed soon.
3. Good Fellows/Key Club Baskets
Dr. Sullens stated that the Gordon Vickrey Food Drive was held again at KHS. He thanked Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hinton, and the gym teachers at Central for the use of Steamer Gym from Friday to Tuesday. The Good Fellows baskets are being assembled and will be delivered on Tuesday by Key Club members. It is estimated that 900-1000 baskets will be delivered by 11 am on Tuesday.
4. Winter Programs and Concerts
Dr. Sullens and Member DeBord both were impressed by the progression of the students from beginning band to the junior high band. Member DeBord said that the High School Mosaic was impressive. The staff and students did a wonderful job.

5. County Sales Tax for Tax Year 2021 Projects Included: KHS Concrete Parking Lot

For tax year 2021, the District has close to a \$300,000 surplus over the annual Bond payment requirements. The extra dollars are held in the Capital Projects fund. The surplus has helped fund the parking lot projects at the high school.

B. MR. ATWELL – KHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

1. KHS Winter Sports Update

Mr. Atwell gave an update on the KHS Winter Sports season. Winter sport participation numbers were given to the Board. Mr. Atwell stated that the IHSA has released post season dates and some locations. The Moline Dispatch released All Area 1st teams and Kewanee High School was well represented. James Conner, Josh Nimrick, Niko Powe, Will Bruno, Keyontiss Patterson, Jordan Johnson, and Noah Tiska were named for the Football season. Colin VanStechelman and Natalee Martin were named 1st team for Cross Country.

Mr. Atwell updated the Board in regards to a decision made by the Rockridge School Board. The Board voted not to require their students to wear masks at school or in competition. After this vote, conference officials sent out a survey to Districts. A majority of conference teams stated that they wouldn't play them. The Rockridge Board has since rescinded the action and will mandate masks be worn.

Dr. Sullens stated that Kewanee High School held its first dance competition. The competition went smoothly and he was impressed. Dr. Sullens thanked Mr. Atwell, Mr. Flannery, and Mr. Butler for their hard work.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. KHS Bus Parking Project

The KHS bus parking project is completed and looks fantastic according to Dr. Sullens. District Maintenance employees put an extra seal coat on to keep salt from damaging the concrete.

B. KHS Parking Lot

The KHS parking lot project is completed. District employees put an extra seal coat on to keep salt from damaging the concrete.

C. KHS Welding/Cafeteria and Fine Arts Storage Project

Sullens reported that due to delays the finish date keeps changing. The HVAC unit has finally arrived and is being installed in the cafeteria. Once the kids are on winter break the wall between the existing cafeteria and the addition will be removed. The roof and doors have been installed on the Fine Arts Storage area. The projects will continue to move towards completion.

D. Various Gym/Cafeteria HVAC Projects

Dr. Sullens stated that the contractors are working on the various HVAC projects. Hopefully we will be able to complete these projects in the near future.

E. 2nd Reading of New and Revised Policies: 2:20; 2:105; 2:110; 2:120; 2:150; 2:150-AP; 2:220; 2:220-E1; 2:220-E3; 2:220-E5; 2:220-E6; 2:220-E8; 2:250-E2; 2:260; 3:40; 3:50; 3:60; 4:60; 4:60-AP1; 4:60-AP4; 4:110; 4:120; 4:160; 4:165; 4:170; 4:170-AP1; 4:170-AP2; 4:170-AP2, E5; 4:175; 4:175-AP1; 5:10; 5:20; 5:20-AP; 5:30; 5:30-AP1; 5:30-AP2; 5:30-AP2, E1; 5:30-AP2, E2; 5:50; 5:90; 5:90-AP; 5:100; 5:100-AP; 5:120; 5:120-AP2; 5:120-AP2, E; 5:125; 5:150; 5:185; 5:185-AP; 5:200; 5:210; 5:220; 5:220-AP; 5:250; 5:330; 6:15; 6:20; 6:50; 6:60; 6:60-AP1; 6:60-AP1, E1; 6:60-AP1, E2; 6:60-AP2; 6:60-AP3; 6:100-AP; 6:120; 6:135; 6:135-

AP; 6:180; 6:220; 6:300; 6:300-E2; 6:300-E3; 6:340; 7:10; 7:20; 7:20-AP; 7:30; 7:60; 7:60-AP1; 7:60-AP2, E1; 7:60-AP2, E2; 7:60-AP2, E3; 7:80; 7:150; 7:160; 7:165; 7:180; 7:190; 7:190-AP3; 7:190-AP4; 7:190-AP5; 7:190-AP6; 7:190-E1; 7:190-E2; 7:190-E3; 7:200; 7:200-E1; 7:200-E2; 7:210; 7:210-E1; 7:240; 7:240-AP1; 7:250; 7:250-AP2; 7:260; 7:280-E2; 7:290; 7:290-AP; 7:310; 7:310-AP; 7:315-AP; 7:340; 7:340-AP1; 7:340-AP1, E1; 7:345; 7:345-AP; 7:345-AP, E4; 7:345-AP, E5; 7:345-AP, E6; 8:70; 8:95-AP; 8:100

Sullens recommended to approve the policies. Member Christiansen made a motion to approve. Member Salisbury seconded the motion. Members Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. Consideration and Approval of 2-year Lease Extension for the 2019 Chevy Starcraft 14 Passenger Activity Bus with Midwest Transit Equipment

Supt. Sullens recommended approving the lease extension for two years at \$9,651.

Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Christiansen seconded the motion. The roll call showed Members Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

XV. Consideration and Approval Laptops Bid

Sullens recommended approving the bid from Virtucom. Their bid of \$1,258 per unit was the low bid. Funds for the laptops will be from the Digital Equity Grant. Member DeBord made a motion to approve the bid from Virtucom. Member Stabler seconded the motion. The roll call showed Members Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

XVI. Consideration and Approval of District ESSER III Grant and Henry-Stark Special Education ESSER III Funds

The District was allocated \$7,815,689 in ESSER III funds. Twenty percent is restricted and will go towards addressing academic needs including learning loss, expanding summer school, and after school programming. These funds are also being used to purchase a new curriculum for students. The remaining balance of \$6,250,000 will be used for projects throughout the District. These funds will pay for roof top air cleaners that have been installed on existing roof top HVAC systems. Funds towards the KHS cafeteria expansion project. Also at Kewanee High School there will be four classrooms added along with a hallway. At Belle Alexander there will be an addition of a gym, restrooms, and four additional classrooms. The expansion project at Neponset Grade School will include a new Pre-K classroom to replace the current structure. As well as the addition of a STEM classroom and a new set of restrooms. In the future, the plan is to go back to Belle and Kewanee High School and use the space of three classrooms to make two larger classrooms.

The District's allocation of \$406,784 from the Henry Stark Special Education funds will also have the twenty percent restriction. Therefore, \$81,357 will be used to address learning loss within the Special Education classrooms housed at Kewanee CUSD #229 buildings. The remaining funds will be used towards remodeling the split classroom with observation areas at Kewanee High School and the addition of space to allow physical therapy and occupational therapy to be provided. As funds allow space would be added to accommodate physical, occupational, and speech therapies at Lyle School. Sullens recommended to approve the presented plan for the ESSER III District and Henry/Stark ESSER III grant funds.

Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. Member Steffen seconded the motion. The roll call showed Members Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

E. Long Term Sub

KHS PE Teacher M-W-F for 2 nd Semester of 2021-2022 school year	Jan May
FMLA Leave of Nicole Enderle 1/5/22-2/11/22	Cara Nelson
Maternity Leave for Tara Woller 2/15/22 to Approx. 4/8/22	Gayle Burhorn
Maternity Leave for Tara Woller Approx. 4/11/22 to the end of the year	Kayla Jewell

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

F. Transfers

Reassign Duties to Aide/Cafeteria Cashier	Erin Havelka
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Sullens recommended to approve the transfer of Erin Havelka. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve. The roll call showed Members DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

G. Volunteers

KHS Poms	Karyn Carton
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Sullens recommended to approve Karyn Carton as KHS Poms volunteer. Member Christiansen made a motion to approve. Member Johnson seconded the motion. The roll call showed Members Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

H. Student Teacher

Renee Lock, University of IL	12 weeks Starting 1/5/22 in KHS Ag Department
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Sullens recommended to approve Renee Lock as a student teacher. Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Stabler seconded the motion. The roll call showed Members Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

I. Other Action Arising from Closed Session

Hires

ROE 21 st Century Teacher at Central	Chelsea Hamerlinck
ROE 21 st Century Aide at Central	Gracey Damron

Resignation

Neponset Custodian effective 12/31/2021	Corry Ince
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Sullens recommended to approve the above listed action. Member Stabler made a motion to approve. Member Steffen seconded the motion. The roll call showed Members Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. Member Dev was absent. The motion carried.

XV. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jason Anderson, Central School Principal, wanted to recognize the teachers at Central for all of their hard work during the first semester. Mr. Anderson also invited the Board members to visit Central during the second semester.

Moment of Silence for Ronald Scott-Husband of LuAnn Scott-Cafeteria Worker

Moment of Silence for Marian Pletkovich-Mother of Sherry Eggleston-KHS Aide

Moment of Silence for Cecil "Rob" Adkison-Father-in-law of Kristen Adkison-Central Teacher

Moment of Silence for Barbara Land-Mother-in-law of Jeff Johnson

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Member DeBord made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Member Salisbury seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all Members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, President

Jon DeBord, Secretary