

## **KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

### **I. 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 CUSD #229 Petersen Auditorium with President Johnson calling the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Roll call showed the following Members present: Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present.

### **II. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

At 6:02 pm Member Dev 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/2020*. Voice roll vote showed all Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

At 7:16 pm Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. A voice roll call 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, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. The audience included staff and community members: R Baney, D Hodge-Bates, J Bryan, T Brown, T Atwell, J Russell for Kewanee Radio and KEA President R Kapacinskas. Recording secretary H Hughes and Superintendent CSullens 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.

### **IV. INVITED GUESTS ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None

### **V, VI, & VII 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 Dev 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.

### **VIII. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE**

None

## **IX. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

### **Superintendent**

#### Tentative 2021 Tax Levy/EAV

Dr. Sullens stated that the Tax Levy is completed and brought to the Board each December. Each year the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of the property within the District's boundaries is looked at to determine the amounts of the District's Tax Levy. This year the estimated EAV is only up slightly. But it is nice to know that we aren't going backwards.

#### FY21/22 School Funding

Dr. Sullens stated that so far this fiscal year payments are being made in a timely manner by the State. He believes that much of this is due to the incoming Federal dollars. The Illinois economy took a hit with the pandemic and he hopes that it continues to recover.

#### National Education Week – Ad with Kewanee Schools Foundation will be this week

This week we will be sponsoring an ad with the Kewanee Schools Foundation in the Star Courier's Wednesdays paper. Staff will also receive Damron's rolls throughout the week.

#### KHS Fall Play-Clue

The KHS Theater Department presented *Clue* on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Sullens said that the Cast did a fantastic job and it was a great production. Dr. Sullens also wanted to congratulate Haley Hamilton on doing such a great job on her first production. The Theater Department continues to recruit talented students each year.

#### ESSER III

Dr. Sullens stated that he is finalizing the ESSER III spending plan. He hopes to bring it to the Board for approval at the December Board Meeting.

#### FOIA Requests

All FOIA requests have been honored.

#### Recognition of Board Members-IASB

Dr. Sullens recognized and presented awards to the following Board Members:

Jeff Johnson, Master Board Member Maintained

Lori Christiansen, New Master Board Member

Scott Steffen, Master Board Member Level 1

Jon DeBord, Master Board Member Level 1

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

#### **KHS Fall Sports**

Mr. Atwell gave the Board an overview of the Fall Sports season. Soccer ended the year with a Regional Quarterfinal loss to Alleman. Volleyball ended their season in the Regional Championship game with a loss to Riverdale. The Football team won their Round 1 game against Plano but was defeated in Round 2 by Chicago Phillips. The Boys Cross Country team qualified for Sectionals. Colin VanStechelman qualified for the State Meet and finished in 136<sup>th</sup> place. The golf and tennis teams didn't have anyone advance to State.

#### KHS Winter Sports

Mr. Atwell gave an update on the winter sports and activities that will be offered.

### TRAC Conference Honors

Mr. Atwell listed the athletes who were named All Conference First Team for the Three Rivers Conference for the Fall 2021 season. Mya Mirocha was named for Girls Golf. For soccer Izac Contreras and Cristian Cazares were named All Conference. For Cross Country Natalee Martin and Colin VanStechelman were named All Conference.

The 2021 Football team ended the season tied with Princeton for first place in the East Division with a record of 5-1. Offensive players named to the All-Conference team included Noah Tiska, Skylar Summy, James Conner, Jordan Johnson, Will Bruno, and Keyontiss Patterson. Defensive players named to the All-Conference team were James Conner, Conner Hood, Josh Nimrick, and Niko Powe. Special teams All-Conference honors went to Will Bruno and Keyontiss Patterson.

### **Mrs. Hodge-Bates Neponset-Principal**

#### School Report Cards

Mrs. Hodge-Bates reported on the 2021 Kewanee School District School Report Card. The District and each individual school's report card will be posted on the KCUD229.org website. Many of the areas are empty due to a lack of data. Assessments, growthpercentiles, assessment participation rate, achievement gap, climate surveys, and College and Career Ready data areas are blank on this year's report card due to the COVID pandemic. All schools did keep their ratings as they were for FY19. District buildings have starting taking assessments and will complete them in the Spring. If all goes well, we should have some data indicators for next year's report card.

## **X. SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **KHS Bus Parking Project**

Supt. Sullens reported that the KHS Bus parking lot has been completed.

### **KHS Parking Lot**

Sullens reported that the KHS parking lot is still in progress. It is very close to being completed and he will give a final update at the December Board Meeting.

### **KHS Welding/Cafeteria and Fine Arts Storage Project**

Supt. Sullens gave an update on the KHS Welding/Cafeteria and Fine Arts Storage Project. Currently, there are some delays because we are waiting on items. The welding expansion is waiting for the HVAC units and doors. The doors are scheduled to come in November 22 and the HVAC units are to be delivered approximately December 10. Crews are working on getting the Cafeteria expansion enclosed. Once that occurs, Dr. Sullens believes that it will progress quickly. Oldeen Roofing is scheduled to install the roof on the Fine Arts Storage Area this week.

### **Various Gym/Cafeteria HVAC Projects**

The HVAC projects have been started at all of the buildings. At Central the old heaters and ventilators have been removed. We are waiting on a small amount of asbestos to be removed. It is located in the wrapping that was used on some of the pipe connections.

Concrete pads have been poured at all of the building for the HVAC units. Everything is on order with some items arriving and put in storage. Over winter break the electrical panels at Neponset and Irving will be upgraded. This is necessary to be able to handle the HVAC systems being installed.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of New & Revised Policies**

No action necessary

Discussion of 2021 IASB Resolutions

Vice President Christiansen who was chosen as the Delegate for the conference asked the Board Members for their input in regards to the IASB resolutions. She wanted to make sure that her votes at the IASB Conference reflected the Board’s views on each matter. She stated she had participated in a webinar that had talked through all the recommendations. She was planning to vote along with the IASB recommendations, unless the Board members had a difference of opinion. President Johnson stated that he agreed with the recommendations. Member Christiansen stated that even if a resolution is adopted by IASB delegates that it doesn’t become policy. This vote tells the IASB Governmental Relations representatives what to advocate for with the State Legislature.

**XIII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:**

**Resignations**

Central Aide            Michelle Bolton-Gomez            Effective 11/4/21

Dr. Sullens proposed to approve the above resignation. Member DeBord 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. The motion carried.

**Retirements**

None

**Hires**

Central P/T Cafeteria Worker 4 hrs per day	Teresa Unakis
Belle Kitchen Server 3 hrs per day	Connie Weir
Cafeteria Substitute	Violet Peterson
Neponset Girls Basketball Coach	Tatum Drury
Bus Driver	Ronald Finney
Central Playground Supervisor 5 ½ hrs per day	Anabel Bodine
Belle 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Student Assistant	Nevyah Lewis

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. Member Salisbury made a motion to approve the above listed hires. Member Christiansen seconded the motion. 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**

Tara Woller            Parental Leave            Approximately 2/14/2022-End of the 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the parental leave of Tara Woller. Member Dev made a motion to approve. Member Johnson seconded the motion. 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**

KHS/Central Resource-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	Kristen Adkison
Central Title I-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	LaNita Brown
Central Title I-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	Jill Bartelt
Central Elementary Gr 6-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	Suzanne Burkhart
Central Elementary Gr 6-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	Dede Grice
Central Alternative-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	Jakob Saey
Central Computers-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	Alexandria Weston
KHS Special Education/Resource Teacher-2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester 21/22	Tanner Arzola
Belle Medical Leave 11/29/21-December 2021	Kayla Jewell

President Johnson called for a motion to approve the above long term subs. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Steffen. The roll call vote showed Members Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Dev, Christiansen and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

### **Transfers**

Central P/T Playground Supervisor to F/T Central Aide	Elizabeth Allen
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Dr. Sullens recommended the transfer of E Allen. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Stabler to approve. The roll call vote showed Members Steffen, Stabler, DeBord, Dev, Christiansen, Salisbury and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

### **Volunteers**

Central 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade & Band	Jason Bates
Central Jr. High Boys Basketball	Jakob Saey
Neponset Jr. High Girls Basketball	Mechelle Dyer
Central Stepladder	Esmerelda Paredes

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

### **Student Teacher**

Jill Bartelt	Student at Western Governors University
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Dr. Sullens recommended to approve J Bartelt as a student teacher. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury 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.

### **Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions**

None

### **Other Action Arising From Closed Session**

#### Hires

Central ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teacher	Nicole Enderle
Belle ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Aide	Savanna Bruno

#### Resignation

KHS Security Assistant/Secretary Effective 11/15/2021	Christine Clapper
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Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed action. Member Christiansen made a motion to approve. Member Johnson seconded the motion. 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.

**XIV. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Dr. Sullens wanted to mention that Members Christiansen and Johnson joined him for at Moline High School's Bartlett Performing Arts Center for a Black Hawk Division Meeting. All stated that the facility was beautiful and a great addition to their community.

A Moment of Silence was held for Marcia Gleeson, a retired principal.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:17pm President Johnson called for a motion for Adjournment. Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. Member Dev seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all present members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

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JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY