

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 21, 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 6:00pm. Roll call showed the following Members present: Dev, Christiansen, Stabler, DeBord, Steffen, Salisbury and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 6:01 pm Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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/2017*. Voice roll vote showed all present Members voting aye. The motion carried.

At 7:20 pm Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. A 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 KHS Petersen Auditorium. Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Stabler, DeBord, Dev, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen and Johnson. The audience included: J Anderson, T Brown, T Atwell, H Olalde, D Reynolds, C Bates, J Bates, M Bates, M Gardner, M Gustatitis, G Crofton, E Crofton, L Dev, L Flannery and KEA President, R Kapacinskas. Mike Helenthal from the Kewanee Star Courier was in attendance to report on the meeting for the local newspaper and Jennifer Russell from the local radio station. Recording secretary H Leckey-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.

IV. SINE DIE (Budget Hearing)

- A. President Johnson called for a motion at 7:32pm to go into Sine Die for 2020-2021 Budget Hearing. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to go into Sine Die for Budget Hearing. A voice vote showed Members Stabler, DeBord, Dev, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.
- B. Presentation of the 2020-2021 Amended Budget by the Superintendent
Superintendent Sullens reviewed the 2020-2021 Amended Budget. When the original budget was approved in September revenue and expenses were estimated to the best of the District's ability. The amended budget does not account for ESSER II funds that are expected to reimburse the District for expenses that occurred this year or possibly last fiscal year.

Superintendent Sullens stated that the ESSER II grant will not be approved in time for the District to draw any of those revenue dollars this year. The Education Fund is projected to show a \$664,000 increase for the fiscal year. Operation and Maintenance Fund is estimated to have a \$193,000 increase for the fiscal year. Transportation Fund is showing a net loss of \$71,435. This is due to not receiving an expected payment from the State. Overall the budget looks good for this year.

C. Public and Board Comments

None

D. Consideration and Approval of 2020-2021 Amended Budget

Member Steffen made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Amended Budget. Member Christiansen seconded the motion. 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.

E. Adjournment

At 7:37pm President Johnson called for a motion to exit Sine Die and resume the regular Board meeting. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Dev. A voice vote was heard with all members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

SINE DIE

V. INVITED GUESTS

Kewanee High School Group Interpretation Team and their Coach Mrs. Olalde were in attendance. Mr. Atwell presented the members with a Resolution from the Kewanee School Board congratulating them on their successful season.

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

Greg Crofton requested that the District consider allowing his daughter to participate in both volleyball and golf during the next school year.

X. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

A. Superintendent

1. Budget Overview F/21 & F22

Dr. Sullens stated that the silver lining to COVID times is there were more Federal dollars coming in. These dollars freed up State dollars, allowing the State to make progress in paying payments that they had previously been behind on. For FY 21 the Evidence Based Funding amounts remained the same. For the upcoming FY 22, the State is looking to add funds. With the addition of funds, the District is hoping to benefit.

2. Summer Cleaning/Maintenance

Summer maintenance staff is working hard and doing a great job. Scheduling has been more difficult with Belle Alexander and Neponset Grade Schools having summer school this year. Maintenance Staff has been doing a good job of working around students and staff during the summer school days.

3. transFinder Bus Software/Hardware

The District is purchasing the transFinder bus software/hardware system. This software system works with Skyward and will streamline scheduling the District's bus routes. The hardware system has a monitor and GPS system that will be installed in buses that will give drivers turn by turn directions.

4. ESSER II & ESSER III Updates

ESSER II grant has been submitted and the District is awaiting the approval. Dr. Sullens gave an update to on the heating and air conditioning replacement at Kewanee High School's Brockman Gym. Pipco has been doing a great job of replacing the original heating and air system. The new system will allow for better temperature regulation and air circulation.

B. Mr. Atwell – KHS Athletic Director

1. KHS Softball

KHS Softball hosted the IHSA Regional and were named Regional Champions after defeating Monmouth-Roseville. The team was defeated in the Sectional Semi-final by Stanford Olympia.

2. KHS Girls Track

KHS Girls Track had two qualifiers, Makenna Peed and Larissa Meyer. Makenna Peed competed in four events, Shot Put, Discus Throw, 100M and 200M in the AWD Division. She was a State Champion in all four events. Larissa Meyer qualified in the High Jump.

3. KHS Baseball/Track/Wrestling

KHS Baseball team traveled to Tremont for a Regional Semi-final game. They were defeated. Boys Track had two qualifiers Melcon DeJesus and Xander Gruszczyk. Melcon DeJesus qualified in the 400M and placed fifth. Xander Gruszczyk qualified in the Pole Vault and placed 18th. KHS Wrestling will be participating in the IWOCA State Series. The qualifiers will include Jessica Martinez in the Girls Division, Max Kelly, Parker DeBord, Will Taylor, and Jaxson Hicks in the F/S Division. In the JR/SR Division, Ryan Welgat qualified. The State Series will take place the week of June 21, 2021.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

KHS Ag Expansion-Superintendent Sullens, Mrs. Callahan, Member Steffen, and Member Johnson went to Scales Mound High School in Scales Mound, Illinois to tour their Agriculture facility. Scales Mound had recently added an area for agriculture classrooms, labs, and an animal science area. President Johnson stated that it was very informative to see how agriculture education has evolved. The tour gave a great visual to the options available and ideas of how to best utilize space for ag education. Dr. Sullens said it showed options for the future needs of the Kewanee Ag program.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2021/2022 School Year
Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Salisbury to approve. The roll call vote showed Member Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, Dev, DeBord and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.
- B. Consideration and Approval of Lunch & Breakfast Rates for 2021/2022 School Year
President Johnson called for a motion to approve in order to match the State guidelines. Member Christiansen seconded a 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.
- C. Consideration and Approval of ROE (TRS Qualified Employees) to continue with the Kewanee 229 Payroll and Health Insurance from 9/1/21 to 8/31/22
President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Christiansen made a motion. Member Dev seconded the motion. 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.
- D. Consideration and Approval of Resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation alternate bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,185,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purposes of building and equipping additions to the Kewanee High School Building and the Belle Alexander School Building, altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities of the District and improving sites and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District
Superintendent Sullens presented a plan to issue bonds. The bonds are paid by the Countywide Sales Tax funds. The plan is to retire a portion of the current bonds and hopefully reissue them at a lower interest rate.
President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Steffen made a motion. Member Dev 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.
- E. Consideration and Approval of Bid for the Kewanee High School Storage, Welding, and Cafeteria Addition
Superintendent Sullens recommended that the low bid from Valley Construction for \$1,219,750 be approved.
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. The motion carried.
- F. Consideration and Approval of Central Jr. High School Joining IESA for Girls & Boys Basketball & Volleyball
A recommendation for Central Jr. High to join the IESA for Girls & Boys Basketball & Volleyball was made by Superintendent Sullens.
President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Christiansen made a motion. Member DeBord 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.
- G. Consideration and Approval of Pay Raises for Employees Not Covered by the Collective

Bargaining Agreement

Vote #1

Dr. Sullens proposed pay increases of 4% for Baney, Bates, Brants, Hodge Bates, Perva, and Wager. Pay increase of 3.5% for Bryan and Anderson. One dollar per hour increases for Briggs, Leckey-Hughes, and Nolan.

President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Stabler seconded a motion made by Member DeBord 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

Dr. Sullens recommended a 4% pay increase for JR Salisbury.

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

XIII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations

Irving Counselor	Gabrielle Hoffman	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Resource	Jenny Malooly	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Key Club Advisor	Matt Clark	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS English Teacher	Andrew Reid	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Asst. Football Coach	Cody Butler	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Contest Play Advisor	Marisa Romanelli	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
Central K-Kids Advisor	Suzanne Burkhart	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Sophomore Class Advisor	Heather Olalde	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Junior Class Advisor	Jennifer Coombes	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
Visitation Cafeteria Server	Erin Stevenson	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Kewanite Advisor	Jakob Saey	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year

Dr. Sullens proposed to approve the above listed resignation. Member Dev seconded a motion made by Member Stabler 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.

B. Retirements

None

C. Hires I

KHS Summer School 1 on 1 Aide	Angela Washburn
Central Summer School Aide	Michelle Hand
Summer Band Instruction	Brittany Krohn
Summer School Bus Driver	Bob McKee
Summer School Bus Aide	Amanda Lisenbee
Summer Resource Officer	Jon Jagers
Summer Resource Officer	Shaun Gruszeczk
Summer Resource Officer	Terry Engels

Summer School Academic Advisor (12 days)	Paula Evans
Summer Custodial Aide	Katie Witte –Begin 7/1/21
Summer Custodial	Chad Palm
Belle Alexander School 12 Month Custodian	Toby Wheelhouse
KHS English Teacher	Katherine Streicher
Central Resource Teacher	Kathlene Johnson
KHS Alternative Teacher	Ben Hunter
KHS Junior Class Advisor	Heather Olalde
KHS Sophomore Class Advisor	Jennifer Coombes
KHS Contest Play Advisor	Haley Hamilton
Central Patrol Advisor	Jennifer Vickrey
KHS Kewanite Advisor	Jacob Doan
KHS Secretary-190 days per year	Tracey Ramos
KHS Secretary-174 days per year	Lacey Ornelas

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. Member DeBord made a motion to approve the above listed hires. 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.

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

D. Leaves

Amanda Minx Maternity Leave-Tentative Dates 7/6/21-8/31/21

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the leave. Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Dev seconded the motion. 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.

E. Long Term Sub

None

F. Transfer/Hire

Holly Barnes	From Central Jr. High Resource Teacher to Central Elem Resource
Rocio Morales Quintero	From KHS Secretary (190 days) to Administration Assistant (12 months)

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above transfers. Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. President 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.

G. Volunteers

Americorp/Summer Worker	Anabel Bodine
Irving 21 st Century	Chase Palm

Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Christiansen 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.

H. Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

XIV. OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

XV. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ruth Kapacinkas, KEA President, inquired whether the three trees being removed during an upcoming expansion at KHS would be replaced somewhere on the property. She also inquired about how it was decided what building projects the District decides to undertake. She stated that she believed that there were other projects that were a higher priority. She believes that staff should be consulted in possible construction projects. Dr. Sullens stated that if anyone had ideas for possible construction projects they could email them to him or President Johnson. District administration and staff are able to give input in regards to the needs of individual buildings during building visits by the Superintendent as well.

Member Christiansen took the opportunity to thank District staff and administration for all of the hard work they have put in over the last year. She also wanted to thank Coach Atwell for keeping the sports scheduled and running smoothly. In addition, she wanted to give the District Nurses special recognition for all their effort to ensure the safety of students and staff and for all of their work with the vaccination clinics.

Dr. Sullens wanted to mention that a second dose COVID clinic would be held for students at Central's Steamer Gym on July 6th.

- A. Moment of Silence for Judith O'Connor
- B. Moment of Silence for Reva Steffen
- C. Moment of Silence for Joyce Harris

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34pm President Johnson called for a motion for Adjournment. Member DeBord 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.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY