

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JULY 19, 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 Stabler 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/2017*. Voice roll vote showed all present Members voting aye. The motion carried.

At 7:18 pm Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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 Bryan, T Atwell, R Kapacinkas, L Flannery, C Palm, G Crofton, E Crofton, and A Crofton. 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 (Bond Hearing)

- A. President Johnson called for a motion at 7:32 pm to go into Sine Die to Conduct of Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education to Sell Not to Exceed \$2,500,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the Purpose 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. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to go into Sine Die for Bond 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. Discussion of the Issuance of Bonds by the Superintendent and Board

Superintendent Sullens presented a plan for the District to sell bonds. This process of selling bonds includes buying back some of the current bonds and reissuing additional bonds. The District will net approximately \$2.5 million. These bonds are paid with countywide sales tax revenue.

C. Public Comments
None

D. Adjournment
At 7:41pm President Johnson called for a motion to exit Sine Die and resume the regular Board meeting. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Christiansen. A voice vote was heard with all members voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

SINE DIE

V. INVITED GUESTS

Larissa Meyer, Xander Gruszczyk, Makenna Peed, and Melcon DeJesus-KHS State Track Qualifiers. Invited Guests were unable to attend meeting.

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

X. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

A. Superintendent

1. 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.

2. FY 22 State Evidence Based Funding

Superintendent Sullens discussed Evidence Based Funding. EBF was fully funded for the 2020-21 school year. With the increase of Federal dollars put into the local and state governments, we are hoping for additional EBF dollars. Dr. Sullens stated that he is hoping by the end of the month to have a better idea of what funding will be added to the Evidence Based Funding formula.

3. Discussion of CDC/ISBE Guidance for School Opening 2021

Superintendent Sullens stated that the CDC and ISBE have released some guidance for the upcoming school year. The big takeaway from the CDC guidance is that all non-vaccinated individuals should wear masks indoors. It was also stated that three feet of distance should be kept whenever possible. With many school districts starting school in the next few weeks, we hope to get more concrete answers from ISBE and IDPH.

4. Update from Meeting with Henry County Health Department/OEM July 19th

The Henry County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management is recommending that if you are fully vaccinated that you shouldn't have to wear a mask. This applies to both staff members and students. The Office of Emergency Management recommends that if you are not fully vaccinated that you should wear a mask no matter what age you are. It is their belief that vaccines could be available to children aged five to twelve later this year.

5. Recommendation on Return to School Will be Made at a Special Board Meeting on August 2nd

Superintendent Sullens stated the District intends to have a Special Board Meeting on August 2, 2021 to discuss and approve a plan for returning for the 2021-2022 school year. We are hoping to have the most up to date information from the CDC and IDPH.

6. Update on KHS A/C Project

Superintendent Sullens stated that there has been a delay on the KHS Brockman Gym HVAC project because an I beam hadn't arrived. They are in hopes to make progress on the project soon. We will be accepting bids for HVAC systems in the coming weeks for the elementary schools. These projects will include HVAC systems for the cafeteria/gyms at Belle, Irving, Neponset, and Lyle. We will also install HVAC systems in two gyms at Central.

B. Mr. Atwell – KHS Athletic Director

1. Discussion of 2020-2021 Athletic Year

Mr. Atwell, KHS Athletic Director gave a recap of the 2020-2021 athletic year.

2. Discussion of 2021-2022 Athletics

Mr. Atwell stated that at this time they are scheduling and planning the 2021-2022 school year as if it were a normal year.

3. Discussion of Athletes Participating in 2 Sports During the Same Season

Mr. Atwell stated that he had spoken with some of the coaches and they had many of the same concerns. The biggest concern they had was in regards to missing practices. They believed that not being present at all practices led to missing out on team building, team bonding, and sport specific conditioning. Mr. Bryan stated that this subject had come up in the past. Each time there are academic and athletic concerns to consider. Member Salisbury asked if any area schools allowed dual sport participation. Mr. Atwell didn't believe that any TRAC school did. Member Salisbury asked if we had polled coaches regarding the subject. Mr. Atwell stated that he had informally polled coaches as they stopped in.

XI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Discussion of Bidding Resurfacing Parking Lots-Bus Barn, KHS Back Parking Lot, Central Playground (possibly Irving)

Superintendent Sullens discussed the condition and age of parking lots throughout the District. He stated he had gotten advice from local contractors on whether asphalt or concrete would be best to use in replacement.

B. Discussion of Bids/Completion Dates of A/C for Cafeteria/Gyms/Elem Schools (ESSER II)

Superintendent Sullens stated that as he said earlier in the meeting that the District is hoping to have the HVAC systems installed as soon as possible. The elementary school bids will be presented at the August Board meeting.

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

(Consent Items A-C)

A. Consideration and Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Approve Them as Remaining Closed or as Being Open (through June 30,2021)

B. Consideration and Approval to Authorize the Superintendent to Prepare the 2021/2022 Budget

C. Consideration and Approval of Bus Hazard Resolution

President Johnson called for a motion to approve Items A-C. Member Dev made a motion. 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.

D. Consideration and Approval of Bids for Paper Products/Milk Products/Bread Products & Waste Disposal Pricing

Superintendent Sullens recommended approving the bids from Enyeart Distributing, Aunt Millie's, and Wilson Paper. Enyeart Distributing had the low bid for milk products. Aunt Millie's bid was lowest for bread products. The lowest bid for paper products was from Wilson Paper. No bids were submitted for waste disposal. Superintendent Sullens recommending continuing with Waste Management for waste disposal. The pricing quote that was received is slightly higher than last year but still reasonable. The amount spent for waste disposal is under the bidding threshold so the District can continue with Waste Management without a bid.

President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Salisbury 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.

E. Consideration and Approval of Bus Mileage Rate

Superintendent Sullens recommended that the Bus Mileage Rate increase for FY22 to \$2.50 per mile.

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. The motion carried.

F. Consideration and Approval of Contract with Kewanee Park District

A recommendation to approve the Contract with Kewanee Park District for \$36,000 per year for the next three school years was made by Superintendent Sullens.

President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member DeBord made a motion. Member Christiansen seconded the motion. 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.

G. Consideration and Approval of Pay Raises for Employees Not Covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement

Dr. Sullens proposed pay increases of 4% for J. Hinton. He was inadvertently not mentioned last month with other staff members.

President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen 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.

H. Consider and Approval of Buying Group (PE Lockers for KHS)

Dr. Sullens recommended joining the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative.

President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Dev made a motion. Member Steffen 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.

I. 1st Reading of New and Revised Policies

Dr. Sullens introduced the New & Revised Board Policies for 1st Reading. No Action Required.

XIII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations

KHS Girls Basketball Head Coach	Jessica Shipley	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS PE Teacher, KHS Volleyball, KHS Girls Basketball, and KHS Softball Asst. Coach		
	Maria Sakellaris	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Scholastic Bowl Advisor	Kirk Watson	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Scholastic Bowl Advisor	Marie Watson	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Asst. Wrestling Coach	Joe Eads	Effective End of 2020-21 School Year
KHS Cafeteria Worker	Carol Lewis	Effective 08/10/2021

Dr. Sullens proposed to approve the above listed resignations. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member DeBord 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.

B. Retirements

None

C. Hires

P/T Belle Alexander School Aide	Madelyn Damron
P/T Kitchen Server at Visitation School	Lacey Labedis
KHS Assistant Football Coach	Corey Tavares
KHS Assistant Football Coach	Ben Hunter
KHS Fall Strength Coach	Charlie Eads
District Head Coach	Patrick Damron
F/T Lyle Paraprofessional	Lynn Cruse

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

D. Leaves

None

E. Long Term Sub

None

F. Transfer/Hire

Tiffany Platz	From Central/Irving Counselor Intern to Irving Counselor Intern
Rosalie Schmidt	From F/T KHS/Central Resource/Sp Ed Teacher to P/T KHS Sp Ed Teacher
Trisha Behnke	From District Head Cook to F/T Cook at KHS
Tatum Drury	From Neponset 5 th Grade Teacher to Neponset 3 rd Grade Teacher
Kandice Hansen	From Neponset 3/4 Grade Teacher to Neponset 4/5 Grade Teacher

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

G. Volunteers

KHS Volleyball Coach	Guadalupe Lopez
Central Football Coach	Joe Hicks
Central Football Coach	Rick LaFollette
Central Football Coach	Mike Tumbleson
Central Football Coach	Chris Colomer

Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. Member Stabler seconded the motion. 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.

H. Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

KHS Football Assistant Coach	Jeff Little
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Member Salisbury seconded the 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. The motion carried.

XIV. OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

KHS Resource Teacher (Long Term Sub)	Tanner Arzola
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Member Christiansen seconded the motion made by Member Stabler 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.

XV. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Johnson announced that the District will be discussing plans for the school board convention that will be in person again this November.

- A. Moment of Silence for Margaret "Peggy" Kord
- B. Moment of Silence for Robert Plum
- C. Moment of Silence for Bill Ince
- D. Moment of Silence for Alice Ann Golby

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