

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 16, 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 Dev 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/2017*. Voice roll vote showed all present Members voting aye. The motion carried.

At 7:11 pm Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Stabler 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: T Brown, T Atwell, J Bryan, B Whitcher, J Whitcher, C Whitcher, W Whitcher, M Whitcher, L Meyer, X Gruszczyk, J Lang, K Edwards, A Johnson, C Palm, K Heid, and KEA President, R Kapacinskas. 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. INVITED GUESTS

Kewanee High School State Track Qualifiers Larissa Meyer and Xander Gruszczyk were in attendance. Mr. Atwell and Mr. Bryan presented them with a Resolution from the Kewanee School Board congratulating them on their successful season. Makenna Peed and Melcon DeJesus were unable to attend.

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 DeBord seconded the motion made by Member Steffen 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.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

IX. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

A. Superintendent

1. Evidence Based Funding-Increase of \$691,000 for the School Year

Dr. Sullens stated that this is the time of year that we see how much the state will add to the Evidence Based Funding model. This year the state is adding \$350,000,000 to the fund. Therefore, the District's revenue will increase by \$691,000 this year. These funds are paid twice monthly starting in August.

2. Estimated Enrollment

Dr. Sullens stated that trying to figure enrollment numbers at the beginning of the school year is a challenge. District secretaries are making sure that they get all the students accounted for. As of today, the District has 1628 students enrolled and 193 not enrolled but that are believed to be attending the District this school year. These numbers do not include preschool students. Building secretaries have been calling families to get children registered. We are in hopes that families will register tonight at building open houses. If we can get those students registered, we will at worst be at last year's enrollment levels. But we could be at best equal to enrollment levels from two years ago. Dr. Sullens stated that unlike many area districts our enrollment numbers are stable. At next month's meeting final enrollment numbers will be presented to the Board.

B. Mr. Bryan-KHS Principal

1. KHS Boiler Bash

Mr. Bryan stated that the Boiler Bash was held on Friday, August 13, 2021 from 5:30-8 pm. This year's event was different than past years. But unlike last year's completely virtual event, this year they were able to meet in person. According to Mrs. Grebner, we had 120 freshman attend. These students didn't get the normal eighth grade visit. During the event, they were able to find their lockers, classrooms, and just be able to explore the high school building. Each year, Mr. Gustafson gives a presentation to parents. Normally, he presents to approximately twenty parents. This year forty parents attended. Mr. Bryan hopes that having the students come in to visit helps them feel more comfortable for the first day of school.

C. Mr. Atwell-KHS Athletic Director

1. KHS Fall Sports Participation

Fall Sports numbers are down seventeen students versus 2019 numbers. Mr. Atwell stated that he expected numbers to be lower this year. He is hoping that participation will increase as the year goes on.

X. SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Resurfacing of Irving Playground/Parking Areas

Superintendent Sullens stated that Irving School's parking lots and playground areas have really started showing their age after this last winter. He is hoping to bring bids for resurfacing or replacement to the September Board Meeting.

B. KHS Stadium Update (goal posts & play clock)

The maintenance crew has done a great job installing new goal posts at the Kewanee High School stadium. The goal posts had been repaired many times over the years. The old goal posts will be installed at Central Field. Coach Atwell has ordered play clocks for use during football games.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of New & Revised Policies: 1:20; 1:30; 2:10; 2:30; 2:120-E1; 2:120-E2; 2:125-E3; 2:130; 2:150-AP; 2:220-E7; 2:240; 2:240-E1; 2:240-E2; 2:250-E2; 4:40-AP; 4:60-AP3; 4:140-AP; 4:140-E1; 4:140-E2; 4:170-AP5; 5:10; 5:30; 5:30-AP2; 5:30-AP2, E1; 5:30-AP2, E2; 5:125-E; 5:179-AP1; 5:170-AP2; 5:170-E; 5:190-E1; 5:190-E2; 5:190-E3; 5:240-AP; 6:100; 6:100-AP; 6:100-E1; 6:100-E2; 6:120-AP4; 6:145; 6:160; 6:170-AP1; 6:170-AP1, E1; 6:170-AP1, E2; 6:170-AP2; 6:235; 6:235-AP1; 6:235-AP1, E1; 6:235-AP1, E2; 6:235-AP2; 6:235-E3; 6:235-E4; 6:250-AP; 6:255; 6:260; 6:260-E; 7:240-AP2, E1; 7:280; 7:340-AP1, E3; 7:340-AP1, E4; 7:340-AP2; 7:345-AP, E4; 8:90

Member Steffen made a motion to approve the new and revised policies that were in the Board packet. Member Salisbury seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed Members Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, and Johnson voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

B. KHS Home Ec Addition Project

Superintendent Sullens gave an update on the Kewanee High School Home Ec Addition. Even though the building has been in use for months, Mrs. Johnson has been working on fine tuning the area. On the residential side of the kitchen, we have been waiting for ovens that had been backordered. We received word that they have now been discontinued. Therefore, we have reordered the five ovens from another vendor and they should be delivered in the next couple of weeks.

C. KHS Welding/Cafeteria and Fine Arts Storage Project

Crews began pouring the cement for the walls today. It is hoped that the project keeps on track but much of that depends on the availability of supplies.

D. KHS Brockman HVAC Project

Superintendent Sullens stated that Pipco has done an excellent job on this project. This week the manufacturing representative will be here to go over the HVAC unit with the person who would do any future repair work. They should have the unit up and working this week. The addition of this unit to Brockman Gym will give us greater control of the temperatures all year long.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$305,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A, and Approximately \$3,320,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B, of the District for the Purposes of Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of the District and 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, Providing for the Pledge of Certain Revenues to the Payment of Principal and Interest on Said Bonds and the Levy of the Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay Such Principal and Interest if the Pledged Revenues are Insufficient to Make Such Payment and Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company,

Incorporated, in Connection with the Sales of Said Bonds.

Kevin Heid from Stifel, Nicolaus, and Company stated that today we had the pricing and sale of the bonds. The rate the District received was 2.10% which was better than what originally was quoted. The anticipated closing date on the bonds is September 2, 2021 and money should be wired to the District account on that day. President Johnson asked Kevin Heid if he had ever seen rates at this level. Mr. Heid stated that he believes this to be a twenty-year low.

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

- B. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in Connection with the Issue of Approximately \$305,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A, and Approximately \$3,320,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B, of the District.

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. The motion carried.

- C. Consideration and Approval of Substitute Teacher Pay

Superintendent Sullens recommended that substitute teacher pay increase 3.57% to \$114.96 per day.

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

- D. Consideration and Approval of Health Alliance to be Health Insurance Carrier for Kewanee School District for the 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Sullens recommended that Health Alliance continue to be the insurance carrier for the District for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

- E. Consideration and Approval of Resolution to Temporarily Transfer Money From the Working Cash Fund to The Tort Fund

Superintendent Sullens recommended a temporary transfer of funds from Working Cash to the Tort Fund.

Member Stabler 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.

- F. Consideration and Approval of Bid for HVAC Projects at Belle, Central, Irving, Lyle, and Neponset

A recommendation to approve a bid from Mechanical Service of Galesburg, Inc. was made by Dr. Sullens. They submitted the low bid for the project of \$1,059,650.

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

G. Consideration and Approval of Bid for KHS Parking Lots

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the bid from Valley Construction. They had the low bid of \$619,500.

President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member DeBord 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. The motion carried.

H. Consideration and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Kewanee

Superintendent Sullens recommended approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Kewanee.

Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Dev 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.

XIII. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations

KHS Spanish Teacher Central Alternative Teacher	Megan Davidson	Effective 8/4/21
Irv. 3 rd Grade Teacher	Melissa Dever	Effective 7/27/21
KHS Bilingual Aide (PT)	Emma Wallace	Effective 8/6/21
Belle Kitchen Server (PT)	Elizabeth Bermudez	Effective 8/1/21
Cafeteria Worker (PT)	Jeralynn Bickers	Effective 7/28/21 (verbal resignation)
Central Aide	Sue Ingle	Effective 8/10/21 (verbal resignation)
Neponset Cheer Advisor	Shelbi Murphy	Effective 7/30/21
CJH Pom Pon Advisor	Alicia Conner	Effective Immediately
Neponset 8 th Grade Sponsor	Dede Grice	Effective 8/12/21
CJH 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Co-Coach	Jackie Haage	Effective 8/9/21
KHS Play Director/ Set Design	Stacie Phelps	Effective 8/12/21
	Johnny Williams	Effective 7/18/21

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

B. Retirements

KHS Cafeteria Worker (PT) Lee Ann Carman Effective 8/3/21

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed retirement. Member Christiansen made a motion to approve. 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.

C. Hires I

Irving 3 rd Grade Teacher	Yasemin Onder
P/T Belle Kitchen Server	Jolene Poole
P/T KHS Cafeteria Worker	Loreen Jackson
F/T Central Cafeteria Worker	Charlie Brooks
F/T Central Aide	Kate Pratt
P/T Central Playground Supervisor	Elizabeth Allen
Central K-Kids Co-Advisor	Jennifer Vickrey
Central K-Kids Co-Advisor	Chelsea Hamerlinck
Central 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Co-Coach	Brad Kehl
KHS Key Club Advisor	Amy Miler
Belle ROE 21 st Century Aide	Madelyn Damron
Belle ROE 21 st Century Aide	Sharon DeSmit
Belle ROE 21 st Century Aide	Haley Hamilton
Belle ROE 21 st Century Aide	Angel Lutz
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Annabel Alva
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Kim Chenoweth
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Lacy Jackson
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Nikki Kubiak
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Jennifer Piester
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Pam Schneider
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Alicia Ralston
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Samantha Spears
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Jennifer Vickrey
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Ali Weston
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Articia Johnson
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Teacher	LaNita Brown
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Aide	Nick Sheets
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Aide	Blair Bullock
Central Elem ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant	Lauren Sheets
Central JH ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Jenny Lang
Central JH ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Shana Hinton
Central JH ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Brad Kehl
Central JH ROE 21 st Century Aide	Tanner Arzola
Irving ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Kathryn Gerard
Irving ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Megan Gayer
Irving ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Michelle Palm
Irving ROE 21 st Century Aide	Kayla Jewell

Irving ROE 21 st Century Aide	Jacqueline Cernovich
Irving ROE 21 st Century Aide	Leticia Munoz
Irving ROE 21 st Century Aide	Robin Allen
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Alicia Conner
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Tatum Drury
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Kandice Hansen
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Ronda Mechelle Dyer
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Teacher	Jackie Haage
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Student Assistant	Paige Weida
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Aide	Ann Crofton
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Aide	Coessa Rusk
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Aide	Cheryl Rohrig
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Aide	Corry Ince
Neponset ROE 21 st Century Aide	Emali Porter

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

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

D. Leaves

Kaylee Anderson Maternity Leave-Beginning approximately 10/1/2021 for 8 weeks

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the leave. Member Salisbury 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

Central Alternative Teacher for 1 st Semester	Jakob Saey
KHS PE Teacher M/W/F	Jan May

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

F. Transfer/Hire

Michelle Hand From P/T Central Playground Supervisor to F/T Central Aide

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above transfer. Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member Salisbury 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

Central JH Softball Coach Jason Grice

Central JH Softball
KHS Tennis Coach

Kraig Gale
Kristen Adkison

Member DeBord made a motion to approve. Member Steffen 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

None

XIV. OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Hires

Custodian

Ryan Rigby

Long Term Sub KHS PE Tues/Thurs

Kirk Fristad

Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. 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.

XV. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ruth Kapacinkas, KEA President, inquired whether bonds were sold prior to the Board approving the matter. Dr. Sullens explained that Kevin Heid with Stifel, Nicolaus, and Company walks us through the legal process of issuing bonds. He also explained that bonds are normally issued before the final vote. The bonds were issued in the morning but no money changes hands. If the Board voted against the issuance of the bonds, then we would be out no funds. President Johnson stated that the bonds need to be issued to allow the Board to see the exact terms of the transaction.

Member Christiansen mentioned that the Kewanee Schools Foundation will holding a fundraiser in the Spring 2022. The fundraising event All Aboard! 30 Trips for 30 Years will be replacing the Annual Auction. More details will be released soon. There will be thirty trips to bid on. The trips vary from weekend getaways to week long vacations. The Foundation hopes that this will be a major fundraiser. All the funds raised will go to support the schools. Member Christiansen mentioned that they are still accepting donations for the event.

President Johnson mentioned that the Class of 1954 dedicated a new bench outside of the high school on Saturday, August 14.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30pm President Johnson called for a motion for Adjournment. Member Dev made a motion to approve. Member Stabler 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