

## KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present.

### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

At 6:01 pm Member Christiansen 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 Stabler seconded a motion made by Member Dev 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, Steffen, Salisbury and Johnson. The audience included staff and community members: R Baney; J Bryan; J Anderson; T Brown; T Atwell; KEA President, R Kapacinskis; and J Russell from Kewanee Radio Station. 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.

President Johnson called for Sine Die for a budget hearing. Member DeBord seconded a motion made by Member Christiansen at 7:32pm to approve. The roll call vote showed Members DeBord, Dev, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler and Johnson all voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

### SINE DIE – BUDGET HEARING

#### A. ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

The roll call showed Members Dev, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, Stabler, DeBord and Johnson all present.

#### B. PRESENTATION OF THE 2021/2022 BUDGET BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Sullens presented the proposed 2021-2022 Budget to the Board of Education.

Technically, the fiscal year began July 1, 2021 and will end on June 30, 2022. The budget is developed

by considering the projected revenues and expenses. The estimated fund balances as of July 1, 2021 are \$10,803,869 in the Ed Fund, \$2,422,515 in the Building Fund and \$973,930 in the Transportation Fund. The projected revenues are \$20,158,010 in the Ed Fund, \$2,694,500 in the Building Fund and \$903,950 in the Transportation Fund. Total projected expenditures are \$19,516,764 in the Education fund, \$2,510,195 in the Building Fund and \$1,066,745 in the Transportation Fund. Projected ending balances including provisions for contingencies, revenue minus expenses is \$641,246 for the Ed Fund, \$184,305 for the Building Fund and (\$161,795) in the Transportation Fund. Sullens reported that he feels good about the budget this year. The Capital Projects fund has an ending balance that is larger than a normal year. The budget amounts in the Capital Projects fund include the revenue from the bonds that were recently sold. Many of the Capital Projects fund expenses will not be expended until fiscal year 2023 leaving an excess amount for this year's budget. This budget includes expenses in the Building fund for a roofing project at Neponset, the KHS cafeteria expansion, a roof over the boiler room at KHS, and a new tractor with an enclosed cab.

**C. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021/2022 BUDGET**

President Johnson called for a motion to accept the 2021/2022 Budget as presented. 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.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

President Johnson called for a motion to adjourn Sine Die at 7:41pm. Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. Member Christiansen seconded the motion. A Voice vote was heard with all Members voting aye. No nay votes were heard. The motion carried.

**SINE DIE**

**IV. INVITED GUESTS**

None

**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 Stabler seconded the motion made by Member Dev 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**

None

**IX. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**Superintendent**

**1. Enrollment Numbers**

Dr. Sullens reported the latest enrollment numbers. The District is up 32 students from last year. The largest increase was at Belle with an increase of 31 students. We are currently down 18 at Central

Junior High. While Lyle School's enrollment is up 11 students from last year that is a number we would like to work on increasing. Dr. Sullens is pleased that the enrollment numbers continue to remain steady year after year. Especially since for many area school districts that is not the case.

## 2. Summer Maintenance Crew

Dr. Sullens stated that he wanted to mention publicly one more time what an excellent job the summer maintenance crew, adult and student workers, did over summer break.

### **Mr. Jason Anderson-Central Junior High Principal**

#### Central Junior High Softball

Mr. Anderson stated that the Central Junior High girls softball team made it to the Sectional Championship game. Unfortunately, they lost in the game by a score of 11-10. He stated that 7 of the 9 starters will be returning next year and they are looking forward to another successful season.

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

#### KHS Athletics

Mr. Atwell announced dates for the upcoming Regional and Sectional events for Cross Country, Golf, Volleyball, and Soccer. He also stated when football pairings will be announced.

### **Mr. Jamie Bryan – KHS Principal**

#### KHS Homecoming

Mr. Bryan gave an update on the upcoming Homecoming activities. Many of the activities will be held as normal. This year the Homecoming assembly will be held in the Stadium and the Homecoming Dance will be held in the high school parking lot. These decisions were made after discussions with the Henry County Health Department. Fencing with mesh will be rented to create an area outside for the dance. The foyer will be used for photos. Member Dev asked with the dance being outside how they were going to handle the music and noise. Principal Bryan stated he would be in contact with the City of Kewanee. The speakers that would be used for the dance will face south towards the cemetery.

## **X. SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### A. KHS Ag Complex

Dr. Sullens stated that he had met with the District architect and Mrs. Callahan to discuss possible options for the KHS Ag Complex addition. He hopes to have finalized drawings soon. The complex will likely include another set of bathroom at that end of the building, a men's and women's shower/bathroom area for those working on the farm, an academic classroom, an Ag science classroom, a traditional Ag shop area, and office areas. The additional Ag classroom space will allow for future expansion of the program. Dr. Sullens stated that with this addition and the welding lab addition, he hopes in the future to add a half time Ag/half time Industrial Arts teacher to the staff.

### B. Belle Gym Addition

Dr. Sullens stated that they are looking to build additional gym space at Belle Alexander. The additional space will be used during the day by Belle students and will give the high school additional space for practices in the after school hours.

## **XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### a. Update on KHS Bus Parking Project

Dr. Sullens stated that work on the KHS bus parking area has begun. They have the storm structures set now. The goal is to take the base rock out and bring it up to grade. The excess rock from this project will be used to create a road behind the school to the Ag farm from the parking lot. Eventually, a gate will need to be added to limit traffic.

- b. KHS Welding/Cafeteria and Fine Arts Storage Project  
Dr. Sullens stated that Oldeen Roofing would be installing the roof on the cafeteria and welding additions later in the week. This week the iron workers will be installing the metal decking on the Fine Arts storage area. All of the projects are getting close to completion.
- c. KHS Brockman HVAC Project  
Dr. Sullens stated that the HVAC system is installed and working well. The addition of this system will give staff the ability to keep the gym at a comfortable temperature year round.
- d. Various Gym/Cafeteria HVAC Projects  
Dr. Sullens gave the Board an update on the HVAC projects at the elementary/junior high buildings. The contractor is excited to get started on these projects. The plan is to start demo work very soon. Neponset Grade School and Irving Elementary projects will take longer due to necessary upgrades to the electrical panels in those buildings.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for FY/21  
President Johnson called for a vote to approve the EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for FY21. Member Salisbury made a motion to approve. Member Christiansen seconded the motion. A voice vote was heard with all Members voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.
- B. Consideration and Approval of School Maintenance Project Grant  
Dr. Sullens explained that the State is offering a School Maintenance Project Grant for FY22. This grant provides matching funds towards a building maintenance project. The State will match funds up to \$50,000 for an approved project. Dr. Sullens proposed a project at Irving School. This project will replace the current front stairs, add a handicap accessible ramp and remodel the vestibule. The remodel of the vestibule will create a more secure entry for the school.  
President Johnson called for a motion to approve the School Maintenance Project Grant application. Member DeBord 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.

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

##### A. Resignations

Central 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach Joe Hicks Effective Immediately

Dr. Sullens proposed to approve the above listed resignation. Member Steffen 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 F/T Cafeteria Worker Pat Daniels Effective 9/7/2021

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed retirement. Member Dev seconded a 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.

**C. Dismissal**

Leayondres Suggs                      P/T KHS Cafeteria Worker      Effective 9/7/2021

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed dismissal. Member Salisbury seconded a motion made by Member Steffen 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.

**D. Hires**

P/T Aide at Belle	Priscilla Ahearn
P/T Library Clerk at Irving	Tonya McClintic
P/T Central Cafeteria Worker	Aimee Inocencio
P/T KHS Cafeteria Worker	Karen Colwell
Neponset 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor	Tatum Drury
KHS Fall Play Advisor	Haley Hamilton
KHS Head Girls Basketball Coach	Nicholas Christakos
Central 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Aaron Pratt
KHS Freshman Volleyball Coach	Jessica Crofton
Central Jr. High Pom Pon Advisor	Brittany Krohn
ROE Safe School Long Term Sub for 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Tristan DeSplinter
Neponset ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Aide	Kelsey Kaiser
Neponset ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teacher	Jordan Soja
Neponset ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Sub Aide	Emali Porter
Neponset ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Sub Teacher	Ali Dennison
Irving ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teacher	Angie Kluever
Central ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teacher	Amanda Johnson
Central ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Aide	Hateya Johnson
Central ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Aide	Steven Earthley
Central ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Aide	Dalisa Sims
Central ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Student Assistant	Hannah Ince
Belle ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Aide	Hailey Westefer
Substitute Paraprofessional	Paula Boston
Cafeteria Substitute	Madison Franklin
Cafeteria Substitute	Jennifer Turner
Substitute Bus Aide	Melinda Blust

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

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

**E. Leaves**

Amanda Minx	Maternity Leave	Extended to 10/1/2021
Emily Asleson	Maternity Leave	Approximately 11/24/21-1/4/22
Keyla Arroyo-Nieves	Maternity Leave	Approximately 2/25/22-until beginning of April
Karly Allen	Maternity Leave	Approximately 1/5/22-2/28/22

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

**E. Student Teachers**

None

**F. Transfer/Hire**

Loreen Jackson	Transfer from KHS P/T Cafeteria Worker to KHS F/T Cafeteria Worker
Erin Havelka	Transfer from P/T Irving Library Clerk to P/T Irving Paraprofessional
Tara DeBlieck	Irving F/T Nurse from 6 hrs. per day to 6.5 hrs. per day

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed transfers. Member Christiansen made a motion to approve. Member DeBord 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 Cheerleading	Heather Swanson
Central Football	Drew Davis
Central ROE 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool Program	Evelin Martinez
Stepladder Tutoring Program	Daniel Sanchez
Americorp Program	Anabel Bodine

Member Salisbury made a motion to approve Dr. Sullens's recommendation for the above listed volunteers. Member Johnson 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**

##### Observation/Mentor/Practicum

James Bryan -Mentor for Casie Douglas Type 75 Certificate

Priscilla Ahearn-Observation with Belle Social Worker

Evelin Martinez-Observation with KHS Teacher Amy Miler

Hailey Paxton-Observation at Irving

Melissa Ford-Practicum at Lyle with Rachel Smyth and at Belle with Leticia Martinez

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the above listed items. Member Steffen made a motion to approve. Member DeBord 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**

Dr. Sullens congratulated the KHS Drumline for their first place finish in their class at the Normal West High School Marching Band Competition.

- A. Moment of Silence for Retired Brigadier General Charles Fleming-Former Teacher
- B. Moment of Silence for Barbara Leckey-Mother of Heather Hughes
- C. Moment of Silence for Travis Burgess-Former Employee
- D. Moment of Silence for Andre DeSmit-Wife of Phil DeSmit and Mother-in-Law of Chad Hodges
- E. Moment of Silence for James Titlow-Father-in-Law of Sarah Titlow

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:18 pm President Johnson called for a motion for Adjournment. Member Dev made a motion to approve. Member Christiansen 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**