

KEWANEE COMM SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JANUARY 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Kewanee Community Unit School District No. 229 was held in the Kewanee High School Petersen Auditorium with President Johnson calling the Meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call showed the following Members present: Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. Superintendent Sullens was also present for the Closed Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

At 6:02pm Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Stabler 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 7:02pm Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Dev to adjourn the Closed Session meeting. 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 7:32pm. This Open Session continued in the Petersen Auditorium at Kewanee High School. Roll call showed the following Board Members present: Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson. The audience included staff members: R Baney, T Brown, D Brants, T Atwell, and KEA President R Kapacinskas. Recording secretary C Briggs and Superintendent C Sullens were in attendance as well.

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.

INVITED GUESTS

None

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

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

None

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

A. Superintendent

Winter Break Repairs/Upgrades

Dr. Sullens stated that there were a few college students that assisted the District's Maintenance Department over the winter break and they were a great help. The students worked on cleaning and sanitizing classrooms throughout the District.

KHS Musical-Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Dr. Sullens informed the Board of Education that the Musical, "Disney's Beauty and Beast", held this past Saturday & Sunday and as always the kids did a wonderful job. Over 70 students and adults were involved with the production this year. Dr. Sullens also stated that it was great to be able to have an audience again this year.

Update on Bidding Schedules: KHS Ag Complex, Belle Gym, and ESSER III Projects

Dr. Sullens gave an update on the upcoming buildings projects. The District architect draws up the basic plans and sends them off to the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) individuals. The MEPs then create the detailed plans for each of those systems. With many of the area districts receiving ESSER III funds there is a backlog with the MEPs in the Peoria area. Therefore, we are working with an MEP firm in the Quad Cities. Dr. Sullens stated that he hopes to bring bids to the February Board Meeting for the Ag Complex and Belle gym additions.

FOIA Requests

Dr. Sullens stated that all FOIA requests have been acknowledged.

Mr. Atwell – KHS Athletic Director

KHS IL State Scholars

Mr. Atwell reported that there were six Illinois State Scholars this year, Kendal Bennison, Regan Coombes, Maya Davis, Denniko Powe, Colin VanStechelman, and Gregory Wolf.

KHS Winter Sports Update

Mr. Atwell stated that athletes had a good weekend. Wrestlers won their invitational. The Girls Bowling team won the Galesburg Invitational. This month Kadin Rednour won his 100th career varsity wrestling match. Also this month Niko Powe scored his 1000th career varsity point.

Dr. Sullens stated that Niko Powe is currently ninth on the KHS all-time scoring list. He will most certainly improve his standing by the end of the season.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Installation of a Synthetic Turf Surface at KHS Stadium (Fall 2022)

Dr. Sullens updated the Board on information that has been gathered by the Turf Committee. The Committee consists of Mr. Atwell, Mr. Hinton, Board Members DeBord and Salisbury, Mr. Breedlove, and Dr. Sullens. The Committee has met several times to discuss the possibility of the project. One of the meetings included a representative from the turf company, Byrne-Jones. Dr. Sullens stated that a lot of time and effort goes into maintaining the football field each year and other than football the field goes unused. With turf installed other groups would be able to use the football field. The space could be utilized by physical education classes, the soccer team, the dance team, and the band. After the committee meetings, Dr. Sullens discussed the possibility of the turf install to the band director and various coaches. All of them were excited about the prospect of it. With the install of the turf, the pole vault pit and long jump pit will have to be relocated to the area north of the football field. The committee plans to meet again and will come back with a recommendation to the Board next month.

The District is looking to fund this project with Countywide Sales tax funds. The District would issue a Debt Certificate. This is the equivalent to an eight-year loan. The Countywide Sales tax funds will pay for the Bonds and Debt Certificate. Money will also be set aside for any repair work that will need to be completed in the future.

Member DeBord stated that with the install of turf that area becomes a school field versus a football field.

Member Christiansen asked for clarification of where the pole vaulting pit and long jump pit would be relocated.

Member Salisbury stated that during the presentation from the representative from Byrne-Jones, he was impressed by the many benefits for the District's students. He believes that band and soccer programs will benefit from the installation

of turf.

Dr. Sullens said his plan is to bring a recommendation from the committee to next month's meeting. His plan is to present it as an action item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. KHS Welding/Cafeteria and Fine Arts Storage Project

Dr. Sullens reported that we have a permit to be in the cafeteria and the fine arts storage area. Being able to use the cafeteria addition has been an advantage with the new COVID rules that have been put into place. Individuals who test positive are allowed to return on day 6 as long as they mask and social distance during meal times until day 10. The only time individuals are not masked at school is while eating. The extra space allows for better social distancing. With the Fine Arts storage area, the plan is to meet with Mr. Binek and band students to find solutions to best utilize the storage area.

Dr. Sullens stated that they are waiting for tables to be delivered for the Welding area. They should be here within the couple of weeks. They are also waiting on parts to complete the electric panel. The hope is to have everything delivered by the end of the month.

b. Various Gym/Cafeteria HVAC Projects

Dr. Sullens remarked how nice it is being able to control the air temperature within Brockman Gym. Ameren was working this week to upgrade the gas service to all of the buildings. Crews are currently working on getting all of the systems up and running. Neponset will be the last to arrive but should be up and running before the air conditioning will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration and Approval of IRS Mileage Rate for 2022 (2022-.585; 2021-.56)

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the IRS Mileage Rates for 2022. Member Christiansen seconded a motion made by Member Steffen to approve the rate increase to .585 cents per mile from the current .56 per mile. 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.

b. Consideration and Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Approve them as Remaining Closed (Through December 31, 2021) and destruction of verbatim records prior to July 1, 2020.

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve keeping the Closed Session Minutes through December 31, 2021 as closed and to approve the destruction of verbatim records prior to July 1, 2020. President Johnson called for a motion to approve. Member Salisbury made the 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 heard. The motion carried.

c. Consideration and Approval of Seniority List and Years of Continuous Service List

1. Certified Staff Seniority List 2021/2022
2. Certified Staff Years of Continuous Service 2021/2022
3. Union Years of Continuous Service 2021/2022
4. Non-Union /Years of Continuous Service 2021/2022

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the Seniority List and Years of Continuous Service Lists (Items c. 1-4). Member DeBord 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.

d. Consideration and Approval of Retired Long Term Substitutes-Pay their Current Lane at Year 5 Experience

Dr. Sullens recommended approving to pay retired long term substitutes their current lane at Year 5 experience. Member Christiansen made a motion to approve. Member Dev seconded the motion. A roll call vote showed Members Steffen, Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, and Johnson voting aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

PERSONNEL:

Resignations

Central Jr. High Football Coach	Troy Sheets	Effective Immediately
Central Jr. High PE Teacher/Jr. High Track Coach	Noah Dir	Effective End of 2021-2022 School Year

Dr. Sullens recommended approving the resignations of T Sheets and N Dir. 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 heard. The motion carried.

Retirements

None

Hires

KHS Security Assistant	Robert McKee	Effective 1/18/22
KHS Scholastic Bowl Advisor	Gary Bradley	
ROE Safe School Teacher 2 nd Semester	Calvin Rakestraw	
ROE Irving 21 st Century Aide	Michele Reiter	
ROE Irving 21 st Century Student Assistant	Kathryn Forbis	

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above hires. Member Steffen 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.

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

Leaves

None

Student Teachers

None

Transfers

None

Volunteers

KHS Softball Coach	Madelynn Uitermarkt
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Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed volunteer. Member Johnson seconded a motion made by Member DeBord 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.

Renewal/Non-Renewal of Stipend Positions

None

OTHER ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Observation Hours

Stephanie Humphrey	Observation Hours at Belle
Brittney Mitro	Observation Hours at Neponset

Dr. Sullens recommended to approve the above listed individuals to complete observation hours. Member Dev 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.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None

COMMENTS FROM BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Member DeBord wanted to congratulate Kewanee High School students for all of their recent accomplishments. Specifically, he wanted to recognize all of the students that participated in the musical.

Dr. Sullens stated that it was the perfect play to bring little kids to. Mrs. Baney informed the Board that Belle and Visitation students watched the dress rehearsal on Thursday morning and the Irving students watched it on Friday morning. They had to limit numbers at each performance to allow for distancing but the children enjoyed it very much.

Member Christiansen wanted to thank Heartland Connections for streaming the play on YouTube. Individuals who were unable to attend or who were still uncomfortable attending were still able to enjoy the musical.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Steffen seconded a motion made by Member Dev to adjourn the open meeting. A voice vote from Members Stabler, Dev, DeBord, Christiansen, Salisbury, Steffen, and Johnson was heard all voting aye. There were no nay votes heard. The motion carried.

The open meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

JEFF JOHNSON, PRESIDENT

JON DEBORD, SECRETARY