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Staff Newsletter

November 2020

The Vision and Purpose of Circle USD 375, in partnership with our communities, is to educate each student to be an engaged, knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizen in the 21st Century.

Summary of the Board of Education Meetings

November 9, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

President Janet Varner called the November 9, 2020 Board of Education regular meeting to order at 6:00pm at Circle Benton Elementary Library. Those present were board members Janet Varner, Kristy Evans, Bent Whiteside Members present by Zoom meeting: Casey Winchell, Jake Myers, Jared Swilley. Members absent: Nathan White. Others present were Superintendent Don Potter, Assistant Superintendent Michael Janzen, BOE Clerk Kari Killman, CBE Principal Rob Leis, CBE Teacher Brooke McGown, District Nurse Michelle Swift. Others present by Zoom meeting: Business Manager Elizabeth Turner.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Board members toured Mrs. McGown's Kindergarten classroom.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The board approved the treasurer's report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal reports were shared with the board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Potter shared an update on the Gating Criteria Committee. As of 4:00pm today, we had 7 active cases and 144 quarantines. The committee made the decision to continue with in person mode of instruction. The board discussed moving grades 7-12 to remote learning the 3 days prior to Thanksgiving. The decision was tabled at this time.

Navigating change~ We are continually working to assist with improvements on mitigation and sustainability.

Mask Exception Policy~ Butler County Health Department was seeking input from districts if there was any interest in a Student Mask Exception policy. At this time the Board does not want to recommend participating in the exception.

Bond Discussion~ After board discussions, Mr. Potter was given permission to move forward on obtaining bond issue information. Mr. Potter will ask Stifel Financial, Gravity Works, and the Bond Committee to make presentations at the December meeting.

Thrive After 5~ The program has 51 students currently enrolled. The program is financially self-sufficient.

Community Development Position~ Mr. Potter updated the board on this position. At this time, he would like to look at a timeline of late May/June to fill this position.

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CONTINGENCY RESERVE REQUEST

The board approved to use contingency reserve funds for staffing needs not to exceed \$150,000 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year due to the COVID-19 crisis.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD POLICY

Mr. Potter will do more research to see how other districts handle public communication requests.

PERSONNEL

The board approved the following personnel recommendations as amended:

Resignations: Glenda Gideon– CTE Custodian

The board approved the following personnel recommendations as presented:

Appointment: Danielle Oswald– CMS Math

Supplemental: Michaela Schrader– CHS Assistant Wrestling Coach

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, President Janet Varner declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.