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Staff Newsletter

December 14, 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

December 14, 2020

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

President Janet Varner called the December 14, 2020 Board of Education meeting to order at 6:00pm at Circle High School Room 106. Those present were board member Janet Varner, & Kristy Evans. Members present via Zoom meeting: Jared Swilley, Casey Winchell, Jake Myers, Nathan White & Ben Whiteside. Others present were Superintendent Don Potter, Assistant Superintendent Michael Janzen, BOE Clerk Kari Killman, Steve Shogren with Stifel Financial, Vince Haines with Gravity Works, & Brooks Dohrman with Simpson & Associates. Others present via Zoom meeting: Business Manager Elizabeth Turner, Jordan Buxton with Gravity Works & Randy Ford with Busby Ford & Reimer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Principal reports were shared with the board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Haines, Mr. Dohrman, and Mr. Shogren presented information to the board regarding a potential bond project. Consensus of the board to have a walk-in election. An agenda action item will be presented at the January meeting.

Navigating change~ We are finishing up the SPARK funding. City Wide Cleaning's last day will be December 22nd. KSDE has approved three additional staff development days and still be able to meet the 1,116 hour requirement. We are working with KDHE in order to provide COVID-19 symptomatic testing to students and staff.

It was a suggestion by the gaiting committee to look at going remote around Christmas break to help with the mitigation strategies.

The board approved for grades PreK-6 to move to remote learning the week following Christmas break and return to in person learning on January 11, 2021. .

The board approved for grades 7-12 to move to remote learning the week following Christmas break and return in person learning on January 11, 2021.

Mr. Potter shared with the board that Butler County will be following the CDC/KDHE shortened quarantine guidelines.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD POLICY

The board approved to accept the Request to Appear Before Board Policy and Procedures as presented.

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT

The board approved the Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

The board approved to accept the financial audit as presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board moved into executive session to discuss confidential personnel information pursuant to non-elected exception under KOMA.

PERSONNEL

The board approved the following personnel recommendations as amended.

Resignation: Jean Gibbs-CHS Head Softball Coach, Stacy Grate-CBE Food Service Secretary, Matt Ingram-CHS Assistant Football Coach, Jeremy Mitchell-Operations, Chris Oliver-CMS Head Tract Coach, Kevin Wishart-CHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Appointment: Brooke Andrus-Remote Learning Substitute, Caden Corbin-CMS Custodian, Ismael Morales-CGE Custodian, Donald Remington-CTE Custodian, Brooke Sills-Remote Learning Substitute, Victoria Shorter-CHS Custodian

Supplemental: Leenah Al-Turki-CHS Assistant Forensics Coach, Jordan Crawford-CHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Joe Zinn-CHS Winter Weights

The board approved to modify the contracts of Superintendent Don Potter and Assistant Superintendent Michael Janzen to a 3 year contract with the new contract end date of June 30, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, President Janet Varner declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.