

#493

A REPORT FROM COLUMBUS U.S.D. #493 MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA AS AMENDED

The board voted to adopt the agenda as amended, adding item #5 – Board Policy GCRG Leaves and Absences under New Business.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The board voted to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes of February 15, 2021 board meeting and February 24, 2021 special board meeting, the bills due and payable in the amount of \$160,315.02, and Treasurer's Report as presented.

PROM AND GRADUATION UPDATE

Dan Grundy presented plans for Junior/Senior Prom including social distancing measures and required mask when inside.

Preliminary plans for graduation on May 15, 2021 include: Plan A - graduation would be outside on the football field allowing limited restrictions. Plan B - would be if weather is an issue, graduation would be moved into the gymnasium with consideration of restrictions depending on the circumstances at that time.

The Senior Awards Assembly will be held May 14, 2021 in the gymnasium so that social distancing may be achieved. The Seniors will be recognized at the middle and elementary schools with an outdoor Senior walk.

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WAIVER

The board voted to approve the professional development waiver as presented.

PRE – K AND KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Anna Moser presented the course of action that will be used to screen and enroll preschool and kindergarten students for the coming school year. Promotional materials will be sent out districtwide and flyers placed in businesses. The round up is scheduled for July 8, 2021.

PROPOSED BOND ELECTION STATE AID

Brian Smith gave an update on Senate Bill 31 which is a proposed bill that would provide 26% state aid on a bond election for the district.

GREENBUSH INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING CONSORTIUM

Brian Smith proposed the district consider a partnership with Greenbush Instructional Coaching Consortium. No action was taken at this time.

ADOPT REVISED BOARD POLICY ON LEAVE AND ABSENCES

The board voted to adopt the revised Board Policy GCRG (Full-time Employees) Leaves and Absences as presented. There was no change in leave and absence policy, this action aligned the Board Policy handbook with the Classified Staff Handbook. The Board Policy on leave and absences for licensed staff was correctly aligned with the Negotiated Agreement.

EXTEND WORK AGREEMENT

The board voted to extend the classified work agreement of Stacy Edmondson through the month of June, and to extend her a twelve-month work agreement beginning July 1, 2021.

EXTEND SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT

The board voted to extend the Superintendent's contract through the 2022-23 school year.

ADVERTISE COUNSELOR/SOCIAL WORKER POSITION

The board voted to allow the superintendent to advertise for a counselor/social worker position.

APPROVE NEW HIRE

The board voted to hire Sydney Stanley as a paraprofessional at Highland School.