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Staff Newsletter

May 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

May 11, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

President Jared Swilley called the May 11, 2020 Board of Education regular meeting to order at 6:00pm at Circle Administrative Office. Those present were board members Jared Swilley & Kristy Evans. Members present by Zoom meeting: Ben Whiteside, Janet Varner, & Jake Myers. Members absent: Casey Winchell and Nathan White. Others present were Superintendent Don Potter, Assistant Superintendent Michael Janzen, BOE Clerk Kari Killman. Others present by Zoom meeting: Business Manager Elizabeth Turner & District Technology Director Scott Dunson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The board approved the agenda as printed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved the consent agenda as presented.

TREASURERS REPORT

The board approved the treasurer's report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal reports were shared with the board.

Mr. Nibarger's development report was shared with the board.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

The KESA visit was held May 7th. The virtual visit went very well. The official in person visit will be held sometime in the fall.

Due to Susan B. Allen terminating their athletic training services with the district, Mr. Potter asked for consent to follow through in looking at different options for athletic training services for the District. The consensus of the board was to allow him to proceed.

Once again several professional development opportunities will be offered for staff this summer. This is the 3rd year to provide this great opportunity for teachers.

An in person high school graduation is set for July 26th. The High School staff vetted out various options with parents and students and this was what was determined. A virtual video is already being developed as plan B in the event July 26th date is not an option.

8th Grade promotion will be a virtual video and is currently being developed to honor their achievements.

End of year staff awards will be done in a virtual setting 9:00am on May 21st.

Driver's education is set to begin with an online curriculum course on June 15th. The in person driving portion is scheduled to begin on July 1st.

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Planning in regards to summer sports activity schedules will begin later this week.

Mr. Janzen shared the summer meals will be provided at Circle Towanda Elementary and Circle Oil Hill Elementary this year. The meals will begin June 1st and serve Monday– Thursday, with Friday meals and Monday breakfast being picked up on Thursdays. The hope is to continue serving meals through July this year as well if the participation rate warrants. The grab and go format will continue.

Mr. Potter shared the district has worked diligently in getting feedback on the Continuous Learning Plan. They continue to make the necessary adjustments in order to continue to provide the best education for kids.

2020-2021 TECHNOLOGY BUDGET

The board approved the 2020-2021 Technology Budget changes as amended.

ELA CURRICULUM

The board approved a six(6) year ELA curriculum adoption as presented.

PERSONNEL

The board approved the following appointments for the 2020-2021 School Year: CTE 1st Grade Teacher Cheira Combs, CBE 3rd Grade Teacher Kirsten Conway, CMS 8th Grade Volleyball Assistant Coach Katie Frankenberry.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Board Member Janet Varner would like to coordinate a picture collage to send to the staff from the board. She will send more information soon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, President Jared Swilley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.