

# #493

## A REPORT FROM COLUMBUS U.S.D. #493 JULY 13, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ADOPT AGENDA AS AMENDED**

The board voted to adopt the agenda as amended to include #9 - Apple Technology Lease under New Business.

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The board voted to approve the consent agenda items as presented. (See attached).

### **ELECT BOARD PRESIDENT**

The board voted to elect Robin Wells as School Board President.

### **ELECT BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT**

The board voted to elect Ryan Lacen as School Board Vice-President.

### **ELECT BOARD OFFICERS**

The board voted to appoint the following:

- \* Susan Wells as Board Clerk.
- \* Lacy Evans as Deputy Board Clerk.
- \* Lisa Goben as District Treasurer.
- \* Tony Shearburn as Board Representative to the SEK Special Education Inter-local #637 Board.

### **REPORTS**

#### CUHS Commencement

Dan Grundy reported on the plans for CUHS Commencement on Saturday morning July 18, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. on the high school football field. Students will be social distanced mid-football field. Families are asked to social distance in the stands on either side of the field or in lawn chairs around the football field at a safe distance.

### **END OF FY 20 BUDGET REVIEW**

Brian Smith presented the end of the fiscal year budget information including a budget history, final balances, and year-end transfers.

### **APPROVE FINAL FY20 TRANSFERS**

The board voted to approve the budget transfers of unencumbered cash balances as presented.

### **ADOPT GAAP WAIVER RESOLUTION**

The board voted to adopt the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles Waiver Resolution as read.

### **AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF BUDGET AND SET AUGUST HEARING**

The board voted to authorize the publication of the 2020-21 proposed budget, and set the budget hearing meeting for 6:00 P.M. on Monday, August 10, 2020 at the USD #493 Board of Education Building, 802 S. High School Ave. in Columbus, Kansas.

### **APPROVE 2020-21 HANDBOOKS**

The board voted to approve the 2020-21 Transportation, Technology, Coaches, and Food Service Handbooks as presented.

### **RESCIND/ ADOPTION OF POLICIES FOR 2020-21**

The board voted to rescind all policy actions from the previous year and adopt current written policies as those that will govern the 2020-21 school year.

### **ADOPT EARLY PAYMENT POLICY**

The board voted to adopt the USD #493 early payment policy for the 2020-21 school year, designating the Superintendent to make such payments when necessary per KSA 12-105b(e).

**ADOPT 2020-21 HOME RULE RESOLUTION**

The board voted to adopt the Home Rule Resolution for the 2020-21 school year.

**ACCEPT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT**

The board voted to accept the Community Foundation grant of \$10,000 to support golf and cross-country activities.

**REOPENING OF SCHOOLS**

Brian Smith requested input from the board on reopening schools in August. The consensus of the board was to proceed with plans to bring students back into the school setting. Dr. Smith indicated support for a few parents who may opt to keep their students at home. Those students will have the same rigor of studies, but will not have the option to participate in school activities or athletics.

The administration will be taking into consideration any high-risk staff members, the possibility of mandating mask for upper grade levels and staff, and the recommended protocol to keep students as safe as possible. Dr. Smith requested the board consider more professional development time for staff to make preparations.

The State of Kansas will be releasing guidance on reopening schools later this week, and Dr. Smith indicated the administration will continue to seek direction from the Cherokee County Health Department as issues arise.

**AMEND 2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR AS PRESENTED**

The board voted to amend the adopted 2020-21 School Calendar changing August 13 and 14 to staff professional development days, and August 17<sup>th</sup> as the first day of school for students.

**APPROVE APPLE TECHNOLOGY LEASE**

The board voted to approve the Apple technology lease for computers at \$78,045.00 paid over three years as presented.

**CONTRACT CHANGE/GRANT VACATION TIME**

The board voted to grant 10 days of vacation to the Food Service Director for the 2020-21 contract year.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION**

The board voted to accept the resignation of Hilary Rieck as Highland Third Grade Teacher.

**POST NEW PARA POSITION**

The board voted to post a new paraprofessional position at Park School for the 2020-21 school term.

**GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The board voted to grant FMLA leave to Renee' Coulter.

**NEW HIRE**

The board voted to hire Jona Carter as CUHS Administrative Assistant.

**APPROVE CLASSIFIED STAFF SALARY INCREASE**

The board voted to approve the recommended classified staff step raises or a 2% salary increase for those not on a salary schedule step.

**INCREASE PAY FOR SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS**

The board voted to increase substitute pay for custodians to \$10.00 per hour.

**TERMINATE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

The board voted to terminate the employment agreement of Nate Davis as District Mechanic.

**APPROVE ADMINISTRATOR SALARY INCREASE**

The board voted to approve the recommended 2% salary increase for the district administrators.

**GRANT SUPERINTENDENT SALARY INCREASE**

The board voted to grant a 2% salary increase to the Superintendent of Schools.

**Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Board Meeting and June 25, 2020 Special Board Meeting.**
2. **Approval of the bills**
3. **Treasurer's Report**
4. **SELECT DISTRICT AUDITOR** – Recommend Diehl, Banwart, & Bolton be selected as our District Auditor for the 2020-21 school year.
5. **APPOINTMENT OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER** – Recommend Lisa Goben be appointed as Freedom of Information Officer for the 2020-21 school year.
6. **ESTABLISH REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE AND TIME** – Recommend the Regular Board Meeting Date and Time be set on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the U.S.D. 493 District Office.  
*July 13, 2020 (Reorganizational Meeting); August 10, 2020; September 14, 2020; October 12, 2020; November 9, 2020; December 14, 2020; January 11, 2021; February 8, 2021; March 8, 2021; April 12, 2021; May 10, 2021; June 14, 2021*
7. **DESIGNATE DEPOSITORIES** – Recommend the designated depositories as American Bank, Commerce Bank, and Labette Bank for the 2020-21 school year.
8. **DESIGNATE OFFICIAL DISTRICT NEWSPAPER** – Recommend Columbus News Report as the official District newspaper for the 2020-21 school year.
9. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO FEDERAL FUNDS** – Recommend the Superintendent be appointed as the representative in matters pertaining to federal funds for the 2020-21 school year.
10. **APPOINTMENT OF KPERS REPRESENTATIVE/SECOND SIGNATURE** – Recommend Susan Wells as the KPERS representative and Lacy Evans as the KPERS second signature for the 2020-21 school year.
11. **APPOINTMENT OF TRUANT OFFICERS FOR U.S.D. 493 FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR** – Recommend the principals and assistant principals be appointed as the truancy officers for the 2020-21 school year.
12. **ADOPTION OF 1,116 HOUR CALENDAR RESOLUTION** – Recommend the district adopt the 1,116 Hour Calendar Resolution for the 2020-21 school year.
13. **APPOINTMENT OF FOOD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE** – Recommend the district appoint Ronnie Jo Kalert as the district food service representative for the 2020-21 school year.
14. **APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER FOR FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS** – Recommend the district appoint the Superintendent as the hearing officer for free and reduced lunches for the 2020-21 school year.
15. **SCHOOL ATTORNEY** – Recommend the Kansas Association of School Boards legal staff as the school attorney for the 2020-21 school year.
16. **DISTRICT HEALTH PLAN CARRIER** – Recommend Blue Cross/Blue Shield through the Greenbush Trust continue to be our health insurance carrier.
17. **DISTRICT CAFETERIA PLAN CARRIER** – Recommend OFG-Security Benefit (SEK Financial) as the cafeteria plan provider for employees of U.S.D. 493.

- 18. APPOINT COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR – Recommend the Superintendent be appointed as the compliance coordinator for Federal Programs/Title Programs/ADA/Section 504.**
- 19. ASBESTOS REPRESENTATIVE – Recommend the Superintendent be appointed as the district asbestos representative.**
- 20. APPOINT COORDINATOR FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, AND FOSTER POINT OF CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE – Recommend the superintendent be appointed as the district coordinator for homeless children and educational services, and foster point of contact representative.**
- 21. STUDENT FEES – Recommend the following student fees for the 2020-21 school year.**

Park School

•	Supply Fee	\$15
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Highland School

•	Supply Fee	\$17
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Central School

- Art Fee (Grade 8) \$5
- Pre-Engineering Technology (Grade 8) \$20

CUHS

- Art/Advanced Art Fee \$15
- Technology Fee (Grades 9-12) \$50
- Engineering and Production Design \$20
- Application of Technology-Engineering \$15 plus supplies
- Technology and Innovation \$15 plus supplies
- Ag Fee \$15 plus supplies
- Photo Imaging \$15
- Band Fee \$27 plus supplies
- Concert Choir/Soundwave \$25 plus supplies
- Summer Drivers Education \$100