

#493

A REPORT FROM COLUMBUS U.S.D. #493 AUGUST 10, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

The board voted to adopt the agenda as presented.

BUDGET HEARING

Brian Smith presented the proposed 2020-21 budget, showing a slight decrease in mill rate than previous year. There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ADOPT 2020-21 DISTRICT BUDGET

The board voted to adopt the 2020-21 district budget as presented.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The board voted to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Les Welch proposed five options for district transportation of students explaining the pros and cons of each option for the board's consideration in taking precautions on the bus. Since the district is not required and does not receive any funding for student transportation under 2 ½ miles of their attendance center, several options eliminated student busing for the in-town students. All options require drivers and students to wear mask while on the school bus, and only one student per seat unless they reside in the same household.

ADOPT DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The board voted to adopt Option #2 for the district's transportation of students during COVID-19 restrictions.

ADOPT THE REOPENING SCHOOL PLAN

The board voted to adopt the Reopening School Plan as presented.

ADOPT THE CRISIS MITIGATION FOR COVID-19 PLAN

The board voted to adopt the USD #493 Crisis Mitigation for COVID-19 Plan with corrections as stated.

ADOPT USD #493 DISTANCE LEARNING HANDBOOK

The board voted to adopt the Distance Learning Handbook as presented.

ADOPT CENTRAL STUDENT HANDBOOK

The board voted to adopt the Central Student Handbook as presented.

RATIFY 2020-21 NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

The board voted to ratify the Negotiated Agreement for 2020-21 with the Columbus Teachers' Association.

NEW HIRES

The board voted to hire the following:

- * Charley Riker as Central School Paraprofessional
- * Leonard Mosler as Girard TLC Bus Driver
- * Jim Burton as Shuttle Bus Driver
- * Seth Rooney as District Mechanic at \$15.00 per hour

INCREASE FRINGE BENEFIT FOR CLASSIFIED AND ADMINISTRATORS

The board voted to extend to the classified staff and administrators the same \$25 per month fringe benefit increase as the teachers.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTALS

The board voted to approve the following supplemental contracts:

- * Jerry Smiley as Fall Weights Coach
- * Blake Burns as Winter Weights Coach and High School Assistant Track Coach
- * Grant the HS Concession Sponsor 1% + \$40 per trip to Sam's Club for supplies.