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A REPORT FROM COLUMBUS U.S.D. #493 OCTOBER 12, 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.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The board voted to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes of September 14, 2020 board meeting, the bills due and payable in the amount of \$211585.26, and Treasurer's Report as presented.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Brian Smith updated the board on the student enrollment for the official count date. He reported that declining enrollment and special weightings are down from previous year approximately 26 students.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Brian Smith reported that the district has had a total of 5 student COVID-19 cases. Sixteen students were quarantined as a result of being close contacts with those students, but none of them contracted the virus. Dr. Smith commended the staff on following the guidelines and monitoring students to reduce exposures.

MOVE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES TO SPRING

The board voted to move preschool through eighth grade parent-teacher conferences from October 20th and 22nd, to March 31 and April 1st.

ALLOW COOPERATIVE WRESTLING AGREEMENT WITH BAXTER SPRINGS

The board voted to enter into a cooperative wrestling agreement with Baxter Springs School District to allow an eighth-grade student to wrestle with our junior high wrestling team.

PERSONNEL

The board voted to hire the following:

- * Amber Wheeler as LINK Grant Director at a salary of \$3,000.00.
- * Mattea Cupp as 1.0 Paraprofessional
- * Caden Tedlock as .3 Part-time Paraprofessional
- * Christie Napier as .6 Part-time Paraprofessional

The board voted to accept the following retirement resignations:

- * John Lock as Maintenance Worker.
- * Harold Pillar as Central School Custodian.
- * Renee' Coulter as Park First Grade Teacher.

The board voted on the following additional personnel changes:

- * Hire Tera Hodgson as Park School First Grade teacher effective November 1, 2020.
- * End the work agreement with April Wooten as CUHS Food Service Worker.
- * Transfer Glenn (Drew) Alderman from CUHS Custodian to Central School Custodian.
- * Hire Frank Riley Jr. as CUHS Custodian.
- * Approve the After-School Program staffing as presented:
 - Park – Site Coordinator – Shari Napier
 - Tutors – Misty Smith and Carrie Napier
 - Highland – Site Coordinator – Tiara Tedlock
 - Tutors – Becky Crystal, Debbie Tocci, and Lindsay Lloyd
 - Central - Site Coordinator – Kelly Walters
 - Tutors – Diana Holman, Tracy Clugston, Stephanie Evans (after volleyball season)
 - Substitute Tutors – Michelle Hamilton, Hilary Smith, Melissa Smiley, and Kelly Karsten