



# GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT #499

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## GALENA USD #499 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 - 6:30 PM

### **Middle School COMPASS Academy Participants**

Middle School students who participated in the Compass Academy this past July did a great job reported some of their experiences to the board. The program was developed to address leadership skills and is held at the Thomas Jefferson School in Joplin. As a program participant, the district has received \$10,000 for our middle school program and the student leadership team will be generating ideas for activities to increase positive, responsible behaviors.

### **High School Instructional Technology Support (ITS) Team**

District ITS team members continue to define the skills that will ensure our students become digitally literate citizens. Their skills need to meet the demands of the classroom as well as be tools to interact in a global society. Last month the Liberty teachers demonstrated use of technology in grades 3-5. This month, High School ITS Team members showed us how technology is integrated in secondary instruction and how our students are improving their technology skills and learning skills that will prepare them for success after graduation.

### **KESA Report**

Principals reported information connected to KESA Goals 1 (Graduation) & 4 (Post Secondary Success) and how topics such as attendance, school culture/climate, and individual plans of study help create connections for students to stay engaged in their educational program.

### **Building Monitoring Systems**

Our administrative team, after a process of evaluating schematic drawings of our campuses and student discipline data, developed recommendations for possible additions and/or modifications to our building monitoring systems. As a result, to help us monitor potential problem spaces identified by administrators, we have ordered 26 Vape Detectors covering 16 locations and 27 additional video cameras.

### **Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas KDHE grant**

The board approved an MOU with Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas (CHCSEK) that will provide an additional full time licensed therapist for our district through a KDHE grant. The grant, for two years, will also pay the cost of our contract with CHCSEK for nursing services and provide an additional medical assistant.

A voluntary COVID-19 vaccination clinic was held Monday, December 13 in conjunction with the CHCSEK for all Students 5 years old and older. 24 students and one staff member took advantage of the opportunity.

### **Spring River Mental Health (SRMH) adding a Case Worker**

Spring River Mental Health (SRMH) continues to help us meet the social emotional needs of our students. We are very excited to announce the services provided through our partnership with SRMH have recently expanded to include a full time caseworker to support the work of the therapist already provided. With the addition of a licensed therapist through the CHCSEK KDHE grant, we will soon have two full time licensed therapists available to work with our students.

### **Test to Stay and Learn**

Now that we have been implementing the Test to Stay and Learn plan for a couple months, there are some "details" we have added to the original plan. Revised copies of the Test to Stay and Learn plan and the Galena #499 2021-2022 Health Protocols are posted on our website at [www.usd499.org](http://www.usd499.org).

### **Service Agreement**

The Board approved a service/lease agreement for copy machines with Lakeland Office Products.

## **MIL Rate Resolution**

Due to the sale of Ortho Four States to Mercy Healthcare Systems, a significant change in assessed valuation occurred between the time the USD499 budget was submitted and tax rates were calculated by Cherokee County. In an effort to help adjust the previously announced increases and ultimately end with the overall USD499 MIL of 54.569 originally approved by the BOE, Resolution 2022-5: Resolution to establish USD499 CAP Rates was approved by the board. (see addendum)

## **Personnel**

The following personnel recommendations were approved by the board; Katie Miller, Middle School paraprofessional; Chandee Jones, 3rd grade teacher at Liberty for the spring semester; Colton Leet, high school baseball assistant coach. The resignation of coaching duties as middle school volleyball assistant was accepted from Tab McQuillan.

## **KSDE Audit**

The KSDE audit was completed November 15, 16, 17. In the process our FTE decreased 3.2 FTE compared to the SO66. We are very pleased with this minor adjustment and the auditor was very complimentary of our documentation and accuracy.

## **ESSER III**

We have begun to interpret information collected from ESSER III surveys and are in the process of developing the initial draft of our ESSER III grant application.

Patrons are encouraged to access and complete the survey as a School Community Patron. The survey can be accessed on our website at [www.usd499.org](http://www.usd499.org)

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting is Monday, January 10, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.