



GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT #499

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GALENA USD #499 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

Reorganization of the Board

A special board meeting was held prior to the regular meeting to recognize Mike Gibson's 24 years of service as a board member, the last 15 years as board president. During the regular meeting, newly elected board member, Josh Reed was sworn in immediately preceding the election of Denise Titus as president of the board and Steve Hall as vice president.

Community Economic Development Support

Doug Gatewood addressed the School Board to request a letter of support for a 10 year tax abatement proposal as part of an incentive package to convince US Assets Recovery to build a new manufacturing facility in Galena. He has already spoken with the Kansas Department of Commerce, the City of Galena and with Commissioner Frazier regarding a possible property tax abatement. He indicated this project would bring 10 new jobs to Galena within 12 months and is projected to provide 25 jobs within 5 years, with average wages of \$22 per hr. By staying in Galena, he also believes it would retain the existing 12 employees currently working at Galena Liberty Hall. The board approved providing a letter of support.

High School Student Council

The board heard presentations from high school STUCO students regarding their many activities and projects. The students also expressed their gratitude for the board members and the service they provide our school community.

District Counselor Report

The district counselors demonstrated many of the possible uses of new software, Panorama, and how it can be used as a tool to meet the social and emotional needs of our students. Counselors use it for whole group and small group instruction and for gathering survey information from students. This data helps to create an awareness of students who may need to have additional support from individual counseling.

Band Members to the 2022 Alamo Bowl

Mrs. Dinkel provided information regarding and requested permission from the board to pursue the possibility of taking Galena band and color guard members to the Alamo Bowl in December of 2022. The board approved moving forward with the possibility.

Test to Stay and Learn

Dr. Moeller communicated modifications to our Test to Stay and Learn plan based on recently released CDC guidelines and noted we anticipate another announcement from the CDC within the next week.

Galena USD #499 Hall of Fame

The board discussed the process of identifying candidates to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The selection committee will be meeting in the near future.

Board Policy

The board adopted KASB recommended revisions to policies DJE, GAAD, JBCB, JCDB, and KGA.

Personnel

The board approved Tiffini Pennington as the Liberty Elementary Librarian; Ashley Groves as senior class sponsor and the resignation of Ellen Yockey, full-time custodian. Additionally, the district will be reopening three ESSER instructional support positions previously posted, but left unfilled. Those positions are K-5 ELA, Middle School ELA/Technology Integration and a technology department support position.