



GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT #499

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GALENA USD #499 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Middle 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. This month, Middle School ITS Team members showed us how technology is integrated in middle level instruction and how our students are improving their technology skills and learning skills that will prepare them for success after graduation.

Test to Stay to Learn (TTSL)

TTSL protocols have been modified to match “Option 3” of the current Kansas Department of Health and Education (KDHE) plans. Antigen tests are still available and utilized for symptomatic students and staff. It was also reported that masks are no longer required on school provided transportation.

Current 2021-2022 School Calendar

So far this year, eight onsite learning days have been impacted by weather or COVID circumstances (January 13, 14, February 2, 3, 4, 17, 24 and 25). The district is proud of the continued improvement in providing instruction using available technology tools on days onsite learning is not a safe option. This year, remote learning was utilized four of the eight days campuses were closed.

In order to ensure meeting instructional time requirements, the district will utilize 2 of the 4 make up days listed on the current school year calendar. Students’ last day of attendance is now scheduled for Tuesday, May 24.

Personnel

The following personnel recommendations were approved by the board; Shawna Henson, 5th grade teacher at Liberty; Kris Williams, 3rd grade teacher at Liberty; Shelby Meinert, assistant HS track coach.

Available job postings announced include a teacher at Spring Grove and two ESSER Instructional Support positions; Grades 2-3 transitional reading and District MTSS Consultant/Facilitator.

Buildings and Operations

Added surveillance cameras are installed and functioning. Recently purchased vape detectors have been configured, installed and may be on-line as early as this week.

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting is Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 P.M