



GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT #499

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GALENA USD #499 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Special Music Presentation

A special musical performance by Toby Hughes, a junior at Galena High School, kicked off the April board meeting. Toby performed an original song he has recently written and composed. He also expressed his gratitude for the opportunities in music performance available at Galena High School, especially noting the music directors Sydney Shannon and Andrea Dinkel.

KSDE Challenge Award presented by Liberty Student Leadership Team Members

Larry Masters, Liberty Elementary counselor, and fifth grade members of the Liberty Student Leadership Team (Ava Testerman, Brooklyne McIntosh, Chloe Heady, Fenway Hall and Jason Gaskins) presented information to the board regarding leadership team activities and the KSDE Challenge Award earned by Liberty Elementary School. Mr. Masters and the students also expressed their gratitude for the board members and the service they provide to our school community.

Spring Grove Instructional Technology Support (ITS) Team

Spring Grove ITS Team members Shawna Henson, Jacoby Martin and Kim Hulsey demonstrated one of the ways technology is integrated in the instructional process by involving board members and patrons in an interactive activity using Blooket, a modern classroom review game. The demonstration highlighted how our younger students are improving their technology skills that will ensure they become not only academically successful but also digitally literate citizens.

High School Graduation: May 15, 2022

Mr. VanCleave provided information regarding graduation events on Sunday, May 15. Cody Walker, a 2005 graduate of Galena High School currently serving in the Army, will be the featured speaker. Graduation day events include the Hall of Fame induction banquet at 12:30, Senior Cruise at 1:00, Baccalaureate at 2:00 and Graduation at 4:00.

Last Day of School Reminder

The board was reminded that due to several onsite learning days having been impacted by weather or COVID circumstances, students' last day of attendance is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24.

Budget and Finance

Daryl Eagon from Diehl, Banwart, Bolton CPAs presented the audit of the 2020-2021 budget. Additionally, the board approved Resolution 2022-6 regarding the annual adoption of the local option budget. The resolution will provide the district with greater flexibility in how it accesses state funds.

Personnel

The board approved extending contracts for members of the district leadership team. Additionally, the following ESSER instructional support recommendations were approved by the board; Jan Shelley, District MTSS Consultant/Facilitator; Shannon Brower and Karessa Cannon, elementary reading.

Available job postings announced include a teacher at Liberty Elementary. Interested candidates can apply online at usd499.org or contact Mrs. Susan New, principal, for more information.

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting is Monday, May 9, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.