



GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT #499

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GALENA USD #499 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 - 6:30 PM

KSDE Challenge Award presented by Middle School

Principal Lisa Klaver presented information to the board regarding leadership team activities and the KSDE Challenge Award earned by Galena Middle School.

High School Graduation: May 15, 2022

Mr. VanCleave reminded all present at the board meeting of the events scheduled in conjunction with graduation 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.

District Operations

District Director of Operations, Kirk Qualls, and Assistant Director, Dave Berry, updated the board on summer projects in the district. One of the significant projects is the addition of a safe room just east of the Liberty Elementary gym.

The board was also briefed on the successful Year 4 KESA OVT accreditation visit on May 5th. The four members of the visiting team met with our administrator team. During the accreditation visit, district leaders shared data that had been presented to the board during previous meeting regarding 4 district goals:

1. Graduation Rate: All students will persist in their respective educational plans: complete their programs of study and graduate from high school college and career ready.
2. Academic Learning: All students will meet or exceed the state average as measured by the Kansas Assessment Program.
3. Social Emotional Learning: All students will be provided with opportunities for social emotional learning.
4. Postsecondary Success: The district will meet or exceed the state Post Secondary Effectiveness rate.

The OVT team asked several questions and had many positive comments for our leadership team and the efforts we make to support the current and future success of our students. Next year, Year 5, the last year of a KESA accreditation cycle, will determine the status of our accreditation.

Food Service

The board awarded OPAA the food service contract for the 2022-2023 school year based on results of the recent bid proposal process.

Personnel

The board approved the following:

- Contract extension for current ESSER instructional support positions for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Resignation of second grade teacher Danielle Murphy
- Resignation as middle school assistant volleyball coach, Tab McQuillan
- Recommendation to hire as middle school assistant volleyball coach, Abby Shelton
- A plan to address classified staff members wages lost due to snow days

Previously, during the special board meeting held on April 20th, Jessica Henson was hired to teach at Spring Grove and Lucinda Phipps was hired to teach at Liberty Elementary.

Available job postings announced include a teacher at Spring Grove Primary Center. Interested candidates can apply online at usd499.org or contact Mr. Brad Price, Principal, for more information.

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting is Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:30 P.M