



GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT #499

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GALENA USD #499 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Transportation and Custodial Vacancies

The district is seeking applicants for positions in the transportation and maintenance department who currently hold a CDL. Interested candidates can apply online at usd499.org or contacting Kirk Qualls or David Berry at 620-783-4499.

Building Reports

District administrators were pleased to report to the board that over 120 students are currently participating in summer school. Additionally, building administrators discussed details, revisions and additions to the building handbooks. The board approved building handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year.

District Operations

With regard to District Operations:

- The board approved Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal with KERMP, Kansas Educational Risk Management Services.
- Last fall, due to the sale of Otho properties and the decrease in assessed valuation, the district made adjustments to the MIL rates levied for the 2021-2022 budget. These adjustments were made to avoid a significant increase to taxes paid by community members. As expected, these adjustments require a transfer from the contingency fund to other school budget funds. The board approved the transfer of up to \$300,000 from the contingency fund.
- Tim Austin, project manager for Iron Horse Development in Wichita, proposed a plan to acquire property currently owned by the district. While no transaction was approved, the board requested further details regarding a possible agreement.
- The board approved an agreement with the Cherokee County Arts Association (CCAA) to provide a fall musical for our students. The fall of 2022 performance will be the 1950's Broadway musical comedy *Guys and Dolls*.
- The board was updated on the current efforts of district administrators to meet the requirements of SB 2567 to post a district needs assessment.
- The district's initial ESSER III application has passed initial, secondary and Commissioner's Task Force review. The application is on the state board of education's agenda for approval on Tuesday, June 14.
- The board began initial conversations regarding clarification and possible revisions to Policy KG regarding use of school facilities by non school organizations.

Personnel

The board approved the following:

- Retirement notifications from Robin Cawyer and Jamie Smith.
- Resignation of custodian Billie Jo Humphrey
- Recommendation to hire Carrie Engroff as a third grade teacher at Liberty
- Recommendation to hire Shelby Meinert as a paraprofessional/librarian.

Previously, during the special board meeting held on May 23th, the board approved

- the resignation of Kerri Beier, teacher at Spring Grove
- the hiring of Chandee Jones and Lisa Simmons to teach at Spring Grove,
- the resignation from coaching softball of Jacoby Martin and Cory Perry.
- the hiring of Matt Meyr and Derik Hunt to coach softball
- the resignation of Ethan Henson, part time custodian
- the hiring of Alison Williams as a part time custodian
- a leave request for a custodial staff member.

Current instructional vacancies 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, July 11, 2022 at 6:30 P.M