



Key Communicator

District Newsletter

January 2018

The Vision and Purpose of Circle USD 375, in partnership with our communities, is to educate each student to be an engaged, knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizen in the 21st Century.

Summary of the Board of Education Meetings

January 8 2018

“Expand Your
Potential”

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

President Jared Swilley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the District Administration Office. Those present were board members Jared Swilley, Herb Pello, Janet Varner, Kristy Evans, Ben Whiteside and Nathan White. Board member Kyle Turner was absent. Others present were Superintendent Don Potter, Assistant Superintendent Michael Janzen, Board Clerk Kari Killman, CMS Athletic Director Nathan Sherwood, CBE Principal Rob Leis, CBE Music Educator Traci Hutchinson, CBE Honor Choir and Busby Ford & Reimer LLC Certified Public Accountant Randy Ford.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

CBE Honor Choir, an audition group comprised of 4th-6th grade students, performed for the board.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The board approved the agenda as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

CMS Principal Nathan Sherwood presented a sample of old uniforms and requested the board to declare them surplus property. The board approved of their disposal and added that sales tax would be paid on any revenue generated.

The board approved the consent agenda as presented.

TREASURERS REPORT

The board approved the treasurer’s report as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Randy Ford with Busby Ford & Reimer, LLC presented the district financial audit report for the year ending June 30, 2017.

The board approved to accept the financial report as presented.

Board member Herb Pello updated the board on Special Education Interlocal 638.

Mr. Nibarger’s development report was shared with the board.

Mr. Sherwood presented information to the board on the realignment discussions of the Pioneer League. It is the consensus of the board to allow Mr. Sherwood to make decisions while at a league meeting to act in the best interest of the district prior to board approval.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Potter recognized the board for School Board Recognition Month. Cards from the elementary schools were also presented to the board.

Mr. Potter provided an update from the January 2nd inservice. Consultants from Orion and Greenbush lead a half day training on revised standards that will be implemented in 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Janzen provided the board an update on several maintenance projects throughout the district.

Mr. Potter shared the latest update on School Finance and Legislation activity.

Our KSDE audit is scheduled for January 29th. There might be a need to republish the budget.

Reminder was given to members who plan to be on the negotiations team to complete the mandatory training.

2018-2019 CALENDAR

The board was in agreement to submit calendar 3b to CNEA for review.

EL DORADO NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

Mr. Potter will follow-up and provide an update to the board on an inquiry as to why the district was not offered a 10 year relief program in lieu of a 5 year.

RIGHT AT SCHOOL

The board will table a final approval until the February meeting. They are in agreement that Mr. Potter may give Right At School the indication they are set to move forward, however would like some clarity on the agreement before signing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

The board returned to regular open meeting.

Board member Ben Whiteside excused himself due to conflict of interest.

PERSONNEL

The board approved the following resignation: Sarah Crom, CHS Custodian; Jennifer Dubus, COE Administrative Assistant (effective end of 2017-2018 school year); Carol Huffman, CBE Classroom Aide; Tyler Newman, CHS Asst Bowling; Kellie Wartick, CMS Track Coach.

The board approved the following retirement: Debbie Staley, CTE Food Service

The board approved the following appointments: Sandra Gulick, CHS Asst Bowling

Board member Ben Whiteside returned.

The board approved to extend the contracts of Superintendent Don Potter and Assistant Superintendent Michael Janzen by one year with the new contract end date of June 30, 2020.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Janzen thanked CBE for the artwork on display in the board room.

The February meeting will be held at Circle Middle School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, President Jared Swilley declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.