



# Key Communicator

## District Newsletter

October 2017

*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

October 9, 2017

“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, Kyle Turner, Anita Mills and Nathan White. Board member Ben Whiteside was absent. Others present were Superintendent Don Potter, Assistant Superintendent Michael Janzen and Board Clerk Kari Killman.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

#### PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Circle Instrumental Educator Jordan Northern and Circle High School student Darrah Devinney presented information on the district's band activities this year.

Board Member Nathan White asked that an item be added to the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The board approved the agenda with an addendum (12-Water Tower).

#### CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved the consent agenda as presented.

#### TREASURERS REPORT

The board approved the treasurer's report as presented.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Herb Pello updated the board on the Special Education Interlocal 638 meeting held September 25, 2017.

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

Principal and Athletic Director reports were shared with the board. It was suggested the AD reports be shared with the Circle Booster Club.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Potter shared with the board an update of the September 20<sup>th</sup> enrollment numbers. The final funding numbers will be available after the State Audit.

The September 25<sup>th</sup> in-service was very successful. It was geared toward the KESA accreditation process. The staff did a great job on defining the rubrics.

The graduation rates for the 2016-2017 school year will be below the 95% target due to the Encore (virtual) dropouts. We will no longer accept out of district students for this program except under unusual circumstances.

Mr. Janzen and Mr. Potter toured the BCC academies. This is a great opportunity for Juniors and Seniors. We would like to see more students taking advantage of the academies. Mr. Potter will work with BCC and counselors to better communicate these opportunities to our students.

To increase district communications, a committee will be developed to explore opportunities for showcasing our district.

### **BENTON PROPERTY**

We are currently accepting sealed bids for the property located at 680 West Prairie Parkway Ct, Benton, Kansas. All bids must be received at the Circle Administration Office, 901 Main, Towanda, Kansas, to the attention of Michael Janzen by 3:00 pm, November 7, 2017. Bids will be opened and read aloud at this time and place. The Circle BOE has placed a \$5,000 reserve on the property.

### **GILMORE & BELL BOND COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT**

The board approved the Service Agreement Contract from Gilmore & Bell for Continuing Disclosure Compliance Services for a period of 5 years.

### **WATER TOWER**

Board member Nathan White shared the City of Towanda's intention to paint the water tower that sits behind CHS and the potential of having the T-Bird painted on it. Mr. Potter and Mr. Janzen will contact the City of Towanda.

### **PERSONNEL**

The board approved the following resignations: Chelsea Sawyer, CMS 7th Gr Assistant Girls Basketball; Heath Wallace, Grounds.

The board approved the following appointments: Matt Ingram, CHS Assistant Track; Keil Jacobs, CHS Head Track; Kaylan Phillips, CTE Food Service.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board moved into executive session to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) and to discuss confidential student information pursuant to the exception for relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA), with board members, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent present.

The board returned to regular session with the same members listed above present.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Janzen thanked CMS staff and students for the artwork on display.

The November 13, 2017 BOE meeting will be held at Circle Towanda Primary Library at 6:00 pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, President Jared Swilley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.