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CUSD220

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May 18, 2020

Topic: Personnel Changes

Resignations:

Adam Albrecht Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach

Jordan DeWilde OHS Art Teacher

Leave of Absence:

Amanda Rochon Requesting leave September 14, 2020 – December 18, 2020

Employments:

Audrey Gourdreau 6th Grade Reading Teacher

Angela Nordman Jr High Girls' Basketball Coach

Melanie Cozzi Jr High Volleyball Coach

Caitlin Paxton OES Physical Education Teacher

Katelyn Mernack Jr High Cheerleading Coach

Michael Schneiderman OHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach

Retirements:

Renewals:

Mike Lawton Renew as Athletic Director for District

Kip Crandall Renew as Principal for DLR Jr. High School

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Kelli Virgil	Renew as Principal for Oregon Elementary School
Ryan Huels	Renew as Assistant Principal for Oregon Elementary School
Susie Hanlin	Renew as Administrative Assistant for District Office
Steve Burrs	Renew as Custodial Director for District
Marty Boyd	Renew as Food Service Director for District
Sheila Calhoun	Renew as Administrative Assistant for District Office
Shawn Gadow	Renew as Technology Director for District
Bill Nesemeier	Renew as Maintenance Director for District
Steve Stinson	Renew as Network Administrator for District
Zach Van Velzer	Renew as Transportation Co-Director for District
Elizabeth Myers	Renew as Transportation Co-Director for District

Extensions:

Heidi Deininger	Contract extension as Principal for Oregon High School
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I am writing this letter to inform you of my intent to resign from my position as Assistant Boys' Basketball coach at Oregon High School.

As you know, there is a high level of time commitment required to fully engage in a high school athletic program. At this time I do not feel I can provide the level of commitment the job requires and keep a healthy work/life balance.

I am appreciative of the opportunity I have had for the past 11 years to be part of the basketball program. The countless relationships formed with players and coaches are irreplaceable. I have learned and grown a great deal from coaching and am grateful to our district for supporting me along the way.

Thank you

Adam Albrecht



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5/12/20

Dr. Mahoney and the Board of Education,

I am writing to recommend Audrey Gourdreau for hire as 6th Grade Reading Teaching (MA+32 Step 7). Audrey will fill the vacancy left by an internal transfer. Audrey joins the district from after 6 years experience at area districts, most recently Freeport Middle School as a ELA and Math instructor. Ms. Gourdreau has vast experience with supporting at risk students, social emotional learning, and will be an excellent addition to the district.

Respectfully,

Ryan Huels
Assistant Principal
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May 11, 2020

To: Mr. Thomas Mahoney
From: Mike Lawton
Re: Extracurricular Hire Recommendation

Position: JH girls basketball coach

Name: Angela Nordman

Notables: Angela currently teaches math at Oregon High School. She coached as a volunteer assistant with the high school girls program this past winter and coached volleyball last year at DLR Jr. high.

She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater in 2019 with a B.S. Degree in Education. Angela was a multi-sport athlete during her time at OHS, including volleyball and basketball

She will replace Gretchen Nelson who resigned.

Stipend: JH girls basketball, Year 1

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To: Mr. Thomas Mahoney
From: Mike Lawton
Re: Extracurricular Hire Recommendation

Position: DLR Jr. High Volleyball Coach

Name: Melanie Cozzi

Notables:

Melanie has prior experience coaching volleyball as an assistant in the OHS program from 2012-14. She has also worked as a Power Up Volleyball Club Coach/Asst Director for the U11-U18 age group and is currently the VC United Club Technical Director for U11-U18.

She has a B.A. degree in Environmental Studies in 2010 from the University of Kansas.

She also serves as Public Property Commissioner for the City of Oregon.

Stipend: Jr. High volleyball coaching stipend, Year 3.



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April 29, 2020

Dr. Mahoney and the Board of Education,

I am writing to recommend Caitlin Paxton for hire (B.A. Step 1) as Elementary Physical Education Teacher for the 2020-21 school year. She will fill the vacancy left by David Boyer's transfer to DLR. Caitlin joins our district after serving as a part time PE teacher in the Rochelle Elementary District.

Respectfully,

Ryan Huels
Assistant Principal
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Jordan DeWilde
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Dear Dr. Deininger,

I'm writing to inform you that I will be resigning my position as art teacher from Oregon High School at the conclusion of this academic year.

I made this decision, not because I am unhappy in my position, but as a personal choice. I've accepted a position that will allow me to be closer to my family. My father was recently diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Having already lost my mother, it is important to me that I spend as much time with him as possible.

If there is anything I can do in aiding a smooth transition of responsibilities, please let me know.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to teach at the high school level, and to work with an incredible group of students. I feel fortunate to have taught them in elementary school, and again at OHS. This has been an experience I will never forget.

Sincerely,

Jordan DeWilde

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To: Mr. Thomas Mahoney
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Position: JH Cheerleading Coach

Name: Katelyn Mernack

Notables: Katelyn was a volunteer assistant with the both the DLR and OHS Cheer program last season helping her mother, Jody, who held both positions last year and will now take over as the OHS head coach for both fall and winter. Katelyn participated in cheerleading all four years of high school at Stillman Valley and was captain of the team as a junior and senior.

After high school, she attended Lindenwood University where she also was a member of the football and basketball cheer team for a year. She then received an Associates Degree from Rock Valley College.

Katelyn is a 2015 graduate of Stillman Valley HS and is currently employed in Loves Park.

She will take the place of her mother, Jody Mernack, who has become the full time OHS Cheerleading coach.

Stipend: JH Cheerleading, Year 1

Home of the Hawks

Amanda Rochon

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April 20, 2020

School Board Members

Community Unit School District #220

206 S. Tenth St.

Oregon, IL 61061

Dear School Board Members,

This letter is to notify you that I am pregnant and wish to take maternity leave during the 2020-2021 school year. My anticipated maternity leave is from September 14, 2020 through December 18, 2020. To help cover my leave, I am requesting the use of 34.5 days from the employee sick leave bank. This will be used in conjunction with the 30.5 sick and personal days I will have accrued in August. This is an estimate and is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amanda Rochon".

Amanda Rochon

Oregon Elementary School

5th Grade Math

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To: Mr. Thomas Mahoney
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Position: OHS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach

Name: Michael Schneiderman

Notables:

Michael is a 2009 graduate of Forreton High School where he played basketball and was a three year varsity starter. He played basketball at Sauk Valley Community College for one season.

After college, he coached youth basketball in Yorkville before moving back to the area. He was the 8th grade boys coach at Forreton in 2017 & 2018. Last year, he was the varsity assistant at Forreton High School.

He will replace Doug Donahue who resigned.

Stipend: OHS Asst. Boys Basketball coaching stipend, Year 4.