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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT May 18, 2020

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, May 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Smith, Coffman, Hall, Yarnell, Miller

Absent: None

The Chairman declared a quorum present and opened the meeting for business.

The May monthly board meeting is being done by virtual zoom as practice and to prepare for any future occurrences that may require meetings to be held virtually.

The minutes from the combined March / April regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion with a second by Coffman to approve the minutes as written.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes from the April 24, 2020 called meeting were reviewed. The motion was made by Hall with a second from Miller to approve the minutes as written.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes from the April 28, 2020 called meeting were reviewed. Miller made the motion with a second by Yarnell to approve the minutes as written.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

First on the agenda was the renewal of the food service contract. Recommendation was made to approve OPAA! As the food service company for the 2020/2021 school year. Motion was made by Miller with a second by Coffman.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Guiltner presented the 2020/2021 Special Education Budget to the board. Hall made the motion with a second by Yarnell to approve the budget (attached).

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner shared information on the USDA Rural Development Grant. Can apply for up to \$50000. and if approved possibly looking at using money toward the purchase of a bus. Approval by the board is needed to move forward with the grant process. Motion was made by Miller with a second from Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner asked the board to approve the purchase of new classroom furniture to put in the new addition. The quote for furniture was \$28843.92 and would need to get ordered to ensure delivery by the beginning of school. Hall made the motion, second by Coffman to purchase furniture.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation from Thomma Casper, half time bus driver. Yarnell made the motion with a second by Hall to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire John Murphy as a half time bus driver for the 2020/2021 school year. Motion was made by Coffman with a second by Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to increase breakfast and lunch prices by 5 cents for the 2020/2021 school year. Prices will be breakfast: student \$1.40, adult 2.60 and lunch will be: student \$1.85 and adult \$3.75. Motion was made by Hall with second by Miller to increase prices.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The 2021 minimum contribution for school employee insurances is set at \$164.66. If a raise is given the prior year the contribution must be raised by the same percentage, making Salem School's contribution \$166.97. Recommendation gave the recommendation to raise the contribution rate to \$167.00 for 2021.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

May 1, 2020 was the school choice deadline. Salem had 24 students applying to attend Salem School District for the 2020/2021 school year, with 3 students choosing to leave district and go to other schools. Recommendation was made to approve all applicants. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to accept the transfer of three students from the Highland School District to the Salem School District. Motion was made by Hall with a second from Yarnell to accept the transfers.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Guiltner gave an update on all summer projects. Lots of projects with lots of progress.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Miller with a second by Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business, Mr. Guiltner told the board that the end of year programs would be recorded and posted online.

Coffman made the motion to adjourn with a second by Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary

