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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL 15, 2024

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Miller.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Miller, Yarnell, Smith, Hall and Coffman

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the March 11, 2024 regular meeting were reviewed. Coffman made the motion with a second by Hall to approve the minutes as written.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Chairman moved the meeting to a closed session at 6:04 p.m. to consider a Long Term Suspension.

The Board retired into executive session at 6:09 p.m.

The Board returned to closed session at 6:13 p.m.

As a result of executive session Superintendent Guiltner made the recommendation of a Long Term Suspension for student 2024-1C. The suspension would be through 2023-2024 spring semester. The student would be able to return for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Smith to approve the Long Term Suspension of student 2024-1C.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 6:14 p.m.

Superintendent Guiltner presented proposed 2024-2025 calendar after Board approved and then PPC committee met and reviewed. The PPC committee recommended a change to snow make-up days to be: May 14, 15, 16, then February 17, May 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, May 27, 28, 29, 30. Hall made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar with changes to snow days with a second by Coffman.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner made a request to approve a legal transfer of one student from IZARD County Consolidated District to the Salem School District. The motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Smith to approve the transfer.

Superintendent Guiltner presented the 2023-2024 Federal Funds final version budgets (attached). Yarnell made the motion with a second by Smith to approve the budgets.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High School Principal Mr. Curtis had a very lengthy student recognition list (attached). Congratulations to all.

Superintendent Guiltner gave a report on Act 425 of 2023 Work Keys Assessment.

The Board retired into executive at 6:27 p.m.

The Board returned into open session at 6:48 p.m.

A letter of resignation from Kent Andrews as full-time Para Pro was read (attached). Mr. Andrews wishes to be considered for half-time distance learning facilitator and half-time Para Pro. Motion was made by Coffman with a second by Yarnell to accept resignation and fill the two half-time positions of distance learning facilitator and Para Pro.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Michael Benke as full route bus driver. Motion was made by Smith with a second by Hall to employ Mr. Benke.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Holden Phillips as a full route bus driver. Motion was made by Hall with a second by Coffman to employ Mr. Phillips.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A letter of resignation from Jacqui Walker was read (attached). Mrs. Walker is retiring at the end of 2023-2024 school year as Elementary Music Teacher. Motion was made by Hall with a second by Smith to accept the resignation at the end of 2023 -2024 school year.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Guiltner reported that Mrs. Pardue would be moving to the Elementary Music position.

Recommendation was made to hire Ella Purdom as an Elementary Teacher. Motion was made by Smith with a second by Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Macy Qualls as an Elementary Teacher. 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 extend Food Service Contract to OPPA! for the 2024-2025 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.

The Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Hall with a second by Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business, end of year events were mentioned (attached) along with catfish cookout being April 30 and May 1, 2024.

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 6:59 p.m.

Secretary

