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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT July 17, 2023

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, July 17, 2023 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: Smith, Hall, Coffman, Miller

Absent: Yarnell

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

The minutes from the June 12, 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. Smith 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 minutes from the June 29, 2023 called meeting were reviewed. Coffman made the motion with a second from Hall 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 July 12, 2023 called meeting were reviewed. Hall made the motion with a second from Smith to approve the minutes as written.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent asked Coach Josh Watson and the 2022/2023 track team to come and be recognized as state champions. The team consists of Katy Walling, Marleigh Sellars, Olivia Dockins and Chloe Taylor. Congratulations!

Yarnell joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

First on the agenda was to consider Act 1599 resolution (disclosures) to do business with Guiltner Heating and Cooling for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school years. Superintendent Guiltner has no financial interest in the company but is a sibling to the owner. GHAC will be used when necessary with the restriction that no more than \$9999.99 will be spent in any one school year. The superintendent removed himself from the discussion. Recommendation to approve ACT 1599 resolution (attached) was made. Smith made the motion with a second from Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, consider ACT 1599 resolution (attached) to do business with Sharp Office Supply for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school years. Burton Yarnell is now the co-owner of the business. Mr. Yarnell excused himself from the meeting. Request for a two year approval to do up to \$75,000 per school year for the school years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. Recommendation was made to approve the request. Coffman made the motion with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Consideration of an ACT 1599 resolution (attached) to do business with Bank of Salem. Board member Jason Miller is an employee of the bank that the school's accounts are at. Mr. Miller excused himself from the meeting. Request was made to continue to do business with the Bank of Salem for two more school years, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. Motion was made by Halls with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to purchase textbooks for the new elementary science curriculum from the building fund. The amount is \$40,433.40 to McGraw Hill (invoice attached). Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Coffman.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner presented a letter from DESE regarding ALE GOALS (Greyhound Opportunity for Alternative Learning School) stating that ALE is approved 2023-2026. Good job Kim Smith-Harber.

Renewal of property, vehicle fleet, and mobile equipment insurance with ASBA was considered. Premiums (attached) for the 2023-2024 school year are \$125,235.40. Premiums are considerably higher this year. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Hall to renew insurances.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner updated on the Master Facilities Plan. 2025-2026 may add additional classrooms at the elementary and high school and a high school gymnasium.

The board retired into executive session at 6:27 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:43 p.m.

As the result of executive session, Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from Melvyn Wagner, resigning from his half bus route for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from 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 Shaun Windsor as half time bus route driver. Motion was made by Coffman with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Rian Puckett as high school teacher and boys basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion was made by Hall with a second from Smith to hire Mr. Puckett.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Renewal of the school resource officer memorandum of understanding (MOU) (attached) with the City of Salem was recommended. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High School principal Cody Curtis is working toward his superintendent specialist degree. As part of an assignment he did a presentation on the district technology.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Coffman with a second from Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business –
New student registration will be July 27, 2023.

Attached to the boards packet is the Dragonfly link to renew activity card.

Motion was made by Hall with a second from Smith to adjourn.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Secretary