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APRIL 21, 2025

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, April 21, 2025 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, Smith, Hall and Coffman

Absent: Yarnell

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

Superintendent Guiltner gave an Academic Reporting on ACT Data (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner gave a report on the Transportation audit. There were no deficiencies, great job by Tena Smith and Jason Howell (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner gave a report on Child Nutrition Procurement (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner reported on CTE Modernization Grant (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner reported on End of Year Events (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner reported on a Donation to Local School District by Students and Teachers and read a thank you letter (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner reported on the Computer Science Circuit Playground Equipment Grant (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner reported on the Standards of Accreditation (attached).

The minutes from the March 17, 2025 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.

Superintendent Guiltner presented the 2025 – 2026 proposed school calendar (attached). Smith made the motion with a second from Hall to approve sending the 2025 -2026 proposed calendar to the Personnel Policy Committee for approval.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner reported on School Choice Applications (attached). Hall made the motion with a second from Coffman to approve 16 School Choice applications.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Superintendent Guiltner made a recommendation to approve the Final Federal Budgets for 2024-2025 school year (attached). Smith made the motion with a second by Hall to approve the Final Federal Budgets for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Superintendent Guiltner made a recommendation to approve ASBA Cyber Security Policy Update. Coffman made the motion with a second by Smith to approve ASBA Cyber Security Policy Update.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

The board retired into executive session at 6:18 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:56 p.m.

As the result of executive session Mr. Guiltner recommended to hire Elizabeth Freeman for High School English for the 2025-2026 school year. Coffman made the motion with a second by Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

To fill the Secondary Center Bus Driver vacancy for 2025-2026 school year, recommendation was made to hire Calvin Maguffee to fill the position. Smith made the motion with a second by Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Consider Food Service Contract Renewal. Recommendation to renew Food Service Management Company Contract for the 2025-2026 school year with OPAA! (attached). Hall made the motion with a second by Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Consider Technology Purchase due to previously approved RFP bids accepted on March 15, 2025 board meeting but the companies were not able to fulfill the orders due to tariffs. Another Company who submitted a bid from the same RFP has the chromebooks in stock and can fill the order. Recommendation was made to reject the two previous bids and accept the bids from Riverside Technologies (attached). Motion was made by Smith with a second by Hall to accept Riverside Technologies bids for Chromebooks.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Superintendent Gultner recommended that a Transfer of \$106,000.00 from the Building Fund to Operating Fund be made to purchase 2025-2026 High School Text Books. Hall made the motion with a second by Smith to approve the transfer of \$106,000.00 to Operating Fund from the Building Fund.

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 Smith with a second from Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business, Greyhound Catfish Cookout days have been set for April 29, 2025 and April 30, 2025. ATLAS testing for Grades K-2 and 7-10 will be April 14-17, 2025 and Grade 3-6 will be April 21-25, 2025.

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

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Secretary