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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY 19, 2025

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, May 19, 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, Coffman and Yarnell

Absent: Hall

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

Superintendent Guiltner reported to the board on the standards of Accreditation, both schools and district are fully accredited.

Superintendent Guiltner reported on ACT 425 of 2023 Academic reporting with “My Options” encouraging ACT (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner reported on the H. H. Hunt Scholarship that has a balance of \$724.27. The committee for the H. H. Hunt scholarship voted to payout the entire balance to the scholarship winner from the class of 2025. The balance is now \$0.00.

Superintendent Guiltner reported that Salem School’s application for the Raspberry PI Grant was approved. This grant will be used to support our computer science courses that are offered.

Superintendent Guiltner reported that Salem School would participate in the Seamless Summer Option which will feed children 18 and under for free. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for five days per week for parents who sign up and the meals will be picked up on Thursdays for the 5 day period.

Superintendent Guiltner gave a report over the 2025 Legislative updates.

Superintendent Guiltner reported on Staff and Student recognition. Congratulations to all the students and staff.

The minutes from the April 21, 2025 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 May 8, 2025 called meeting were reviewed. Smith 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.

First on the agenda is board reorganization. Smith made a motion with a second from Coffman to nominate Burton Yarnell for president of the board.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Karen Coffman was nominated for vice-president of the board on a motion made by Smith with a second from Miller.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Guy Smith was nominated for secretary of the board on a motion made by Miller with a second from Coffman.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner made a recommendation for the 2025-2026 school year to leave the student breakfast (\$1.45) and lunch (\$1.90) prices at the current rates for the 2025-2026 school year, while increasing adult prices by .05 cents. Adult breakfast \$2.85 and adult lunch \$4.00. Motion was made by Miller with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner reported to the board the AR APP Assurances for 2025-2026. Statements of Assurances for all federal monies have been combined into one application. (Attached) Recommendation was made to approve the application. Motion was made by Coffman with a second by Miller.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to accept the 2025 - 2026 licensed Salary Schedule with changes of adding R: Drama - \$1500.00 and change to M: Testing Coordinator to \$3000.00 on a motion made by Smith with a second from Miller.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to accept the 2025 - 2026 Classified Schedule with changes of adding School Nurse (LPN) Fifty (50%) percent of licensed salary schedule (180 Days). Motion was made by Miller with a second by Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board retired into executive session at 6:29 p.m.

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

As the result of executive session Mr. Guiltner recommended to add Drama Stipend to Jeffrey Cummins for the 2025-2026 school year. Smith made the motion with a second by Coffman.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Mr. Guiltner read a letter of resignation from Special Ed Teacher Amy Weddle and he recommended that the resignation be accepted. A motion by Coffman with a second by Miller was made to accept the resignation of Amy Weddle.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Mr. Guiltner stated that leaves the district with needing to hire a Special Ed Teacher, Bus Driver and Jr High Track Coach.

Superintendent Guiltner recommended that he, Wayne Guiltner, be appointed NAESC representative from Salem Schools. Motion was made by Miller with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

May 1, 2024 was the school choice deadline. Salem had 40 students applying to attend the Salem School District for the 2025 – 2026 school year. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Miller to approve all applications.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner made the recommendation to accept the GEPA Statement (attached) for the 2025-2026 school year. Coffman made the motion with a second by Smith to accept the GEPA Statement for 2025-2026 school year.

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 Miller with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner made a recommendation to keep Karen Coffman as the disbursement officer. Smith made a motion with a second by Miller to keep Karen Coffman as disbursing officer.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Reminder that the June Board Meeting will be Monday, June 23, 2025.

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

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Secretary