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November 19, 2024

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

Absent: Yarnell

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

The minutes from the October 21, 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 minutes from the October 25, 2024 Called meeting were reviewed. Hall 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.

Stephens Inc. Representative Michael McBryde, presented a financial analysis for Salem School District via Zoom.

Superintendent Guiltner gave a report on the ATLAS test data and all grades did an outstanding job (attached).

The board retired into executive session at 6:31 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m.

As the result of executive session no recommendations at this time.

The district had our yearly facilities inspection (attached). Thanks to Mr. Travelstead and his staff for keeping buildings to code.

Mr. Guiltner gave a report on Certificate of Deposit (attached).

Superintendent Guiltner gave a report on the Self-Insured Cyber Response Program (attached).

The board was presented the Disaster Recovery Plan for the 2024-2025 school year (attached). Motion was made by Hall with a second from Coffman to accept the plan.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner provided the board with the 2026-2027 proposed budget (attached). Motion was made by Coffman with a second from Hall to approve the proposed budget.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

Superintendent presented board policy updates (attached). Changes were made to School Choice Policy 4.5, with addition of 4.5F2 4.5F3 . Motion was made by Hall with a second from Coffman to update the policies.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Guiltner presented student recognition with several extra-curricular events (attached). Congratulation to all.

Mr. Guiltner reported on Act 317 of 2023 DESE rules governing public school policies relating to overnight travel and use of lavatories.

Next, recommendation was made to accept one (1) legal transfer from Highland School District to Salem School District. Motion was made by Hall with a second from Coffman to approve one (1) transfer into Salem District.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A recommendation was made to approve four (4) student transfers out from Salem School District to Viola School District. Those students had always attended Viola School and had moved into Salem District but wished to continue their education at Viola. Motion was made by Coffman with a second from Hall to approve four (4) transfers to Viola School District.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Guiltner reported on the Stronger Connections Mini-Grant from the Arkansas Department of Education. The grant will be a \$55,000.00 two-year grant focusing on strengthening school safety, positive relationships, and community building.

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

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Secretary