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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT March 17, 2022

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Thursday March 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coffman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Miller, Hall, Smith, Coffman and Yarnell

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the February 21, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Miller made the motion with a second by Yarnell to approve the minutes as written.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gultner gave an update on the school board election. The voting will be May 24, 2022 with early voting beginning May 9, 2022

Mr. Turnbough presented student recognition for the high school. Congratulations to all.

Superintendent Gultner presented the board with the 2020/2021 School Report Card. There was no overall letter grade given this year, but all data reported indicates very good grades at all levels.

Superintendent Gultner presented the board with a proposed 2022/2023 calendar (attached) providing approval from staff. Smith made the motion with a second from Hall to approve the 2022-2023 proposed calendar.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gultner presented the board with some information on Life 360. This is a feeding program from a non-profit organization. Will share more information as it is made available.

The board retired into executive session at 6:10 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

As the result of executive session, recommendation was made to increase the stipend portion of the 2022/2023 licensed salary schedule (attached). Motion was made by Hall with a second by Smith to approve the 2022/2023 licensed salary schedule.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from Treva Cotter. Mrs. Cotter will be retiring at the end of the 2021/2022 school year. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Miller to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A letter of resignation (attached) was read from Tesa Nelson for her athletic director position and wishes to be hired as assistant junior high and senior high volleyball coaching positions. Motion was made by Miller with a second by Smith to accept the A.D. resignation and hire at the assistant coaching positions.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, a letter of resignation was read by Mr. Guiltner from Angela Bassham (attached). Mrs. Bassham will be retiring at the end of the 2021/2022 year. The motion was made by Hall with a second from Yarnell to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from Ruth Brazeal, high school secretary effective 6/30/22 and request to apply for a half time distance facilitator position for the 2022/2023 school year. Motion was made by Miller with a second from Smith to accept the resignation and to hire the requested position.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A letter of intent from Vickie Langston (attached) marked "do not wish to return for the 2022/2023 school year" was read. Mrs. Langston will be retiring at the end of the current school year. The motion was made by Hall with a second from Smith to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from J.W. Blevins resigning from one of his two assistant basketball coaching positions. The motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Miller to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Joshua Watson as the district strength coach for the 2022/2023 school year. The motion was made by Hall with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from Shane Smith. Coach Smith resigned as the boys head basketball coach to take the position of assistant girl's basketball coach, assistant golf coach and will help with the intramurals. Motion was made by Miller and a second by Smith to accept his resignation and fill the positions.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Kendra Rains as special education teacher. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Hall to hire Ms. Rains as a special education teacher.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A letter of intent from Sam Rossitto (attached) marked "do not wish to return for the 2022/2023 school year" was read. Mr. Rossitto will resign his position at the end of current contract. Hall made the motion with a second to by Miller to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Coffman, Hall, Miller, and Smith
Nays: Yarnell

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The superintendent gave recommendation to extend the contract to all licensed personnel (attached) who states intentions to return for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion was made by Miller with a second by Yarnell to extend all licensed personnel wishing to return for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner presented the board with a few policy and handbook changes (attached) for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was made by Miller with a second from Hall to approve the changes.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was given to approve a technology purchase using federal funds. A couple of quotes are attached. Request to purchase 120 chromebooks with management licenses at the price of \$40,380.00 from Howard Technology Solutions was made. Motion was made by Hall with a second from Yarnell to approve the requested purchase.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Consideration for food service bids was given. There were two bids submitted, one from Taher and the other from OPAA! After some discussion and careful consideration, recommendation was made to accept the OPAA! bid. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Smith to accept the OPAA! bid.

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 and made by Hall with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business, Greyhound Catfish day will be April 6th at both campuses.

Miller 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 7:42 p.m.

Secretary

