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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT May 19, 2022

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Thursday, May 19, 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, Yarnell and Coffman
Absent: None

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

The minutes from the April 18, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Smith found missing information, the minutes were corrected. Miller 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 April 21, 2022 called meeting were reviewed. Smith made the motion with a second from Yarnell to approve the minutes as written.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gultner presented the 2020-2021 audit report (attached). Another audit, best one yet. No findings, no corrective action plan needed.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High school principal Cody Curtis presented several students recognitions. Great job Greyhounds!

Recommendation was made to leave student breakfast (\$1.45) and lunch (\$1.90) prices at the current rates for the 2022- 2023 school year, while increasing adult prices by 0.05 cents. Adult breakfast \$2.70 and adult lunch \$3.85. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Miller to accept the recommendation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner presented the 2022-2023 Special Education Title VIB budget (attached). Yarnell made the motion with a second from Hall to accept the budget.

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 7:05 p.m.

As the result of executive session, Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from Amy Sanders, elementary teacher effective at the end of current contract. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Miller to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Another letter of resignation was read from Karen Guildoo (attached), high school counselor, effective at the end of current contract. Motion was made by Hall with a second from Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to move the three elementary teachers, Jodi Burk, Amber Beavers, and Katie Pardue, that were hired temporarily with ESSER funds to full time positions. Motion was made by Miller with a second from Yarnell to approve the recommendation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Heather Slater as special education teacher under the ESSER funds (temporary position). The motion was made by Smith with a second from Hall.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Dorine Owens as a special needs paraprofessional. 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.

Recommendation was made to hire Lindsey Wiseman as the elementary principal. 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.

Motion was made to hire Amanda Thiel as elementary teacher. Mrs. Thiel is the niece of Chairman Coffman, therefore she abstained from voting. Motion was made by Miller with a second from Hall.

The Vice Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Vice Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Nathan Bales as elementary dean of students. Mr. Bales will remain in the classroom in addition to DOS duties. Motion was made by Yarnell 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 Ed Calhoon as boys basketball coach and high school teacher. 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 recommendation was made to hire Holden Phillips to the grounds, custodian and maintenance department. The motion was made by Hall with a second from Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to hire Teresa Davis as high school secretary. The motion was made by Hall with a second from Miller.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

May 1, 2022 was the school choice deadline. Salem had 26 students applying to attend the Salem School District for the 2022-2023 school year, with 2 students choosing to leave the district. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Hall to approve all applications.

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 Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Miller 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 7:20 p.m.

Secretary