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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT May 20, 2019

The board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board room on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Smith, Coffman, Miller, Hall and Yarnell

Absent: None

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

The Minutes from the April 15, 2019 regular session meeting were reviewed. 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.

High School Principal Cody Curtis had several student recognitions, both academic and athletic. Congratulations to all students and sponsors for their achievements.

Superintendent Guiltner was happy to report to the board that ADE released the 2017-2018 School report cards and both elementary and high school received an "A".

Mr. Guiltner spoke to the board concerning the technology future proofing project. We have been working on this project for the last two years. New fiber extends from near the back of the gym and extends to the elementary school. The projects total cost was \$28,995.05, but after approving and receiving E-Rate funding the school portion was \$9,326.57. We upgraded from multi-mode fiber to single mode fiber, also upgraded from 4 strands of fiber to 24 strands of fiber. We also went from 1 gigabit to 10 gigabit capability between the buildings.

Each year we have to send a contract renewal to the ADE-CNU, between the school and food service company which is OPAA. Recommendation was made to renew the food service contract with OPAA! for the 2019-2020 school year. (attached). Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Miller to approve the contract renewal.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The 2019-2020 Special Education Application and budget (attached) was considered. Recommendation was made to approve the application and budget on a motion made by Hall with a second from Miller.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The superintendent recommended increasing both student and adult breakfast and lunches by five cents for the 2019-2020 school year. Rates for student breakfast will be \$1.35 and lunches will be \$1.80. The adult breakfast price will be \$2.55 and lunches will be \$3.70. The motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Hall to approve the increase of meal prices as recommended.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The 2020 minimum contribution for school employee insurance is set at \$161.87. If a raise is given the prior year the contribution must be raised by the same percentage, making Salem School's contribution \$164.14. Mr. Guiltner gave the recommendation to raise the contribution rate to \$165.00 for 2020. The 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.

The board retired into executive session at 6:22 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:31 p.m.

As the result of executive session, Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from Rachel Gaskins as assistant cheer coach. The motion was made by Miller with a second by Coffman to accept the assistant cheer coach resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

On May 6, the district had an unannounced visit for Bus and Driver records check. The district received a letter from the Division of Public School Academic and Facilities and Transportation stating "the district was not found to be deficient in any area at this time." Thanks to Jason Howell and the three ladies in the central office, Tena, Tammy and Regnia for keeping and taking care of all transportation records.

Salem elementary has been honored with two more OEP (Office of Education Policy) awards for the 2018 school year. The awards were for growth in ELA and Math.

Superintendent Guiltner reported on the Partnership Project funding. The district has been approved for a 7,181 square feet (6) classroom addition to the high school. Based on our wealth index and the projected cost of the project, the district would receive \$757,467.24. After the architect fee and construction manager fee, the districts share would be about the same.

Now that we have the funding approved, I would like to recommend that we approve the partnership project and move forward with building the six classrooms. Recommendation was made to approve the construction of the partnership project titled "Construct 6 Additional Classrooms." 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, 2019 was the school choice deadline. Salem had 18 students applying to attend Salem School District for the 2019-2020 school year. Superintendent Guiltner recommended approving all applicants. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Coffman to accept school choice applicants as recommended.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gultner discussed several summer project for upgrading facilities and grounds.

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

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business, the district received a letter of recognition and thanks from the City of Mountain Home Parks and Recreation for hosting the 2019 Arkansas High 2A State Baseball and Softball Tournament.

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

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Secretary