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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT March 13, 2023

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, March 13, 2023 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: Smith, Hall, Coffman and Yarnell

Absent: Miller

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

The minutes from the February 20, 2023 regular meeting were reviewed. Smith 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.

First on the agenda, a resolution (attached) concerning school board election was presented for approval. Position #3 will be voted on and it is an uncontested race, therefore no polling place will be opened on May 9, 2023 and the election will be by absentee ballot and early voting only. Motion was made by Hall with a second by Smith to approve the resolution.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Gultner recognized the Sr. Lady Greyhound basketball team for winning the 3A – 2 State Championship. It is the first state title in Lady Greyhound history. The board was informed of a few recognition programs to come in the near future.

High school principal Cody Curtis presented several student recognitions. Congratulations to all students, sponsors and coaches.

Superintendent Gultner presented the board with the 2023/2024 proposed school calendar (attached) providing approval from staff. Hall made the motion with a second from Smith to approve sending the 2023/2024 proposed calendar to the Personnel Policy Committee for approval.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A resolution (attached) to purchase a trombone and some office furniture from employee Michael Cole was presented for approval. The total cost is \$500.00 for the trombone and \$400.00 for the office furniture. Yarnell made the motion with a second from Hall to approve the purchases.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board retired into executive session at 6:20 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:42 p.m.

As the result of executive session, Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation from Laurie Bassham. Mrs. Bassham wishes to retire at the end of 2022/2023 contract. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Hall to accept her resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The second letter marked no is from Michael Innis. Mr. Innis will retire at the end of his 2022/2023 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.

The third letter that was marked no came from Seth Brazeal. Mr. Brazeal wishes to resign from his bus route only; he will continue his classroom duties. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Yarnell to accept resignation from his bus route only.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Guiltner gave recommendation to extend the contracts to all licensed personnel (attached) who states intentions to return for the 2023/2024 school year. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Hall to extend the contracts.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner made the recommendation to extend the contracts to all classified employees (attached) who stated intentions to return for the 2023/2024 school year. The motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Smith to extend the contracts.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

At this time no recommendation can be made for the 2023/2024 licensed or classified salary schedules, as we wait for legislation to finalize their discussions.

We just finished the 2022 audit and have not received the official documents but at our exit we were told there were no findings.

Superintendent Gultner informed the board that the Jr. High baseball and softball teams are non school teams, meaning that they are not AAA affiliated or sponsored by the school in any way.

The financial reports were revised and accepted on a motion made by Smith with a second from Halll.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business, Greyhound Catfish dinner is set for May 2 – 4. Dinner will be served at each school.

Hall made the motion to adjourn with a second by Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Secretary