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July 18, 2022

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, July 18, 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: Smith, Yarnell, Coffman and Miller

Absent: Hall

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

The minutes from the June 20, 2022 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion with a second by Miller 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 was to consider 1599 resolutions (disclosures) to do business with employees that have family members or a financial interest in the business. Gultner Heating and Cooling is in the second year of a two year approval, no action to be taken.

The first resolution to consider is Main Street Tire and Lube (attached) employee Tesa Nelson is co-owner of the company. Approval to do business up to the maximum amount of \$9999.99 for the 2022-2023 school year was requested. Recommendation was made to approve the request. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Yarnell.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, consider a resolution for Sharp Office Supply, (attached) board member Burton Yarnell is an employee. Mr. Yarnell excused himself from the meeting. Request for a two year approval to do \$50,000.00 per year for the school years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Recommendation was made to approve the request. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Miller.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Consideration of a resolution for Bank of Salem, (attached) board member Jason Miller is an employee of the bank that the schools accounts are at. Mr. Miller excused himself from the meeting. Request to continue to do business with the Bank of Salem for two more years was made for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

Motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner gave an update on all summer projects.

Report was given on school safety measures (attached) that the school has in place. Board went to the high school building to observe some of the devices in place.

The board returned into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

As the result of executive session, recommendation was made to hire Haley Skaggs as psychological examiner for the district in addition to her regular duties.

Motion was made by Miller with a second from Smith.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation from School Resource Officer Joey Patten effective June 30, 2022. 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.

A letter of resignation was read from paraprofessional Dorine Owens effective June 30, 2022. The motion was made by Smith with a second by Miller to accept the resignation.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner reported on Act 551 and Act 622 of 2021 concerning school resource officers (attached). Schools can create their police force or hire a contracted officer through the city or county.

Consideration for a school resource officer memorandum of understanding (attached) with the City of Salem was recommended. Officer Joey Patten will remain the school resource officer. The motion was made by Smith with a second by Yarnell to contract SRO with the City of Salem.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to accept two legal transfers, one from IZARD County Consolidated District to Salem School District and one from Highland School District to Salem School District. Motion was made by Miller with second from Smith to approve transfers.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to give a onetime non reoccurring retention and recruitment bonus of \$750.00 to every employee. The bonus to be paid out of the ARP ESSER III fund. Smith made the motion with a second from Miller to approve the bonus.

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 Yarnell with a second from Miller.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

In miscellaneous business – new student registration will be July 28th.

Motion was made by Smith with a second by Miller to adjourn.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous

Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Secretary

