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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT August 21, 2017

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:09 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Coffman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Smith, Coffman and Yarnell.

Absent: Abney and Koelling

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

The minutes from the July 17, 2017 regular session meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to approve the minutes as written. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes from the August 2, 2017 special session meeting were reviewed. Smith made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the minutes as written. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner gave an update on the first day of school. Both schools reporting there was a total of 822 students at school, that is about a 22 student increase from the end of the 2016/2017 school year. As of today the elementary has 448 students, high school has 391 students for a total of 839 students, an increase of 100 students in the last 5 years.

Next he reported on OPAA!, food service outsourcing. They are able to give more options, salad bar, choices, etc. There seems to be a lot more students and adults eating. The lines are longer and slower but are getting quicker.

Superintendent Guiltner made a recommendation to transfer \$585,000 from operating fund to the building fund. A motion was made by Smith with a second from Yarnell to transfer funds. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board retired into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:28 p.m.

As a result of executive session, Superintendent Guiltner read a letter of resignation (attached) from Melissa Ray, high school cook. A motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Smith to accept the resignation from Melissa Ray for the 2017/2018 school year. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner made the recommendation to move Patricia Smith from elementary cook to the head cook position. A motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Smith to make the position change. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

The 2018 minimum contribution for school employee insurance is set at \$157.50. If a raise is given the prior year the contribution must be raised by the same percentage, making Salem School's contribution \$159.71. Mr. Guiltner gave the recommendation to raise the contribution rate to \$160.00 for 2018. A motion was made by Smith with a second by Yarnell. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to accept the transfer of six students from the Highland district to Salem district. Motion was made by Smith, second from Yarnell to accept transfers. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to accept the transfer of eleven students from the Izard County Consolidated district to Salem district. Motion was made by Yarnell, second from Smith to accept transfers. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Recommendation was made to accept the transfer of one student from the Salem district to the Viola School district. Motion was made by Smith, second from Yarnell to accept the transfer. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner gave the recommendation to approve the 2017/2018 ACSIP Assurances for programs under ESEA (attached) to be submitted to the Arkansas Department Education. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second by Smith. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

David Turnbough recognized high school students for their ACT scores. Thirty six students took the test following the summer ACT classes. Scores were really good with average scores better than 2016 average scores.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion made by Smith with a second from Yarnell. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Board training dates are October 12, 2017 and October 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.

Smith made the motion to adjourn with a second by Yarnell. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Vice-Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Secretary