

P R O C E E D I N G S
 BOARD OF EDUCATION NO. 600
 SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 600
 REGULAR MEETING – SCHS BOARD ROOM
 MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025
 7:00 P.M. – ROOM 114

The regular April Meeting of the of the Board of Education District #600 was called to order by President Eric Bandy at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 2025. Board members present were Eric Bandy, Marla Tolliver, Kyle Gansauer, Mike McKinzie, Sarah Meador, Shawn Morris and Joe Telford. Board members absent – None.

Administrators present: Superintendent Detering, Principal Boles, and Asst. Principal Wolfe.

Visitors Present: Tyler Vincent, Rob Ring, Bryan Camp, Preston Camp, Kiley Vieira, Finley Puricelli, Ivy Balla, Kacey Puricelli, Dylan Crawford, Bruce Kropp from WJBD Radio and Dennis Rosenberger from Salem Times-Commoner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025, were approved as presented.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA – There were no adjustments to the agenda.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – Supt. Detering introduced Ivy Balla, Sponsor for Brain Games, Academic Challenge, and Scholar Bowl. Ivy reported our Brain Games team received 6th place overall at our ROE competition with Finley Puricelli, Kiley Vieira, Addy Lever and KJ Engel on the team. They also did well at the Regional this year. Subjects included a little bit of everything in the competition. Dylan Crawford and Finley are in Academic Challenge. Dylan went to State in Computer Science and we are still waiting on his scores for this year. Dylan is also on the Scholar Bowl Team and made all-conference as well. Kiley and Finley reported on some of the projects that they were involved with for Brain Games. Ivy reported our conference is pretty competitive. Lauren Burge placed 3rd in Math, Dylan placed 2nd in English, KJ was the top scorer overall and got on to sectional with Dylan. KJ received 12 credit hours from KC for the performance at Regionals. He missed going on to State by 2 questions. Discussion was held.

PUBLIC FORUM – No one requested to speak to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS – Superintendent Detering reported we received letters of resignation from: Maggie Telford as a Paraprofessional; Paulette Gregg as a bus driver; Richard Gregg as a bus driver; Ryan Bennett as an assistant football coach; Cory Harris as an assistant volleyball coach and re-approve as a volunteer coach. Also, a notice of intent to retire was received from Scott Burmeister.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM PARAPROFESSIONAL

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie to accept a letter of resignation from Maggie Telford as a Paraprofessional effective April 11, 2025.

Vote: 7 Ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM BUS DRIVER

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Marla Tolliver to accept a letter of resignation/retirement from Paulette Gregg as a bus driver effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Vote: 7 Ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM BUS DRIVER

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to accept a letter of resignation/retirement from Richard Gregg as a bus driver effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Vote: 7 Ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Shawn Morris to accept a letter of resignation from Ryan Bennett as an assistant football coach.

Vote: 7 Ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FROM ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL COACH / RE-APPROVE AS VOLUNTEER COACH

Motion was made by Sarah Meador and seconded by Joe Telford to accept a letter of resignation from Cory Harris as an assistant volleyball coach and re-approve her as a volunteer coach.

Vote: 7 Ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT NOTICE OF INTENT TO RETIRE FROM BUSINESS/ FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHER

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to accept a notice of intent to retire from Scott Burmeister as Business/Foreign Language Teacher effective at the end of the 2028-2029 school year.

Vote: 7 Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Parent Teacher Advisory Committee – Asst. Principal Clint Wolfe reported on the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 28, 2025. Those present were: Students Robert Shober, McKenna Meyer, Max Vincent, Ella Robinson, Drake Rector, and Kendall Zimmermann; Teachers Kelsey Pogue, Brian Lipe, and Lanelle Valdez; Parents Jessie Shanafelt; Board Members Sarah Meador and Marla Tolliver; and Administrators Clint Wolfe and Mindy Veach. He stated that he was proud of the students and their participation. They reviewed policies that were adopted for the 2024-2025 school year as well as possible changes for the 2025-2026 school year including Homecoming and Prom Royalty, Job Shadow Days and Cell Phone Policies. Any policy changes will be made in May or June for the 2025-2026 school year.

Policy Committee – Supt. Detering presented Policy 7:180 – Bullying Policy to the Board for a first reading. The updated Bullying Policy has to be approved every 2 years. This will need to be approved and uploaded to ISBE before this summer.

MOTION: TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Sarah Meador to receive the treasurer’s report and file it for audit.

Vote: Meador-yes; Gansauer-yes; Telford-yes; McKinzie-yes; Morris-yes; Bandy-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carries.

MOTION: APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Shawn Morris to approve payment of the bills as presented.

Vote: Morris-yes; Tolliver-yes; McKinzie-yes; Gansauer-yes; Telford-yes; Bandy-yes; Meador-yes. Motion carries.

THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Detering reviewed the 3rd quarter financial report. He reported that at the end of the third quarter the expenditures are at 73.57% overall. Revenue shows we have received 83.73%. He also reviewed fund balances and provided information regarding fund balance comparisons. Discussion was held.

MOTION: AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE FY25 TENTATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND SET AMENDED BUDGET HEARING

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie to authorize Superintendent Detering to prepare the FY25 tentative budget amendments and set the amended budget hearing for Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Vote: McKinzie-yes; Morris-yes; Meador-yes; Telford-yes; Bandy-yes; Gansauer-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carries.

MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT TO PREPARE FY26 BUDGET

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to authorize the Superintendent to prepare the FY26 budget.

Vote: Gansauer-yes; Morris-yes; McKinzie-yes; Telford-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carries.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

ASST. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Asst. Principal Wolfe reported that the March average attendance was 93.05%. The discipline report included contacts with 146 students. Out of these there were 42 were attendance related contacts and 55 were general conferences. Disciplinary consequences given to students were: 5 lunch detentions for 5 students; 8 after school detentions for 8 students; 22 crisis classes to 19 students; 5 Saturday Schools for 5 students and 9 out of school suspensions for 9 students. Discussion was held.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Principal Boles reported ACT and Pre-ACT testing took place on April 4 and thanked Mrs. Kessler and Mrs. Jarrett for coordinating everything. He stated that the Drew Johnson, Andrew Steininger and Dusk Donoho did a tremendous job along with all the students involved in the presentation of “Beetle Juice”. He reported that this Friday will be another Fast Friday and the Electronics Drive will also be on Friday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ATHLETICS - Supt. Detering reported that we have three different sports that need various considerations. The first decision is about picking up wrestling as a fully funded district sport, which he recommends. Bass fishing and soccer are already school approved. The second decision comes down to what coach or coaches will be paid with stipends. He stated that the Board can decide to approve the sports and delay a decision on the stipends. We will have to post whatever positions the Board elects to create and interview and hire later. The third decision will be related to how much the District is willing to spend for entry fees, budgets, and/or maintenance costs. He presented information regarding entry fees, budgets, and/or maintenance costs for Wrestling, Bass Fishing and Soccer. Discussion was held. PEPSI CONTRACT – Supt. Detering reported that the contract we have with Pepsi will expire at the end of May. He started discussions with Pepsi on a subsequent contract and has reached out to Coke to see if they have interest in submitting a proposal. He is also investigating as to whether or not there are other 3rd party vending companies that may be interested. ELECTION – Supt. Detering reported that Steve Fox will be certifying the election on Tuesday, April 22. We have 40 days from the election day to seat the new board, which would be before our May 19 meeting. He suggested setting a date for a Special Board Meeting. Discussion was held.

MOTION: CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made at 8:43p.m. by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to enter into closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes, the employment, performance, and compensation of specific personnel, and collective negotiating matters between the district and the Salem Community High School Education Association and the Salem Community High School Support Personnel Association.

Vote: Gansauer-yes; Meador-yes; Morris-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-yes; McKinzie-yes; Tolliver-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made at 9:21 p.m. by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to return to Open Session of the Regular April Board Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carries.

DISCUSSION: Discussion was held regarding home school students being allowed to participate in sports.

MOTION: TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Sarah Meador and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve the closed session minutes from the regular board meeting on March 17, 2025, as presented.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION: TO APPROVE WRESTLING AS A SCHOOL SPORT

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Shawn Morris to approve Wrestling as a School Sport.

Vote: Morris-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-yes; Gansauer-yes; Tolliver-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO EMPLOY ASSISTANT BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Marla Tolliver to employ Connor Brooks as an assistant boys' basketball coach.

Vote: Tolliver-yes; Meador-yes; Gansauer-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-yes; Morris-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO EMPLOY ASSISTANT GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Marla Tolliver to employ Randall Knaak as an assistant girls' basketball coach.

Vote: Tolliver-yes; Morris-yes; Meador-yes; Gansauer-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A VOLUNTEER ASST GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Sarah Meador to approve Levi Quinn as a volunteer assistant girls' basketball coach.

Vote: Meador-yes; Tolliver-yes; Morris-yes; Gansauer-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Salem Community High School Education Association regarding health insurance.

Vote: Gansauer-yes; Tolliver-yes; Morris-yes; Meador-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Sarah Meador to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Salem Community High School Support Personnel Association regarding health insurance.

Vote: Meador-yes; Tolliver-yes; Morris-yes; Gansauer-yes; Bandy-yes; Telford-yes; McKinzie-yes. Motion carried.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER JOE TELFORD – Retiring Board Member Joe Telford stated that he enjoyed his time as a board member and that the Board and the Administration do a good job. Supt. Detering thanked him for his service as a Board member.

MEETING ADJOURNED

President Eric Bandy adjourned the regular April Board meeting at 9:27 p.m.

(Date Approved)

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)