

P R O C E E D I N G S
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 600
REGULAR MEETING – SCHS BOARD ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
7:00 P.M.

FY-26 BUDGET HEARING

The Public Hearing on the FY-26 budget was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, September 22, 2025. Board members present were Eric Bandy, Marla Tolliver, Rob Easley, Kyle Gansauer, Mike McKinzie, and Shawn Morris. Board members absent were: Sarah Meador.

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

Visitors present: Elisa Hourigan, reporters Bruce Kropp from Salem Times Commoner and Dennis Rosenberger from the Centralia Sentinel.

Superintendent Detering reviewed the FY-26 budget with the Board. He presented estimated fund balances for the FY-26 budget.

Supt. Detering asked those present if there were any questions concerning the FY-26 budget. Hearing no questions for the Board from the public, President Bandy requested a motion to close the budget hearing.

MOTION: TO CLOSE BUDGET HEARING

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to close the budget hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Vote: 6 Ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 600 was called to order by President Eric Bandy at 7:06 P.M. on Monday, September 22, 2025.

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

Visitors present: Elisa Hourigan, reporters Bruce Kropp from Salem Times Commoner and Dennis Rosenberger from the Centralia Sentinel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025, were approved as presented.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA – There were no adjustments to the Agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM – No one present requested to address the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS – Superintendent Detering reported that we received a letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2028-2029 school year from Michelle Blomberg as Health Occupations Instructor; and a letter of intent to retire on June 30, 2028 from Doug Telford as Maintenance Worker; and a letter of resignation from Rylan Quinn as assistant track coach.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT LETTER OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO RETIRE FROM HEALTH OCCUPATIONS INSTRUCTOR

Motion was made by Rob Easley and seconded by Mike McKinzie to accept a letter of notice of intent to retire at the end of the 2028-2029 school year from Michelle Blomberg as Health Occupations Instructor.

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

MOTION: TO ACCEPT LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE FROM MAINTENANCE WORKER

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Marla Tolliver to accept a letter of notice of intent to retire as of June 30, 2028.

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

MOTION: TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM ASSISTANT TRACK COACH

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Mike McKinzie to accept a letter of resignation from Rylan Quinn as assistant track coach.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT – FINANCE COMMITTEE – Supt. Detering reported that a Finance Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, September 18 to discuss financial projections to assist in the planning of upcoming projects as well as contract negotiations with both unions this Spring. Discussion was held regarding the potential flattening or reduction in State revenues that are being suggested at the State level. We are looking at spending \$1M in projects next summer. Supt. Detering reported that the Building Committee will need to prioritize and submit recommendations to the Board later this fall/winter.

MOTION: TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Mike McKinzie to receive the treasurer's report and file it for audit.

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

MOTION: APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

Vote: Tolliver-yes; Morris-yes; Gansauer-yes; Bandy-yes; Morris-yes; Easley-yes.
Motion carried.

MOTION: TO REPAY INTERFUND LOAN

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Mike McKinzie to approve repayment of the interfund loan of \$100,000 from Working Cash to the Tort Fund.

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

MOTION: APPROVE FY 2026 BUDGET

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve the FY 2026 Budget.

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

MOTION: APPROVE RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Shawn Morris to approve a resolution to waive the limitation on administrative costs for the 2025-2026 school year.

Supt. Detering reported that since our Admin costs are in the lowest quartile for high schools, we can waive the limit of 5%, which is needed based on salary and insurance increases.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Asst. Principal Pogue stated that the attendance report for August was 95.72%. She reported that she had 48 contacts with 37 students. Out of those, 5 were attendance policy related and 25 were general conferences. Disciplinary consequences given to students were: 5 lunch detentions for 4 students; 1 after school detention for 1 student, 9 crisis classes for 7 students, 4 Saturday schools for

4 students and 2 Out of School Suspensions for 2 students. Asst. Principal Pogue reported cell phone policy feedback from staff. She stated that there is less hallway traffic and less students wanting to leave the room during class.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Principal Wolfe reported that the Homeroom Volleyball Tournament was organized by Mrs. Timmerman and Mr. Jette. The winners of the tournament were Mr. Johnson and Mr. Donoho's homeroom classes. He reported that a Super Championship between the winning homeroom classes vs. our TLC students was held and the TLC Students won! He stated that it was an awesome moment for the TLC Students as well as the students from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Donoho's homerooms. All the students were excited.

Principal Wolfe reported that with the "Let'em Know" theme, positive post cards were sent out on 09/12/25 by teachers to students, some sending more than one. He plans to continue this as the year goes on. Principal Wolfe that our "Faculty Super Fan Group" has made it a point to attend every extra-curricular activity our students participate in. He reported that approximately 80 faculty members and their families attend the Faculty Fans Tailgate before the football games. They've been to football, cross country, tennis, and volleyball games, and golf matches. They will conclude the fall season with visits to boys' soccer on 10/07/25, a trip to Belleville West for band on 10/25/25, and the Fall Play on 11/14/25.

Principal Wolfe reported this week during the week of Homecoming the daily themes are: Monday – Safari Day; Tuesday – Movie Character Day; Wednesday – Class Clash Day; Thursday – Generation Day; and Friday – Spirit Day. The Powder Puff games will be Wednesday, Mighty Muscles on Thursday and Faculty All Stars on Friday. The Homecoming Football Game and Coronation will be Friday, September 26 and the Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, September 27.

Principal Wolfe reported that as of September 22 we had 694 students. Due to IHSA Reclassification, we have a new classification in some sports. Volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, and baseball have all moved to IHSA Class 2A. Bylaws were voted on last year that it was unfair to make current students completed based on old numbers.

Principal Wolfe reported that the half-day in-service on Friday we had CPR/AED Training for all of the staff. We also had Zello Training. In 2016 the Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness Act (PWR Act) was signed into law. Documenting and providing for helping student prepare for their post-high school experience (work force, college, etc) A part of the requirement for schools is documenting this and providing reports and proff of what we are doing. Zello is a program that helps us with this and does a lot of different things including portfolios for job applications, resume building, scholarship applications, etc., and it's designed to do this by class. It helps Freshmen get started and Seniors get prepared for job searches or college searches. About every two weeks they will go to the Zello room to begin to work on this. Its' student self-paced, we can see the progress that students make to help students be ready whenever they leave our building. Zello helps us follow the plan that we have to follow by the Law, Career Exploration, Postsecondary Planning, Financial Aid, and College Prep. It helps with proving (College and Career Readiness Indicator) that we are doing this by tracking their readiness activities, building student portfolios and get the report ready for the State. We will roll it out on Wednesday and will meet every two weeks by class so they can get started on college and career readiness.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – RESOLUTION ON ADMIN COST CLAIMS – Supt. Detering reviewed the Resolution of Admin. Cost Claims. Discussion was held. .
CTE AGREEMENT – Supt. Detering reported that the Board will need to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Career Tech Educational System for Clinton, Marion, and Washington counties. The Zello program is being paid for by the CTE System. Discussion was held. FY2025 AUDIT – Supt. Detering reported that the FY2025 Audit will not be ready for presentation at the September meeting. We had grant revenue that put us over the threshold and added a single audit to the FY25 audit. The extra work delayed the auditor's report until October. BREHM SCHOOL – Supt. Detering reported that we have one student in a day school at Brehm Preparatory School in Carbondale. This student is in their Junior year and the tuition for this program was around \$470 per day last school year. This summer we got word that Brehm did not hit the deadline or the appeal deadline and as such their tuition for 2024-25 school year went down. They submit their documentation for the per diem cost to a Purchase Care Review Board that sets their per diem costs. This affects our reimbursement claim for private facilities as well. A letter was sent from KSED on our behalf requesting a refund as we overpaid, but we have not heard back. We will not be paying any more than \$1 per day going forward until there is resolution. He presented a copy of the letter from ISBE. Discussion was held. SHRINER'S DONATION – Supt. Detering requested that the Board approved a donation of \$3,210 to the Shriner's Hospital. This represents 40% of the gate from the Salem/Centralia Shrine Football Game

MOTION: TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the employment, performance and compensation of specific personnel and the collective negotiating matters between the Board and the Salem Community High School Education Association at 7:30 p.m.

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

MOTION: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy seconded by Kyle Gansauer to return to open session at 7:55 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE DONATION TO SHRINER'S HOSPITAL

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Mike McKinzie to approve a donation of \$3,210 to the Shriner's Hospital.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE FFA VOLUNTEERS

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Marla Tolliver to approve Brook Lewis and Kyla Borcharding as FFA volunteers.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MARION, CLINTON, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES CTE SYSTEM

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Shawn Morris to approve a resolution of an intergovernmental agreement with the Marion, Clinton, and Washington Counties Career and Technical Education System.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE AN UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SCHSEA

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve an updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Salem Community High School Education Association regarding salary schedule placement.

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

DISCUSSION

Eric Bandy discussed the Bass Fishing Team and if the Board wants to pay for expenses during IHSA Tournaments. Discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

President Eric Bandy adjourned the regular September Board meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carried.

(Date Approved)

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)