

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, MAY 18, 2026
 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 600 was called to order by President Eric Bandy at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 18, 2026. Board members present were: Eric Bandy, Marla Tolliver, Rob Easley, Kyle Gansauer, Mike McKinzie, Sarah Meador, and Shawn Morris. Board members absent were: None.

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

Visitors present: Bruce Kropp from WJBD Radio.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the SCHS Board regular board meeting on April 20, 2026, 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 we have a letter of resignation from Catherine Kohnen as a Science Teacher.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM SCIENCE TEACHER

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Sarah Meador to accept a letter of resignation from Catherine Kohnen as a Science Teacher.

Vote: 7 Ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS –

PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Supt. Detering presented Student Handbook changes/updates for the 2026-2027 school year for the first reading. Asst. Principal Pogue reviewed the changes with the Board. Discussion was held.

MOTION: TREASURER’S REPORT

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

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

MOTION: APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

MOTION: APPROVE TENTATIVE AMENDED FY2026 BUDGET AND SET BUDGET HEARING

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve the tentative amended FY2026 Budget and set the Budget Hearing for Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Detering reviewed the FY2026 budget amendments with the Board.

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Assistant Principal Pogue reported that the April average attendance was 93.56%. The discipline report included 145 contacts with 157 students. Out of these there were 117 were attendance related and 11 were general conferences. Disciplinary consequences given to students were: 5 lunch detentions for 5 students; 24 crisis classes to 21 students; 1 Saturday School for 1 student; and 2 out of school suspensions for 2 students. Discussion was held.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Principal Wolfe reported that Mr. John Randolph, Band & Choir Director and Mrs. Vanessa Randolph, Art Teacher, sponsored another outstanding Fine Arts Night including a Spring Concert and Art Exhibit on May 7 showcasing our students' music and art talents. Principal Wolfe reported that Senior Exams were held last week, a big thank you to Megan Kessler and the Student Services Department for all of their hard work. Graduation was held on May 17. Semester Exams for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors will be on May 19 and 20. He explained the Exam Waiver that parents can sign so that students can come and go without having to sign in and out during semester exams. May 21 will be Teacher's Institute Day and Retirement Breakfast for retirees Jodi Childress and Amy Telford. The SCHS Academic Foundation will announce the Teacher of the Year Award also. He reported that over the next month his office will be organizing for the fall – On-line registration, freshman orientation, new teacher orientation, and begin looking at specifics that need to be address.

In sports, Dr. Detering reported: Softball regionals were rained out, Breese Central is looking for a turf field to play on to get the game in by Saturday. Baseball is a week behind, baseball regionals play-in game will be against Flora at Flora on Memorial Day, then if we win we play TTown at Vandalia on the 27th. Girls Soccer won their play-in game last Friday against Metro East Lutheran, then their season ended today at Breese Central. We had 3 girls at the State track meet last weekend. Hannah Smith in the discus; Emily Parrett in the shot put; and Carly Veach in both 300m and 100m hurdle races. Boys track has sectionals this Wednesday and this week is also sectional boys' tennis.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – TEACHER’S APPRECIATION WEEK – Supt. Detering reported that Teacher’s Appreciation Week was May 4 to May 8. Thank you to Principal Wolfe and Asst. Principal Pogue for all their planning. We had drinks & snacks on Monday, massages and gift cards on Tuesday, a Popcorn Bar on Wednesday, Red Brick Coffee on Thursday, and the Annual Cookout on Friday. BOARD MEETING DATES – Supt. Detering presented a list of Board Meeting dates for June 2026 through June 2027 to the Board for review. Discussion was held. CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN – Supt. Detering presented a Consolidated District Plan to the Board for review. This allows us to apply for Title grants and requires Board approval. BUS BARN ROOF – Supt. Detering reported that the company contracted to replace the roof at the bus barn, H & W Custom Building, is going out of business and declaring bankruptcy. Discussion was held. VIDEO SCOREBOARDS – Supt. Detering presented information to the Board regarding scoreboards and videoboards. He presented a proposal from Watchfire for the addition of video boards on the northwest and southeast corners of the gymnasium where the current scoreboards are. The video boards will allow for hype videos and digital graphics during volleyball and basketball games. There will be advertising opportunities for businesses that will offset the costs. Discussion was held. STAGE DOOR RENOVATIONS – Supt. Detering presented information to the Board regarding a contract for wrapping of the stage doors. This project was recommended by the building committee and will include changing the color to green as well as using the updated logo and graphics. Discussion was held. TRIPLE I CONFERENCE – Supt. Detering stated that this year’s Triple I Conference in Chicago will be November 19-22. He requested Board Members check their schedule to see if they are interested in attending. We will be making reservations the first week of June to try to get our preference for the hotel. Discussion was held.

MOTION: CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made at 7:41 p.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.

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

MOTION: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made at 8:40 p.m. by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie to return to Open Session of the Regular May Board Meeting.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION: APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Rob Easley to approve the closed session minutes from the April 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: APPROVE BOARD MEETING DATES

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve Board Meeting dates for June 2026 through June 2027, as presented.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: APPROVE CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie to approve the Consolidated District Plan.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: APPROVE CONTRACT FOR VIDEO BOARDS

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve a contract with Watchfire for the purchase of video boards at a cost of \$85,378 with additional installation costs of \$14,475 from McKean Solutions.

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

MOTION: APPROVE CONTRACT FOR WRAPPING AND RENOVATIONS TO THE STAGE DOORS

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Mike McKinzie to approve a contract with Print Craze for wrapping and renovations to the stage doors at a cost of \$12,687.

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

MOTION: TO EMPLOY MAIN OFFICE SECRETARY

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to employ Kendra Koch as a Main Office Secretary with a salary of \$36,400.

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

MOTION: TO EMPLOY ASSISTANT BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH

Motion was made by Marla Tolliver and seconded by Mike McKinzie to employ Lance Boldt as an assistant boys' basketball coach, pending certification.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT SOCCER COACH

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Shawn Morris to approve Zachary Smith as a volunteer assistant soccer coach.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Eric Bandy adjourned the regular May Board meeting at 8:44 p.m.

(Date Approved)

(Board President)

(Board Secretary)