P R O C E E D I N G S
REGULAR MEETING - BOARD OF EDUCATION
SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 600
1200 N BROADWAY AVE, SALEM, IL 62881
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026
7:00 P.M. SCHS BOARD ROOM

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District #600 was called to order by President Eric Bandy at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 19, 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: Elizabeth Pennington from Leymone Hardcastle & Co, Kacey Puricelli, Scout Puricelli, Micah Puricelli and reporters Bruce Kropp from Salem Times Commoner and Dennis Rosenberger from the Centralia Sentinel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

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

PUBLIC FORUM – Micah Puricelli requested to speak during Public Forum regarding National Honor Society rules and procedures. Mr. Puricelli inquired about the vetting process of comments from staff members, especially negative comments. He provided a potential process to the Board. The Board requested that Supt. Detering investigate and report back to the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS – Supt. Detering reported that we received a letter of resignation from Earlene Massey as 2nd Shift Custodian.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM CUSTODIAN

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Sarah Meador to accept a letter of resignation from Earlene Massey as a 2nd Shift Custodian effective

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

AUDITOR'S REPORT - MOTION: TO APPROVE FY26 AUDIT

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve the FY26 Audit.

Elizabeth from Leymone Hardcastle provided an Auditor's Report for the FY26 Audit. Discussion was held.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Transportation Committee – Supt. Detering reported that they met on Wednesday, October 7 to discuss potential upcoming projects that include the replacement of classroom floor tile, renovations to the Foods Lab, the Board Room, another science lab, and the Media Center. They also discussed replacement of buses; however, they do not have a final recommendation.

Finance Committee – Supt. Detering reported they met on Friday, October 16. They plan to continue with spending down existing fund balances without bonding to finance the current long-term renovation plans, specifically the flooring projects outlined by the Building Committee. In addition, they are considering replacing the pavement of the road behind the school and he will work on getting pricing for that project. They also discussed replacement of buses in both the short and long-term.

MOTION: TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

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; Tolliver-yes; Morris-yes; Bandy-yes; Meador-yes; Gansauer-yes; Easley-yes. Motion carries.

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Supt. Detering presented and reviewed the 1st quarter financial report. Expenditures are at 24.88% and revenue is at 38.23%. Discussion was held.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

ASST. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Asst. Principal Pogue presented the attendance report for the month of September, showing 92.15% ADA. She reported 110 contacts with 81 students. Out of those, 30 were attendance related and 31 were general conferences. Disciplinary consequences given to students were: 8 lunch detentions for 8 students; 2 after school detentions for 2 students, 27 Crisis Classes for 122 students; 2 Saturday Schools for 2 students, and 7 out of school suspensions for 5 students.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Principal Wolfe reported that the 1st quarter ended last week. Principal Wolfe reported that Student Council, along with sponsors Lynnsey Heinzmann and Ashley Savage, organized a great week of Homecoming activities. Kevin Greene and Stacey Lux helped facilitate the Mighty Muscles Volleyball games and the Powder Puff Flag Football games. We had over 450 students that attended the Homecoming dance. Last week Jostens provided Senior cap and gown ordering information. The Peer Helpers hosted an Ice Cream Social on October 16, serving during lunch hours. He reported our student services department has schedule visits with representative from several Colleges and Universities as well as the Military. Senior FAFSA Night will be on October 21. An Open House will be held on Thursday, October 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. November 5 the Fall Play "Murder for Dummies" begins. October 31 we will be hosting the Ag Halloween Spooktacular Farm evert with @ 400 people.

Principal Wolfe reported that the Math Team competed at SWIC recently. The results were: Freshmen – Lilly Jefferson and Michael Davis, 5th place tie; Gabby Gaston, 6th place; Sophomores – Liam Shober, 2nd place; Raquel Vittitow, 7th Place; Juniors – Steven Slininger, 7th place; Noah Gaston, 8th place; Seniors – Kurt Sullens, 2nd place; Abbey Bookhout, 7th place. They received 1st place in the Team Test with Michael Davis, Liam Shober, Steven Slininger, and Kurt Sullens.

Principal Wolfe reported IHSA postseason competitions: Girls Tennis has Ella Robinson and Katee Sellers competing at the IHSA State Tournament this week in Chicago; Boys Soccer begins postseason play Wednesday, October 21, at Olney against Robinson; Football will be playing in the 4A playoff game on Friday, October 23 here at SCHS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – ALL-CLASS REUNION – Supt. Detering reported that the SCHS All-Class Reunion will be held this weekend. The SCHS Academic Foundation Hall of Fame Awards will be on Saturday at 9 a.m. with a free breakfast. BUS BARN – Supt. Detering reported that the bus barn roof has been completed by Skillet Fork Construction. Since the roof has been replaced, we will now be able to have the construction class begin some additional renovations on the inside of the building. Discussion was held. SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT – Supt. Detering reported that the School Maintenance Grants opened up for FY27and will close in January. He will be working with the Building Committee about Summer 2027 projects and will include this as a part of the discussion. The Grant is a $50,000 matching grant. The approval of this grant will require Board action that should be ready in November or December. SCHOOL REPORT CARD – Supt. Detering reported that the School Report Card is set to be released on October 30. Discussion was held.

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 reviewing closed session minutes and the employment, performance and compensation of specific personnel 7:58 p.m.

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

MOTION: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Eric Bandy seconded by Kyle Gansauer to return to open session at 8:12 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Kyle Gansauer and seconded by Shawn Morris to approve the September 21, 2026 closed session minutes.

Vote: 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO EMPLOY AN ASSISTANT BOWLING COACH, PENDING CERTIFICATION

Motion was made by Shawn Morris and seconded by Marla Tolliver to employ Keaton Gullion as an assistant bowling coach, pending certification.

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

MOTION: TO APPROVE VOLUNTEER WRESTLING COACH

Motion was made by Sarah Meador and seconded by Kyle Gansauer to approve Daniel Ramirez and Erik Mays as volunteer wrestling coaches, pending certification.

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

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY – The Board asked questions about the rules and procedures for NHS. Supt. Detering reviewed information with the Board. Discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Eric Bandy adjourned the regular October Board meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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(Date Approved) (Board President)

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(Board Secretary)