

P R O C E E D I N G S  
 BOARD OF EDUCATION NO. 600  
 SALEM COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
 REGULAR MEETING – SCHS CAFETERIA  
 MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021  
 7:00 P.M.

The regular 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, January 25, 2021. Board members present were Eric Bandy, Kyle Ambuehl, Mike McKinzie, Sarah Meador, Shawn Morris and Marla Tolliver. Board members absent were Diane Eller.

Administrators present: Superintendent Detering, and Principal Boles.

Visitors Present: Sherry Hargis, Sandra Banning, and Reporters from Salem Times Commoner, Centralia Sentinel and WJBD Radio.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 were approved as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carries.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS – Supt. Detering reported that we received a letter of resignation from Clint Wolfe as the Social Studies Department Chair.

MOTION: RESIGNATION OF SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Motion was made by Mike McKinzie and seconded by Sarah Meador to accept a letter of resignation from Clint Wolfe as the Social Studies Department Chair.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carries.

UPDATE ON RETURN TO LEARN FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER: Supt. Detering reported that the Transition Team met this afternoon to discuss the next steps in the Return to Learn Plan. The next step in the Plan is to return to five days per week for all in-person students. The school day would remain 8:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. If, after a couple of week, we do not see major increases in our quarantine list, we would consider going full days, including lunch. Families that have selected full remote for their students will be allowed to continue. He provided the Board with a University Study from Duke, North Carolina, that is a proponent of returning to school with masking and not having to quarantine for close contacts.

UPDATE ON IHSA RETURN TO PLAY: Principal Boles reported that the plans for extra-curricular activities continues to evolve on a daily basis. We are currently in Phase 4, which allows for normal competitions for low risk sports, contests within conferences and Covid regions for medium risk sports, and intra-squad scrimmages for high risk sports. Our current winter

sports are classified as high risk for basketball and low risk for bowling. He stated that it is probable that there will be several changes in the IHSA Return to Play rules. Discussion was held.

#### MOTION: TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Detering presented the Board with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

Supt. Detering reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter does show some positive indicators, but it is difficult to make projections as there are still so many unknowns. We are 5.37% under budget in the Education Fund. If we stay at 5% under budget in the Education Fund, it would mean a \$300,000 or more reduction in expenditures, but projected revenue loss is around \$370,000 right now. This is based on a loss of revenue from lunch sales (\$150,000), federal lunch reimbursement (\$100,000), athletic admissions (\$60,000), and delayed state payments for mandated categorical payments. He reported that he believes that he Evidence-Based Funding will continue to flow from the State; so we may not end up this bad, but we should prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Overall expenses are at 51.67%. Revenue is at 65.53%. Discussion was held.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

ASST. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – In Asst. Principal Conklin's absence, Supt. Detering presented the attendance report for the month of December at 92.36%. He reported that during December we had 1 detention.

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT –

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – STIMULUS MONEY – Supt. Detering gave the Board an update on stimulus monies that we are set to receive or have already received. The CARES Act is the stimulus package passed in March of 2020, but monies come to us under the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant. We received \$141,071 from the grant. Next is the Digital Equity Formula that we received \$65,940. The second round of ESSER is \$679,497, and we have until September 2022 to spend this money and it is supposed to be focused on technology and learning loss, which means we could use some of it towards salaries. Summer Projects 2021 – Supt. Detering stated that we will need to decide if we want to pursue any projects this summer. It is difficult to predict what the financial outlook will be. We will probably have \$150,000 in 1% monies for a project. We also have \$50,000 sitting in the Building

Fund for the football lights project that will need to be completed by 2022 as well. We will need to schedule meetings for the Building Committee and the Finance Committee to discuss these items.

MOTION: CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made at 7:33 p.m. by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie to enter into closed session for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes, collective negotiating matters, and the employment, performance, and compensation of specific personnel.

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

MOTION: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made at 7:47 p.m. by Eric Bandy and seconded by Shawn Morris to return to Open Session of the Regular January Board Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carries.

MOTION: TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Sarah Meador and seconded by Marla Tolliver to approve the closed session minutes of the December 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO OPEN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JULY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020

Motion was made by Eric Bandy and seconded by Mike McKinzie to open all the Closed Session minutes from July 2020 to December 2020, with one exception.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carried.

MOTION: TO APPROVE DESTRUCTION OF VERBATIM RECORDS OF CLOSED SESSIONS

Motion was made by Sarah Meador and seconded by Shawn Morris to approve destruction of verbatim records of all closed session minutes older than 18 months.

Vote: 6 ayes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Eric Bandy adjourned the regular January Board meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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(Date Approved)

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(Board President)

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(Board Secretary)