

**OFFICIAL RECORDED BOARD MINUTES
SALEM R-80 SCHOOL DISTRICT
SALEM, MISSOURI 65560
DECEMBER 17, 2015
REGULAR MEETING**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President - Bernie Sirois
Vice President - Dustin Howard
Secretary - Carrie Snider*
Treasurer - Chris Heavin
Member - Holly Erway
Member - Drew Whitaker
Member - Larry Maxwell

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Superintendent - John McColloch
Assistant Superintendent - John Smith
Senior High Principal - Marty Anderson
Junior High Principal - Scott Roberts
Upper Elementary Principal - Melanie Wisdom
Wm. Lynch Elementary Principal - Kriste Crocker
High School Asst. Principal - Clay Moody
High School Asst. Principal - Rich Parks*

*Denotes absence and ** denotes arriving later in the meeting.

Visitors: Angela Barnes, Doug Walter

Board Vice-President Dustin Howard called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Drew Whitaker; second by Larry Maxwell. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 0 nay votes.

The motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of all previous minutes, bills, check numbers for accounts payable 151140-15306 and for direct deposit 206549-206797 in the following amounts: Fund 1 – General \$542,655.95 Fund 2 – Special Revenue \$561,027.97 Fund 3 – Debt Service \$0.00, Fund 4 – Capital Projects \$7,540.23; substitute list, attendance report, food service report, and program evaluations for vocational and community education was made by Holly Erway; second by Chris Heavin. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 0 nay votes.

In communications, Chris Heavin read thank you cards from Marty Anderson and family.

Superintendent's Report:

- a) Board of Education Filings – Two seats on the Salem R-80 School Board are up for election. Incumbents Dustin Howard and Bernie Sirois have filed for the two positions.
- b) Mr. Doug Walter and Mrs. Carilee Ball discussed the Bright Futures program which is a community-school partnership program.
- c) Superintendent John McColloch thanked the Cox Foundation for their recent \$30,000 donation to William Lynch.
- d) Superintendent McColloch announced that Salem R-80 was the recipient of a \$10,000 Safe Schools Grant. New security cameras for William Lynch and Upper Elementary will be purchased.
- e) Information concerning the 2016-2017 calendar was discussed.

Principal's Report

a) William Lynch Elementary

- The Fifth Graders from Upper Elementary performed for us on December 10th.
- Students of the Month: Ella Bass, Delilah Shelton, Chloe Hilderbrand, Trenton Mischke, Jonathan Stites, Brooklyn Letchworth, Brinkley Tripp, Neaya Major, Keegan Bailey, Zoey Elliott, Quincey Steelman, Courtney Mendenhall, Debbie Robinson, Joseph Blake.
- The annual Christmas Program was held on December 7th and was well-attended by friends and family of our students.
- Eleven families were provided with presents for Christmas through donations by the William Lynch staff and community members.
- William Lynch donated over 300 canned goods through the Sakelaris Ford Fill-A-Ford Food Drive.
- For the first year, we participated in the Scholastic PJ Drive which provides pajamas to families and children in Dent County without shelter. Mrs. Steelman headed up that drive. We donated 62 pairs of pajamas this year.
- 93% of WLE students are at or above 90% attendance.
- November's Big 5 is attached.

b) Upper Elementary

- We had 96% of our students here 90% or more of the time in October. We have 26% of our students with perfect attendance!
- Congratulations to our "Student of the Month" nominees: 2nd grade-Tucker Stringer, Braxten Gott, Jovee Gollaher, Ava Gray, Chaelin Horn, Matthew Selle, Lawson Davis and Skylar Foley; 3rd grade-Corbett Ball, Alivia Parker, Dusty Sellers, Makayla Richter, Timothy Robinson, Scire' Goodson, Kylie Parks, and Logan Sutterfield; 4th grade-Hunter Barton, Ayva Callicutt, Harley Medley, Aurora Melton, Wyatt Wisdom, Ryleigh Barton, Caroline Pryor, and Braiden Fleener; 5th grade-Christopher Harris, Alana Lilly, Bryce Stewart, Elexis Crannell, Trevor Dooley, Arianna Perez, Kylee Shalbot, and Avery Bettigrew. **Our students drawn were:** 2nd grade-Ava Gray, 3rd grade-Makayla Richter, 4th grade-Braiden Fleener, and 5th grade-Alana Lilly.
- Congratulations to our "Teacher of the Month": Kristen Stites
- PBS celebrations include extra recess and movie afternoon!
- Our 4th/5th grades winter music program was, of course, a huge success! Thanks to Mrs. Beasley, our students, and our staff for extra patience in practices and for singing/performing so well and Mr. Roberts for sound. The ugly sweater theme was so much fun for students and adults! Mrs. Beasley and the 5th grade choir also caroled throughout our community on Thursday, December 10th and again at Trees & Trains that evening. They filled everyone with the holiday spirit.
- The "Fill-a-Ford" campaign in conjunction with Sakelaris Ford in Rolla to donate items to several of our local pantries is well underway. We will have a total on the 18th before dismissal and I'll report that at the January board meeting.
- Our "Pennies for Produce" amount raised was \$650 and a matching grant was awarded to us to make a grand total of \$1300. Our kids were super excited and happy to help others. Our

donations went to the Sheppard's Nook to purchase produce for Christmas baskets.

- Our Arrow Slingers have been practicing hard and will begin practicing for some competitions after the first of the year.
- Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Blankenship will be beginning "Across the Board" for our 4th and 5th graders after the first of the year. They will be using the Cross Fit equipment purchased through the Healthy Dent County grant and teaching kids about nutrition and healthy eating, fitness and taking care of themselves. We are excited to see this program's success.
- The entire Salem Upper Elementary staff and students attended Trees & Trains today. A special thanks to Bob Moreland and the bus drivers for making this happen.

c) Middle School

- 219 out of 238 students (active/withdrawn) have 90% or better attendance thru November 18th. This is 92% of student population.
- Attendance for Salem Middle School thru December 16, 2015 was 96.21%. 6th Grade: 96.139%; 7th Grade: 97.11%; 8th Grade: 95.03%. 233 Students at SMS.
- Congratulations to our Students' of the Month for December: 6th Grade—Denise Stoner and Corbin Robertson; 7th Grade: Haley Martin and Austin Gilbert; 8th Grade: Lydia Owen and Brady Pierce. Teacher of the month for December is Judy Wood.
- FACE PIE contest was quite fun as we raised \$210.00 for our PBS program. Those "lucky" to win and get a pie in the face were: Mrs. Doddema and Mr. Devenuto (Admin.); Ms. Radford and Mr. Beckett (6th); Mrs. Parmelee (7th)*; Mr. C. Kamprath (8th); Mr. Roberts (Specials) and Mr. Parker (least \$\$) It was messy and fun!!
- 7/8th Boys Basketball is underway. 7th grade is 0-8 on the season, while the 8th grade is 9-3. The 8th grade defeated Licking for the third time to win the North Wood R-IV 8th Grade Tournament.
- BIG 5 Report for November 2015—38 total referrals. 6th Grade—8; 7th Grade—23; 8th Grade—7. Referrals total were down from October to November, but the daily average is higher.
- Finals are well underway and have gone very smoothly. We have 101 MS Students who qualified for FINALS EXEMPTION (97% + attendance; C- or higher all classes; 2 days or less of ISS and no OSS) By grade level: 27 of 64—6th Graders or 36%. 43 of 89—7th Graders or 48%. 31 of 80 8th Graders or 39%.
- Middle School Winter Dance was held on Friday, December 11th with 89 students in attendance. It was loud!!!

- Congratulations to the MS Band and Choir students for an EXCELLENT performance at their winter concerts. Mrs. Russel, Mr. Schatz and Mr. Giacomelli are to be commended for their leadership.
- A big THANK YOU To our Salem Middle School Beta Club members for their “Adopt a Family For Christmas” Project. Money raised through beef jerky sales allowed the purchase of Christmas presents for two needy SMS families and along with a donation by a local patron, eleven backpacks were purchased and stuffed with toiletry items, school supplies, and a sweatshirt and were given to eleven students who were identified as needy.
- Plans are underway for the 2016-17 school year as we have begun working on our master schedule. Some ideas we are exploring include revamp the math department to offer Pre-Algebra to 8th grade students and the implementation of a modified block schedule for the middle school two days a week.

d) High School

- December 18th – High School Student Council
 - Mr. SHS
 - High School Gym
 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- December 19th – Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge Volleyball Tournament
 - High School Gym
 - 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- December 25th – Girls Basketball Family Pharmacy Holiday Tournament
 - Mtn. Grove, MO
- December 28th – Boys Basketball US Bank Holiday Tournament
 - Rolla, MO
- January 9th – HS/MS Band – All District Jazz Concert and Rehearsal
 - Select 7-12 Band Students – D. Schatz
 - Waynesville, MO – all day
- January 12th – HS/MS Band – SCA All Conference Band Auditions
 - Select 7-12 Band Students – D. Schatz
 - Mtn. Grove, MO - 3:30 p.m.
- January 27th – January 30th – MMEA Convention and All State Choir
 - Grades 9-12 Select Vocal Students Only – E. Russell
 - Tan-Tar-A

- January 30th – Archery Tournament – S. Radford
 - High School Gym
 - 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

During the High School's BOE report, Mrs. Barnes discussed her ACT Test Prep class. Also, information was provided concerning possible changes to the attendance policy for the 2016-2017 school year. High School Principal Marty Anderson recognized Natalie Leathers and Sydney Wood for their All-State Choir awards.

New Business:

a) Superintendent John McColloch gave information concerning this year's budget. Year-to-date figures were discussed.

b) The motion to select Merlin Toman for the MSBA Belcher Scholarship was made by Larry Maxwell; second by Holly Erway. The motion passed with 5 yeas and 1 abstention.

c) The motion for the district to renew its insurance policy with the Missouri United School Insurance Council was made by Holly Erway second by Larry Maxwell. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 0 nay votes.

The motion to accept the resignation of Tammy Wisdom effective June 30, 2016, was made by Chris Heavin; second by Larry Maxwell. The motion passed with 6 yeas and 0 nay votes.

The motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session at 7:27 PM for the purpose of personnel, pursuant to RSMO.610.021 (3) was made by Drew Whitaker; second by Larry Maxwell. The motion passed 6-0. In favor: Erway, Heavin, Howard, Maxwell, Sirois, and Whitaker.

Board President Bernie Sirois called the regular session back to order at 7:45 PM.

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM was made by Chris Heavin; second by Holly Erway. The motion passed 6-0. In favor: Erway, Heavin, Howard, Maxwell, Sirois, and Whitaker.

Bernie Sirois, Board President

John Smith, Recording Secretary