#### Salem City Board of Education Salem, New Jersey 08079 Board of Education Meeting March 10, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Salem City Board of Education is called to order at

in the Salem High School Library located at 219 Walnut Street in Salem, New

Jersey 08079.

**OPEN MEETING:** Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the local news media and a

place of public notice located at the Salem City Board of Education Office, 205 Walnut Street, Salem, New Jersey as required in the Open Public Meeting Act,

Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

FLAG SALUTE Board Members

Carol AdamsLaquendala BentleyChristopher ColonKendra FletcherYuenge GroceJoan HoolahanDaffonie MooreNilda WilkinsVeronica Wright

#### **District Representatives:**

LAC: Laura Tice Crane Quinton: William McDonald Mannington: Eric Buzby

#### **Administrators:**

Dr. Patrick Michel, Superintendent Herbert Schectman, School Business Administrator Dr. Meghan Taylor, Director of Special Services Linda Del Rossi, Supervisor of Literacy/SS PreK-12 John Mulhorn, Principal Salem High School Jordan Pla, VP Salem High School

OTHERS: Mr. Corey Ahart

Pascale DeVilmé, Principal Salem Middle School Will Allen, VP Salem Middle School Michele Beach, VP Salem Middle School Syeda Carter, Principal John Fenwick Academy Gia Sparacio Scarani, VP of Early Childhood Darryl Roberts, VP Salem High School

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Audience members attending Board of Education Meetings are permitted to voice their opinions on school related topics at specified times during the regular meeting. These times are included in the printed agenda for the meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to speak during the public portion of the meeting. Complaints stated, or actions requested by the public, will be taken under advisement by the Board for investigation, discussion, and action or disposition at a later time/date.

When addressing the Board of Education, please respect the following procedure:

- 1. Be recognized by the Board President.
- 2. State your full name and address before commenting.
- 3. Identify the resolution on which you will be commenting.
- 4. Wait to be recognized before making your comment(s).
- 5. Limit your comments to the specific resolution.
- 6. Time is limited to three (3) minutes per person.
- 7. If your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel items or negotiations, we would ask that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since we do not discuss these items in public.

#### **PRESENTATION**

John Fenwick Academy Christian Velez-Barreto 2nd Grade Mrs. Crawford

Marie Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mr. Riskie

Salem Middle School Destiny Carr 8th Grade Ms. Montgomery

Kenajay Thomas 8th Grade Ms. Montgomery

Salem High School Xantha Cronrath 11th Grade Mrs. Irvine

Drew Hallett 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Mr. Kline

#### Staff Member(s) of the month for February/2021:

Christine Peltz Vice Principal Secretary Salem Middle School

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### PRINCIPALS'/ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTARY

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Motion ( / ) Board to approve regular and executive minutes of February 10, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

#### **BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

|    | pard Reports (Exhibit A)  |  |                                      |   |                |
|----|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|----------------|
|    | otion(  /  ) To approve th<br>*Request Board approval of the tran<br>18A:22-8.1 for the month(s) of Dece  | •  |                                      |   | uant to        |
| B. | *Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 account has obligations and payme the Salem City Board of Education pline item account has been over-explined item accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A month ending December 2020 as for | nts (contractual orders) wo<br>pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:<br>pended in violation of N.J<br>N-16.10 (c) 2, it is certified | /hich in t<br>22-8.1 a<br>.A.C. 6A   | otal exceed the amount appropriate<br>nd N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2 and no bud<br>23A-16.10 (a) 1                | d by<br>getary |
|    | Board Secretary   |  |                                      | Date  |                |
| C. | *Treasurer's Report in accordance v<br>Treasurer's Report and Secretary's   |  |                                      |   | udit.          |
| D. | Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 December 2020 and after review of Financial Report and upon consulta knowledge, no major account or funthat sufficient funds are available to  | the Secretary's Monthly tion with the appropriate and has been over-expendent  | Financia<br>district o<br>ed in viol | Report and the Treasurer's Monthl ficials, to the best of the Boards' ation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a)1 | y<br>and       |
| E. | To approve the Payment of Bills and From the General Account for Balar To approve Purchases Report f  | nce as summarized on at  | ached b                              | oard memo(s)  |                |
|    | To approve Payment of Bills for   | Date<br>General Account  | \$                                   |   |                |
|    | Confirmation of payrolls for Februar  | y 2021   |                                      |   |                |
|    | <u>February 12, 2021</u><br><u>February 26, 2021</u>  | General Acct. Transfer<br>General Acct. Transfer   |                                      | \$646,516.34<br>\$663,228.52  |                |

#### Miscellaneous

#### <u>Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools</u>

Motion ( / ) Board to Approve: #2-F-9

- Request Board approval to accept the Delaware Estuary/Rutgers University Rain Garden Grant. Please see the attached Memorandum of Understanding Between John Fenwick Academy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, Inc.
- 2. Request Board approval of the tentative memorandum of agreement as ratified by the Salem City Educational Association and the Board of Education. This is a three-year contract agreement beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.
- 3. Request Board approval of the (2<sup>nd</sup>) second lunch prices for all students. The district will, however, offer first meals to all students as a Community Eligible Provision (CEP) district. The staff lunch prices will remain the same.

|       |               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch | <u>Breakfast</u> |
|-------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| JFA   |               | \$2.65                | N/A              |
| SMS   |               | \$2.80                | N/A              |
| SHS   |               | \$2.80                | N/A              |
| Staff | (All schools) | \$3.90                | \$2.85           |
|       |               |                       |                  |

\*N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.10 requires that adult meal prices shall be established to cover all costs associated with production and service of the adult meal. There is no maximum set for adult prices\*

- 4. Request Board approval to submit the SEMI Action Plan for the 20-21 SY. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(f) and (g), failure to maximize SEMI, each district that has less than 90 percent participation of SEMI eligible students in the prebudget year or has failed to comply with all program requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(e) shall submit a SEMI action plan to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval as part of the district's proposed budget submission.
- Request Board approval of the submission of Report Period #1 (September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020) for the Student Safety Data Submission (SSDS) to the State of New Jersey DOE (Under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act).
- 6. Request Board approval of the operation of a mentorship program called "Gentlemen By Choice" as operated at no cost to the Salem City Board of Education by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Nu Gamma Lambda Chapter. Gentlemen By Choice (GBC) is designed to address the academic, social, and cultural needs of young minority males (ages 10-18). GBC will expose these students to culturally relevant pedagogy and positive activities within their community. Some of the programs include how to interact with law enforcement, community service initiatives, importance of knowing your history, life skills, college tours, chess club, and fun activities such as the Escape Room. All GBC students will build positive relationships with male role models from underrepresented populations (medical doctors, CEOs, engineers, principals, college deans, detectives, etc.). The goal is to expose these students to individuals who look like them to influence their career aspirations, academic outcomes, community consciousness, and overall education.

7. Request Board approval of the Adoption of the 2021-2022 School Year Tentative Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the budget be approved for the 2021-2022 School Year and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the tentative budget to the Salem County Executive Superintendent of Schools for approvals as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2021-2022 school district budget:

|                 | Budget             | Local Tax Levy |  |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| General Fund    | \$23,446,732       | \$2,538,749    |  |
| Special Revenue | \$ 3,756,173       |                |  |
| Debt Service    | \$ 181,51 <u>6</u> | \$ 95,322      |  |
|                 | \$27,384,421       | \$ 2,634,071   |  |

AND BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2021-2022 school district budget.

RESOLVED, that taxes should be raised from the City of Salem in the amount of \$2,538,749 for the General Fund for the 2021-2022 school year,

WHEREAS, the District makes the following assurances: 1.) No other line-item balances are or will be available, 2.) No other emergency reserves or maintenances reserves (for maintenance purposes) area available for transfer, 3.) The transfer is for T&E purposes OR to ensure health and safety of students/or staff, 4.) any unbudgeted or under-budgeted revenue or excess (under projected) unreserved undesignated fund balance has been utilized.

- 8. Resolved, that the Board of Education authorize Herbert Schectman to submit the 21-22 FSMC contract addendum to the NJ Department of Agriculture. The management and administrative total flat fee for the 21-22 school year will be \$51,000.
- 9. Request Board approval to contract with Therapy Source Staffing Solutions located in Plymouth Meeting, PA to provide speech/language services for Salem City School District special education students per their IEPs. Services will begin on March 11, 2021, 4 days a week, 7 hours per day ending on June 10, 2021. Cost will be \$81.00 per hour, not to exceed \$31,000.00. Acct# 11-000-219-390-00-CST
- 10. Resolved, that the Board of Education accept the New Road Construction contract for the investigation and assessment of HVAC systems at Salem High School, Salem Middle School, and John Fenwick Academy, not to exceed \$52,250.00.
- 11. Request Board approval to submit the Emergency After School Snack Program (ASSP) Contract to the NJ Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the Emergency Contract is for the addition of the After School Snack Program for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year beginning March 1, 2021.

#### Home Instruction: In/ Out of District/Residential

Motion ( / ) Board to Approve: #7-C-9

1. Board to approve the following students for home instruction:

| Student ID                  | Health<br>Care/Teacher | Costs<br>(Prorated)                     | Dates                                  | Account #             |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| 01220075                    | Rachel Hunt            | 5 hours per<br>week/\$35.00 per<br>hour | Begin immediately until further notice | TBD                   |
| 01250190 Brookfield Academy |                        | 40 hours for<br>\$26.00 per hour        | January 15, 2021 to February 12, 2021  | 11-219-100-320-00-CST |

 Request Board approval for student J.F. (SID#6975716757/LID#01300055) to receive Tutoring Services from Inspira Program at Bridgeton Partial Care c/o Brookfield Schools in Cherry Hill, NJ. The referenced invoice covers the period 2/10/21 thru 2/26/21. The student received a total of twenty (20) hours of instruction at \$26.00/per hour for a total of \$520.00 Acct # 11-219-100-320-00-CST

#### **PERSONNEL**

#### A. Resignation/Retirement

#### **Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools**

Motion ( / ) Board to Approve: #8-A-9

- 1. Request Board approval of the resignation of Ms. Ashley Williams, school psychologist for Child Study Team, effective April 23, 2021.
- 2. Request Board approval of the retirement of Ms. Linda Jones, treasurer for the Business Office, effective June 30, 2021.

#### C. Financial Request

#### <u>Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools</u>

Motion ( / ) Board to Approve: #8-D-9

- 1. Request Board approval of the pool rental for the Swim Team at the Delaware Swim School, 2150 New Castle Blvd. New Castle, DE., 19707 @ \$20.00 per hour per lane for two lanes; for 5 weeks for a total of \$400.00 for the season. 2/13/2021 03/14/2021; 1:00-2:00 pm/Sat. & Sun.
- 2. Request Board approval to add Bonita Gullett (Security) to the after-school Focus on Education Program beginning on Thursday, March 11, 2021, and continuing until the end of the program on Thursday, May 27, 2021. This program is four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 45 days x \$22 per hour for 2 hours/daily = \$1,980. Further, request approval to add Catherine McConathey as a substitute to the FOE After-School Program. Funds available in Account #: 20-235-100-100-00-DIS ESEA 2020-2021

- 3. Request Board approval to add Pascale DeVilme', Michele Beach, and Will Allen as additional administrative substitutes to the after-school Focus on Education Program. This is for grades three and four in the Salem Middle School, four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and will continue through May 27, 2021. Funds available in Account # 20-235-100-100-00-DIS ESEA 2020-2021
- 4. Request Board approval of the following Family Friendly Center (FFC) revisions to pay rates and additional staff members for the period March 1 June 3, 2021, Monday thru Thursday, 3:15 5:15 p.m.:

FFC Pay Rate:

Program Administrator: \$4,800/stipend (Mrs. Syeda Carter)

Security: \$22.00/hour

FFC Staff to Add:

Susan Gilmore (Teacher) Ashley Vernon (Teacher) Tyrone Nock (Security)

5. Request Board approval of the following Pre-school Afterschool Wrap (PAW) revisions to pay rates and removal of staff members for the period March 1 – June 3, 2021, Monday thru Thursday, 3:15 – 5:15 p.m.:

PAW Pay Rate (Revised)

Program Administrator: \$4,800/stipend (Ms. Gia Scarani)

PAW Staff to Transfer to FFC

Susan Gilmore (Teacher)
Ashley Vernon (Teacher)
Tyrone Nock (Security)

6. Request Board approval of the Spring 2021 Athletic Coaching Positions:

| Baseball       | Head Coach                | \$4,762 | Josiah Hughes   |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Baseball       | Assistant Coach (Varsity) | \$3,822 | Steve Sheffield |
| Baseball       | Assistant Coach (JV)      | \$3,822 | Michael Hughes  |
| Softball       | Head Coach                | \$4,762 | Steve Merritt   |
| Softball       | Assistant Coach (Varsity) | \$2,761 | Drew Favat      |
| Softball       | Assistant Coach (JV)      |         | Open            |
| Track (Spring) | Head Coach                | \$8,522 | David Hunt      |
| Track (Spring) | Assistant Coach           | \$3,822 | Regina Gatson   |
| Track (Spring) | Assistant Coach           | \$3,822 | Scot Levitsky   |
| Track (Spring) | Assistant Coach           | \$3,822 | Greg Lagakos    |

| Track (Spring) | Assistant Coach | \$3,822 | Montrey Wright  |
|----------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| Track (Spring) | Assistant Coach | \$2,230 | Spencer Jarrett |

# D. Leave of Absence Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools Motion ( / ) Board to Approve: #8-E-9 1. Board to approve the following leave(s) of absence:

|                               | ı                     | _                      |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Employee ID#                  | 1420                  | 669                    | 852  |
| Employee                      | R.A.                  | T.P.                   | D.A.                                       |
| Type of Leave                 | Family                | Medical                | Intermittent – Medical                     |
| Leave Requested               | 03/01/2021-05/24/2021 | 02/25/2021- 03/15-2021 | 02/25/2021 – 02/25/2022                    |
| Fed Max Leave (max 90 days)   | 03/01/2021-05/24/2021 | 02/25/2021- 03/15-2021 | 02/25/2021 – 02/25/2022                    |
| Time Usage of FMLA            | 12 weeks              | 2 weeks                | 12 weeks                                   |
| NJ Family Leave (max 90 days) | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A  |
| Time Usage of FLA             | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A  |
| *Use of Sick Days             | N/A                   | 13 days                | 74.75 days                                 |
| *Use of Personal Days         | N/A                   | N/A                    | 2.5 days                                   |
| *Use of Vacation Days         | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A  |
| Unpaid Leave                  | 03/01/2021-05/24/2021 | N/A                    | After exceeding all sick and personal days |
| Intermittent Leave            | N/A                   | N/A                    | 2 times per month<br>3-4 days per episode  |
| Extended Leave                | N/A                   | N/A                    | N/A  |
| Est. Return Date              | 05/25/2021            | 03/16/2021             | N/A  |

## <u>Curriculum /Professional Development</u> <u>Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools</u> Motion ( / ) Board to Approve: #11-9

1. Board to approve the following out of district professional developments:

| Staff Member   | Building | Admin.<br>Approving          | Title  | Date of<br>Program   | Location         | Registration and<br>Mileage Cost                                  |
|--|----------|------------------------------|--|--|------------------|---|
| Danielle Secula  | CST      | Dr. Megan Taylor             | 101 Therapy Strategies to Increase Your Effectiveness as a SLP | 4/28/2021  | Live On-<br>Line | Registration: \$279.00<br>11-000-216-800-00-CST                   |
| Deborah Maule  | CST      | Dr. Megan Taylor             | Overview of the WIAT-4   | 4/16/2021  | Zoom             | Registration: \$130.00<br>11-000-219-390-00-CST                   |
| Adrienne Brown   | CST      | Dr. Megan Taylor             | What the WIAT<br>Can Do For You                                | 4/16/2021  | Zoom             | Registration: \$100.00<br>11-000-219-390-00-CST                   |
| Gia Scarani, Latisha Thomas,<br>Debra Atkinson<br>Jennifer Cascaden, Regina<br>Colon, Elyssa Haines,<br>Victoria Galasso, Debra<br>Garvine, Alberte Martin, Cheri<br>Parsons, Karen Walker,<br>Cassandra Shoulders | JFS      | Mrs. Syeda –<br>Woods Carter | Cultural<br>Responsiveness<br>in Early<br>Childhood            | 4/6/2021<br>4/7/2021<br>4/8/2021<br>(Will<br>attend<br>each day<br>3-6 p.m.) | Virtual          | Registration: \$75.00 x<br>12 = \$900.00<br>20-218-200-800-01-JFA |

| Monthly Repor<br>Motion (<br>1. Board to | 1           | ) Board to Approve: <b>#13-9</b> reports for filing: (attached)           |
|--|-------------|---|
| EXECUTIVE SE<br>Motion (                 | ESSION<br>/ | ) Board to adopt the following Resolution to go into executive session at |

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Salem City that in compliance with "The Open Public Meeting Act", P.L., 1975, C. 173, NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., that the Board shall move to a closed portion of this meeting from which the public is excluded for the purpose of discussing a matter or matters permitted to be so discussed by that Act. The general nature of the matter(s), which the Board intends to discuss, is:

Minutes of such discussions shall be taken and released as soon as permitted by law in accordance with the specific individual topic discussed.

The Board shall take action as a result of such discussions only in an open to the Public session unless there is an express provision of law authorizing or requiring that such action be taken in a closed to the Public portion of a Board Meeting.

|                                  | REGULAR SESSI    | ON ) Board to return to open session at                                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|
| NEW BUSINES<br>Motion (          | <b>SS</b> :<br>/ | ) Board to Approve:  |
| ADJOURNMEI Motion ( Education at | <b>NT</b> /      | ) Board to adjourn the March 10, 2021 meeting of the Salem City Board of |