Salem City Board of Education Salem, New Jersey 08079 Board of Education Meeting August 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Salem City Board of Education is called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Salem High School Library located at 219 Walnut Street in Salem, New Jersey

08079.

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Yuenge Groce, Board president, announced that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. The Salem City Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the South Jersey Times, the Courier Post, on the school website, with Salem City and Salem County Clerks and in a place of public notice located at the Salem City

Board of Education Office, 205 Walnut Street, Salem, New Jersey

FLAG SALUTE Board Members

Sister Carol Adams Kendra Fletcher

Kendra Fletcher Joan Hoolahan Laquendala Bentley Yuenge Groce

Daffonie Moore

Christopher Colon Heidi Holden

Nilda Wilkins (Absent)

Student Representative:

District Representatives:

Elsinboro: Damian Carlson

Quinton: Joanne Nacucchio (Absent) Mannington: Dee DiTeodoro (Absent)

Administrators:

Dr. Patrick Michel, Superintendent Herbert Schectman, School Business Administrator Dr. Meghan Taylor, Director of Special Services John Mulhorn, Principal Salem High School Jordan Pla, VP Salem High School Darryl Roberts, VP Salem High School Pascale DeVilme, Principal Salem Middle School Mark Baker, VP Salem Middle School Michele Beach, VP Salem Middle School Syeda Carter, Principal John Fenwick Academy Shasharaa Blackshear, VP of Early Childhood Ryan Caltabiano, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Grants

OTHERS:

Mr. Corey Ahart, Esq.

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.

There was no Audience Participation.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum - None

Finance – Everything is good

Personnel – Meetings have been scheduled

PRINCIPALS'/ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS AND COMMENTARY

There were no Principals' reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

- Vape Sensors: Dr. Michel will ask Mr. Spence to get quotes to install vape sensors in bathrooms for grades 6-12.
- Scoreboard Sponsorship was discussed
- Truancy Report was presented

Motion (CC/HH) Board to approve the regular minutes of July 12, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Board Reports (Exhibit A)

Motion (CC/HH) Board approved the Board Secretary's reports in memo: #2-A-E-2.

- A. *Board approved the transfer of the funds pursuant to 18A:22-8.1 for the month of June 2023.
- B. *Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, I certify for the month ending June 2023 no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Salem City Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2 and no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a) 1 In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 2, it is certified that anticipated revenue has changed for the month ending June 2023 as follows:

Herbert Schiedm 9/6/23
Board Secretary Date

- C. *Treasurer's Report in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 for the month of June 2023. The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report are in agreement for the month of June 2023 pending audit.
- D. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 4, the Salem City Board of Education certifies for the month ending June 2023 and after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Boards' knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- E. Board approved the Payment of Bills and Purchase Report:
 From the General Account for Balance as summarized on attached board memo(s)
 Board approved Purchases Report for:

Balance of June 2023: \$ 707,348.02 July 2023: \$5,393,253.74

Board approved Payment of Bills for balance of June 2023 and August 2023

June 2023 General Account \$480,016.20 June 2023 Food Service \$259,752.89

 August 2023 General Account
 \$2,789,836.49

 August 2023 Food Service
 \$ 31,697.05

Confirmation of payrolls for July 2023

 July 14, 2023
 General Acct. Transfer
 \$204,769.77

 July 28, 2023
 General Acct. Transfer
 \$249,995.70

Miscellaneous

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #2-F-2

- 1. Board approved contract with Center for Family Guidance (CFG). They will be called in on an as needed basis for students who are required to receive a psychiatric evaluation. This will be from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Cost for each evaluation will be \$463.50 not to exceed \$15,000.00. Account #11-000-219-390-CST.
- 2. Board approved contract with Salem County Special Services School District for the following: Any evaluation that needs to be completed on an as needed basis per the student's evaluation plan or IEP including but not limited to: Behavioral, Psychological, and Learning Evaluations. Cost will be the SCSSSD service rate for the 2023-2024 school year. LDTC to provide testing and case management services for the 2023-2024 school year at the rate of \$475.00 per diem. Not to exceed \$80,000.00. Account #11-000-219-390-00-CST.
- 3. Board approved contract with Preferred Nursing for an out of district special education student (15515448) for the 2023 ESY program and 2023-2024 school year. Cost for the services will be \$62.00 per hour for RN and \$57.00 per hour for LPN. Account #11-000-217-320-00-CST.
- 4. Board approved contract with Bayada Nursing for <u>substitute purposes only</u> for an out of district special education student (15515448) for the 2023 ESY program and 2023-2024 school year. Cost for the services will be \$65.00 per hour for RN and \$55.00 per hour for LPN. Account #11-000-217-320-00-CST.
- 5. Board approved the Salem City Emergency Remote Instructional Program. Districts are now required to have a plan to move to remote instruction if required to close the schools for more than three consecutive days due to a declared state of emergency.
- 6. Board approved the submission of Report Period #2 (January 2023 to June 2023) for the Student Safety Data Submission (SSDS) to the State of New Jersey DOE (Under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act).

School	Total Incidents
050 – Salem High School	6
070 – John Fenwick Academy	0
090 – Salem Middle School	13

7. Board approved the following:

Houghton Mifflin Company	\$27,860.00
READ 180 – Teacher Materials – Stage B (SMS)	
14,064.68	
Account # 20-488-100-300-00-DIS - \$14,064.68	
(ESSER III Grant)	
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\$79,200.00
\$187,000.00

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Contract Agreement with Teaching Channel 2023-2024	
Account # 20-231-100-600-00-DIS - \$11,400.00	
(ESEA - Title I, Part A – 2023-2024)	
Edmentum	\$16,773.00
Contract Agreement with Edmentum 2023-2024	
Account # 20-231-100-600-00-DIS - \$16,773.00	
(ESEA - Title I, Part A – 2022-2023	

8. Board approved to amend the budget cost for the approved Effective School Solutions contract. Funds were originally charged to the General Fund. When grant allocations were announced, we opted to utilize available grant monies.

Account # (11-000-219-320-00-CST) in the amount of \$385,321. Account # (20-231-200-300-00-DIS) in the amount of \$136,280. Account # (20-460-200-300-00-DIS) in the amount of \$27,449.

- 9. Board approved to rescind the contract with the District's HIB Consultant Ralph Padilla, of the Padilla Group. The contract in the amount of \$10,440.00 was approved at the June 14, 2023 Board meeting.
- 10. Board approved to authorize Herbert Schectman, Business Administrator, to dispose of current District vehicle described as follows: 2012 Ford Focus SE, VIN #1FAHP3K20CL125328.
- 11. Board approved to authorize Herbert Schectman, Business Administrator, to purchase a new vehicle for use by the District Homeless Liaison and other authorized users. Cost of vehicle not to exceed \$35,000.00
- 12. Board approved for the following staff to serve on the Threat Assessment Team at each school:

Coordinator:	Salem High School:
Meghan Taylor	John Bacon
	Maria Bellia
John Fenwick Academy:	Larry Brown
Shasharaa Blackshear	Scot Levitsky
Janine Champion	Darryl Roberts
Tonya Connor	Curtis Schofield
Dale Primas-Garner	Scott Martin (Effective School Solutions)
Mary Traini	
Tyrone Nock	
Effective School Solutions Representative	
Salem Middle School:	
Mark Baker	
Michele Beach	
Gary Crowe	
Joseph Longo	(

John Murray			
Roxanne Ross			
Jarrell Avant (Effective School Solutions)			
Natalie Lowe (Effective School Solutions)			

13. The Salem City Board of Education authorized Herbert Schectman, Business Administrator to enter into a contract with Cummins Corporation to maintain and test the generator at each of our schools. The cost of this service agreement will be no more than \$4,100.

Acct. No. 11-000-261-420-01-JFA, 11-000-261-420-02-SMS, 11-000-261-420-03-SHS

Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote of 9-0-0: Ayes: Adams, Bentley, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson; Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

STUDENT MATTERS

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #4-A-2

1. Board approved a 4 day Summer Cheerleading camp, to be held at Salem High School gymnasium and on school grounds, August 14th through August 17th. Camp to be conducted by Barry Ford GETFIT4LIFE Training Association, at a cost of \$2,350.00. There will be 25 participants attending.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0: Ayes: Adams, Bentley, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson; Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

Home Instruction: In/ Out of District/Residential

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #7-C-2

1. Board approved for the following special education students to attend out of district placement for the 2023-2024 school year.

Student ID	School	Grade	Tuition	Dates	Account#
01280159	SCSSSD-Salem	8	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01260229	SCSSSD-Salem	12	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01260134	SCSSSD-Salem	9	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01210194	SCSSSD-TCP	12	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01240201	SCSSSD-Salem	12	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	Shared Aide		\$27,082.50	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01220094	SCSSSD-TCP	12	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01260083	SCSSSD-Salem	9	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01250170	SCSSSD-Salem	11	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS

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01220254	SCSSSD-TCP	12	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01220253	SCSSSD-TCP	12	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01220193	SCSSSD-TCP	12	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
15515446	SCSSSD-	2	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	Cumberland 1-1 Aide		\$54,165.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01300016	SCSSSD- Cumberland	5	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01340032	SCSSSD- Cumberland	1	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01290097	SCSSSD- Cumberland	5	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	1-1 Aide		\$54,165.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01240167	SCSSSD- Cumberland	11	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	1-1 Aide		\$54,165.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01310167	SCSSSD- Cumberland	5	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	1-1 Aide		\$54,165.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01270170	SCSSSD- Cumberland	9	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	1-1 Aide		\$54,165.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
013200084	SCSSSD- Cumberland	3	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01350069	SCSSSD- Cumberland	1	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01340100	SCSSSD- Cumberland	2	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	Shared Aide		\$27,082.50	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01350023	SCSSSD- Cumberland	1	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	Shared Aide		\$27,082.50	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01290210	SCSSSD-Daretown	6	\$50,614.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
	1-1 Aide		\$54,165.00	9/6/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-565-00-BUS
01240078	Pennsville School	11	\$25,453.00	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-562-00-BUS
	1:1 Aide		\$50,000.00	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-562-00-BUS
15515448	Pennsville School	2	\$34,741.00	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-562-00-BUS
01290179	Pennsville School	6	\$25,453.00	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-562-00-BUS
01280198	Pennsville School	7	\$34,741.00	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-562-00-BUS

01260133	Pineland	7	\$58,780.80	9/5/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-566-00-BUS
01280194	Pineland	8	\$58,780.80	9/5/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-566-00-BUS
01300091	Creative Achievement Academy	6	\$63,000.00	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-566-00-BUS
	1:1 Aide		\$41,459.40	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-566-00-BUS
01320141	Creative Achievement Academy	3	\$63,000.00	9/7/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-566-00-BUS
01290173	Vineland School	6	\$55,429.00	9/5/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-566-00-BUS
01250184	Bonnie Brae	11	\$79,550.00	9/1/23-6/30/24	11-000-100-566-00-BUS

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0: Ayes: Adams, Bentley, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson; Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

Miscellaneous

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #7-D-2

1. Board approved for Jelani Beverly (resident district school – Penns Grove-Carneys Point) to attend Salem High School as 10th grade pupil. Jelani Beverly is a former student in Salem City School District. Parents have completed School Choice forms and will provide their own transportation for pupil.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0: Ayes: Adams, Bentley, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson; Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

Personnel

A. Resignation/Retirement

Upon Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #8-A-2

- 1. Board approved the resignation of Lynn Gaeta, Math teacher at Salem Middle School, effective July 17, 2023.
- 2. Board approved the resignation of Mary Morris, Paraprofessional at John Fenwick Academy, effective August 7, 2023.
- 3. Board approved the resignation of Camila Bell, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at John Fenwick Academy, effective August 2, 2023.
- 4. Board approved the resignation of Lisa Anderson, Math Teacher at Salem Middle School, effective July 27, 2023.

3. Board approved the following staff members to be employed with the Salem City Transition Program for the 2023-2024 school year beginning September 7, 2023.

Administrators:	Teachers:
Mark A. Baker	Nicole Boyce
Michele Beach	Kenneth Buck
John Mulhorn	
Jordan Pla	
	Counseling:
Substitute Administrators:	Kellie Smith
Pascale DeVilme	Jacquelyn Thompson
Darryl Roberts	Montrey Wright
Meghan Taylor	
	Substitute Teachers:
Secretary:	Dione Alston
Lisa Bacon	Eric Fizur
	Diana Mace
Substitute Secretary:	Russell Phillips, Jr.
Melinda Marcano	Steve Sheffield
	Tyberiusz Skarzynski

Costs:

Administrator – 3.5 hours/day @ \$50.00/hour x 5 days/week

(Acct. 15-423-200-100-02 SMS & 15-423-200-100-03 SHS)

Counselor – 4 hours/day @\$35.00/hour x up to 5 days/week

(Acct. 15-423-200-100-02 SMS & 15-423-200-100-03 SHS) as needed.

Secretary – 2 hours/day/up to 10 hours per week @\$22.00/hour x 5 days/week

(Acct. 15-423-200-100-02 SMS & 15-423-200-100-03 SHS)

Teacher – 4 hours/day @\$35.00/hour x 5 days/week

(Acct. 15-423-100-101-02 SMS & 15-423-100-101-03 SHS)

(Hourly rates indicated are the current hourly rates and will be adjusted upon settlement of 23-24 negotiated contract)

4. Board approved the following staff to be paid from ESEA Title I Funds for the 2023-2024 school year:

ESEA Title I	Title	Paid from ESEA				
Catherine McConathey	SMS Reading Specialist	\$79,748				
TBD	JFA Reading Specialist	TBD				
Dale Primas Garner	JFA Transition Coach	\$79,072				
Montrey Wright	SHS Family Coach	\$68,188				
John Bacon	Truancy Officer and Homeless	\$68,435				
	Liaison					
Chibuzor Idimaogu	District Data Specialist	\$21,020 (Stipend)				
Funds available in accounts: 20-231-100-100-00-DIS; 20-231-100-100-03-SHS, 20-231-100-100-02-SMS, 20-						
231-200-100-03-SHS, 20-231-	200-100-02-SMS (ESEA Funds 2023-2024	100-02-SMS (ESEA Funds 2023-2024)				

D. Leave of Absence

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved #8-E-2

1. Board approved the following leaves of absence:

Employee ID#	1151	
Employee Name	D.G.	T.B.
Type of Leave	Intermittent – Family	Intermittent - Medical
Leave Requested	06/22/2023 – 12/25/2023	09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024
Fed Max Leave (max 90 days)	06/22/2023 – 12/25/2023	09/01/2023 – 08/31/2024
Time Usage of FMLA	12 weeks	12 weeks
Time Usage of FLA	N/A	N/A
*Use of Sick Days	19 days	35.5 days
*Use of Personal Days	3 days	3
*Use of Vacation Days	50 days	N/A
Unpaid Leave	N/A	After all sick and personal days are exhausted
Intermittent Leave	1 – 5x per week 2 – 8 hrs. per day	Varies
Extended Leave	N/A	N/A
Est. Return Date	N/A	N/A

2. Board approved the following non-FMLA leave of absence:

Employee	Requested Period
Patrica McClaren	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0: Ayes: Adams, Bentley, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson; Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

Curriculum/Professional Development

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #11-2

1. Board approved the following out of district professional developments:

Staff Member	Building	Admin Approving	Title	Date of Program	Location	Registration and Mileage Cost
Rebecca Schaller Miranda Perry Eric Fizur	SHS	Mr. Mulhorn	Advanced Placement Training	7/23-8/23 (various dates)	Online	Reg: Amounts TBD Teacher pay: \$35*/hr x 40 hrs x 3 staff = \$4,200 Account #15-000-221-110R-03 SHS
Dr. Maisha Bryant Tyra McCombs	JFA/SMS	Mr. Caltabiano	American Reading Company	8/15- 8/16/23	JFA	Teacher Pay: \$35*/hr x 12 hours x 8 staff = \$3,360

Cheryl Flitcraft						
Kendra Massie						Funds available 20-231-100-100-
Sue Seymour						00-DIS (ESSA 23-24)
Theresa Riccio						
Ramon Roots						
Catherine						
McConathey						
LaShawn Best-Key	JFA/SMS	Mr. Caltabiano	Sarah's Spanish School	8/29/23	Online	Teacher pay: \$35*/hour x 2 hours
Rhonda Lusby			training			x 2 staff = \$140.00
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						00-DIS (ESSA 23-24)
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^{*}Teacher pay is the rate of the 2022-2023 school year and if applicable will be adjusted upon settlement of contract.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0: Ayes: Adams, Bentley, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson; Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

Monthly Reports

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #13-2

1. Board approved the monthly reports for filing: (attached)

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of 9-0-0: Ayes: Adams, Bentley, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson; Nays: 0, Abstain: 0

Policy / Calendars

Motion (CC/HH) Board Approved: #14-2

- 1. Board approved upon the first reading of revised policy 5141 Health. Please see highlighted language (attached) regarding screening students for depression.
- 2. Board approved upon the first reading of revised Board Policy 9110 Membership and Terms of Office. This policy is being revised to include the process for selecting a Student Representative to sit on the Board of Education as a non-voting member. Please see highlighted language in the attached.

Miscellaneous

Motion (CCHH) Board Approved: #15-2

1. Board approved the following individuals as Volunteer Coaches for the Fall 2023 season:

Football: Amir Mansour, Shane Bigelow and Ricky Turner

2. Board approved the following Clinical Practice from Rowan University:

Clinical Intern	Education Major	Placement School	Dates	Placement Requirements	Teacher/Grade Level
Tiasa Tatem	Counseling	Salem High School	9/23/2023- 5/24/2024	600 hours	Regina Gatson- Counselor

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of 8-0-1: Ayes: Adams, Colon, Fletcher, Groce, Holden, Hoolahan, Moore, Carlson, Nays: 0, Abstain: Bentley

ADJOURNMENT

Motion (CC/HH) Board adjourned the August 9, 2023 meeting of the Salem City Board of Education at 6:15PM.