

Salem Community High School Academic Foundation
REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2026

The Salem Community High School Academic Foundation Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Debbie Woodruff in the high school boardroom.

Directors present: Debbie Woodruff, John Gaston, Lynette Dye, Jane Gaston, Debby Hays, Misty Johannes, Jeannie Malone, James Toth.

Also present: Brad Detering, SCHS Superintendent

Minutes

The minutes from the regular meeting on April 9, 2026 were reviewed. A motion by Misty Johannes, seconded by Jeannie Malone, to approve the minutes.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

John Gaston reviewed the treasurer's report which showed a March 31, 2026 balance of \$305,250.52

John Gaston reviewed the profit loss statement that showed a profit of \$43,125.82 for the month which ended March 31, 2026. A total profit for the year to date is -\$78,922.56

A motion was made by Debby Hays, seconded by Jeannie Malone, to receive the treasurer's report.

Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Membership- One membership renewal; and one change of address

Publicity- Nothing to report; article still to be drafted for improvements to science labs once completed

Scholarship- Jenny Knapp discussed the Morton scholarship with Debby Hays in advance of the meeting. The total amount left in the Morton fund stands at \$1,159.00; and the scholarship award is \$500.00. The family will not be depositing any additional funds – so once these funds are gone – the scholarship is gone. Suggestion was made by Debby Hays that we consider dividing the remaining account funds and awarding two scholarships this year. The Board discussed this further and upon motion made by Debby Hays and 2d by Lynette- the board voted to divide this fund equally between two 2026 applicants. The scholarship committee meeting will be held on April 9 following regular meeting.

Hall of Fame- Debby Hays had the nominating materials ready for distribution to the committee members. Current members are Don, Debby, Rich, Rhonda and Jeannie. The committee will meet on April 23rd at 9:30 a.m. to make their selections. Debby also showed the Board an article she had kept with the hall of fame materials regarding Luke Wollin who she suggested might be a suitable nominee in the future. Debbie Woodruff mentioned that Mark Larimer had suggested to her that the committee might also consider Thomas Mullin (?) who was recently appointed as a Bishop in the Catholic Church – Debbie told Mark he should fill out the appropriate paperwork to get his candidate in our files for

consideration. Suzanne Henry Brown had submitted a nomination past this year's deadline – but Debby confirmed that the nomination is among the materials distributed to the committee members.

Fundraising- Jeannie Malone will approach El Rancherito to discuss fundraising event there to benefit foundation and report next month.

Other Business

All Class Reunion: Debbie Woodruff brought the Board up to date on plans for the All Class Reunion (the weekend of October 23, 2026). The address list is being updated - and paper invitations will hopefully be mailed out before the end of the month. The All-Class Committee will once again request use of the school's bulk mailing permit to lower costs on the mailing for the event. Friday night will be the traditional mixer at the Salem Community Center. On Friday night the downtown historical society museum and William Jennings Bryan home will be open to the public. On Saturday morning – the Hall of Fame breakfast and awards will take place. This event is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. Debby and Jeannie will be in charge of coordinating efforts/activities for this event. At 10:30 a.m. tours of the school will start. Kathy Littrell (from All-Class Committee) is in charge of coordinating this activity and has plans for actors to portray 4 different teachers/administrators from the school's past to hold court in their former classrooms during the tour and to give each group a little history about himself/herself. Currently the cast of characters is to include Poss Hanes, Bob Jamison, Blanche Stoafer and B.E. Gum. Doors will open for the All-Class Variety Show at 1:30 p.m. and the show will start at 2:00 p.m. Throughout the late morning/afternoon -there will be food trucks on the front parking lot of the building for alumni and their guests (these will be purchases by each individual as they are not included in the weekend ticket price). Saturday evening the dinner/dance will take place at the Salem Community Center – doors open at 6:00 p.m.; Produce Plus will cater.

Mini Grants: Dr. Detering presented information on all mini-grant requests. The total of the items requested was approximately \$7,500.00. Dr. believed he might be able to find money in the school's budget to cover some of the text book requests which would lower the total. The membership asked for information on past amounts spent for mini grants- and that total varied from \$2,500 to \$5,000 – John Gaston made a motion and Jeannie 2d that the foundation contribute a total of \$5,000 towards the mini-grant requests for the school to distribute as they see fit.

Debbie Woodruff asked James to share his list of addresses from newsletters so that a comparison could be made between that list and the address list maintained by the All-Class Committee. James emailed the list to Woodruff during the meeting.

Adjourn

At 12:44 P.M., Jeannie Malone made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Gaston, Vote: 7 ayes, 0 nay, meeting adjourned.