

## **?Plans are moving forward for new HVAC system at Bradie Shrum**

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??? The Salem Community School Board approved plans to move forward with a new HVAC system at Bradie Shrum Upper Elementary at the school board meeting held on Monday, September 8, with all members present.

Tom Durkin with Durkin & Villalta Partners Engineering gave a presentation for the reasons to continue with this project.

According to Durkin the school would see a significant change in the education environment and a huge decrease in the gas bill. "Usually infrastructure as to the one that is existing at Bradie Shrum usually last 20-25 years. This one is 45 years old. You have gotten your money out of the old system." stated Durkin.

Also according to Durkin the total project would be started in May of 2009 and completed by the first of the 2009 school year with a cost of \$1.3 to 1.6 million. Durkin will return in November with the final plans of the project.

The project will include: Adding a filtration system, upgrade lights, ceiling tiles, new boilers, replace and insulate the book shelves along the window area of the classrooms, air condition the kitchen while dressing up the appearance with all ducts hidden.

All claims to date and all personnel recommendations were approved.

A donation to the high school from Shane Dowling was accepted in the amount of \$300 for the football team and the temporary loan was awarded to Regions Bank at a rate of 2.62 percent.

Lindsey Wade-Swift with the Washington County Community Foundation presented the board with a new possible fundraiser Shop with Scrip.

Shop with Scrip is a way for the school and it's organizations to raise money while shopping like usual. You buy gift cards in advance and when you then use the gift card, a percentage of the that card goes to your organization of choice. The board all approved of this new fundraising effort.

The board recognized the custodial staff of Bradie Shrum with the Lion Pride awards on the great up keep and appearance of the school.

The first reading of a new transfer policy of students was read to ensure the students who would transfer will benefit the school and the students also the first reading of revised policies 1200, 1205, 1300, 2120, 2130 and 2140 were approved.

Dr. Thurston gave the financial report to the other board members stating that no tax money has yet been received and if they do not receive some money soon, they will just be paying for the lights and payroll, until they get through this. "The school system should receive well over \$2 million from the state." stated Thurston.

The next regular scheduled school board meeting will be Monday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m.