

New forest to be planted on SCS school property

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By Monika Spaulding

A forest of trees will soon be planted on the grounds at Salem Community Schools. Superintendent Lynn Reed said the airport expansion advisory board attended Monday night's school board meeting to inform the board that they have to cut down approximately 350 trees for the airport project.

They are required to plant one tree for each tree that is cut and asked the school for permission to plant those trees on the northeast corner of the school's land. Reed said there is approximately one acre that will not be good for building because of a sink hole. It is currently used by the science department and will be a perfect place for the new forest.

"They (the airport) will take care of all the financials," she said. "We do not have to anything."

She said the school agreed to a 50 year commitment of letting the trees grow.

"We want to have a good mix of land use there," she added. "This is perfect."

Also during the meeting Monday, the board honored all the vocal and instrumental musicians who won gold at state competition, as well as the Bradie Shrum Upper Elementary School Math Bowl team who went to regional and the BSUE Science Bowl Team who won state.

"We honored a lot of students," said Reed. "It was great!"

The board also announced a graduation date of May 31.

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The school board's next meeting will be Monday, April 8.