

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 15, 2008

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yarnell.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Yarnell, Falco, Koelling, and Innis

Absent: Coffman

The Chairman declared a quorum present and opened the meeting for business.

The minutes from the August 15, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed. Koelling made the motion, second by Innis, to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

The first item was the annual report to the public. Superintendent Rich welcomed those in attendance (roster attached) and stated that both schools are fully accredited by the state of Arkansas and meet Adequate Yearly Progress in all categories as required by the No Child Left Behind legislation. He noted that the district enrollment was 745 currently. Superintendent Rich reported on new personnel for the year, improvements and additions to facilities, and various parental involvement programs implemented by the district including the new SchoolReach parental software notification system. He also gave the vending revenues and expenditures of the district from sale of bottled drinks and presented academic goals for the district.

Elementary principal David Turnbough reported an enrollment of 388. He reported on curriculum, student achievement scores, federal programs, Title I, Title II-A, Title IV-A, and Title VI, and stated academic goals for the elementary school.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner reported a current enrollment of 357 students. He reported on curriculum, student achievement scores, the federal Perkins grant award, the Children's Internet Protection Act and presented goals for the high school. He also gave an overview of the district's Gifted and Talented program.

Coffman joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The superintendent answered questions and took comments from patrons attending the meeting.

Next the ACT 1599 resolutions were presented to the board. Superintendent Rich gave a recommendation to continue doing business with AWL Wholesale Electric which is jointly owned by the school's District Treasurer, Elaine Combs. Innis made the motion, second by Falco to pass the resolution as presented (attached). Passed.

Superintendent Rich gave a recommendation to continue doing business with Sharp Office Supply where board member Burton Yarnell is employed. Coffman made the motion, second by Koelling to pass the resolution as presented (attached). Passed.

Mr. Burton Yarnell abstained from voting. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich announced that the district's 2009-2011 facilities plan was approved.

Rich also informed the board of upcoming training for board members to be held October 6th and 20th from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the school's distance learning lab.

Plumbing bids for the elementary water project were considered. Two bids were opened. After some discussion, both bids were rejected.

Superintendent Rich advised the board of a personnel matter concerning a resignation. The board retired into executive session at 7:42 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m. As a result of executive session, Superintendent Rich read a letter of resignation from Kristie Brewer, effective immediately. He recommended to accept the resignation (attached). Innis made the motion, second by Falco to accept the resignation of high school science teacher, Kristie Brewer as recommended. Passed.

The financial reports were reviewed.

A plaque of service was presented to outgoing member Mike Innis in honor of his 15 ½ years of service to the board and district by President Burton Yarnell.

Innis made the motion, second by Coffman to adjourn. Passed.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.