

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 17, 2008

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koelling.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Yarnell, Falco, Abney, Koelling, and Coffman

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the October 20, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Falco, to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

Superintendent Ken Rich discussed the implementation of a facilities maintenance software system called Schooldude for the district. State facility reporting will require maintenance work order tracking and system preventative maintenance records. This software will enable the district to comply with required facility maintenance guidelines. He noted that the first year trial is free to the district and will cost around \$835 yearly afterwards.

High School principal Wayne Guiltner informed the board that the district received two advanced placement grants for \$1,000 each for AP Calculus and AP English Language. Monies received will pay for textbooks and calculators.

Superintendent Ken Rich informed board members that the governor's proposed budget would be a conservative one with few dollars added to the education budget and that the economic downturn would impact all levels of state budgeting.

Board members were given a demonstration of a new handheld computer and learning program purchased by the district by which students can read lessons, answer study questions, and take tests to help reinforce curriculum frameworks. Superintendent Rich informed the board that these would be used at both schools in the resource rooms.

Wayne Guiltner announced that the Cheerleaders had recently competed at Jonesboro and brought home 1st and 2nd place trophies. He commended the cheer squad and their sponsors, Amanda Himschoot and Dana Johns on their accomplishments. He also congratulated the football teams and coaches on their season and commended them on their efforts and dedication. All-conference players will be announced at a later date.

Superintendent Rich presented petitions for student transfer. He gave the recommendation to deny transfer of a student from the IZARD COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT. Falco made the motion, second by Yarnell to deny the transfer (attached) as recommended. Passed.

Superintendent Rich recommended to accept the transfer of a student from Highland to the Salem district. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to accept the transfer as recommended (attached). Passed.

The financial reports were reviewed. The superintendent informed the board that the district's current ACSIP had been given conditional approval status.

Yarnell made the motion to adjourn with a second by Coffman. Passed

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.