

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 20, 2009

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koelling.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Falco, Abney, Coffman, and Koelling

Absent: Yarnell

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

The minutes from the December 19, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed. Abney made the motion, second by Coffman, to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

Superintendent Ken Rich updated board members on the district's bus fleet reporting on bus mileage and stating it was in good condition.

Yarnell joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Superintendent Rich informed the board of a recent Department of Workforce Education technical visit monitoring the district's vocational programs. He stated that the group was very complimentary of the programs and instructors and that a written report of the outcome will be forthcoming.

Superintendent Rich also informed the board of his attending a superintendent symposium where they met with legislators in Little Rock. Topics of the upcoming legislative session were discussed.

Next was an ACT 1599 resolution for the district to do business with James Wood, an employee's husband to do bow repair for the school's archery program in physical education funded by Game/Fish fund monies. Yarnell made the motion, second by Coffman to adopt the resolution as presented (attached). Passed.

Superintendent Rich announced that the district would be providing upcoming workshops for both parents and students. Parent workshops would be for technical training to learn to use the district's computer programs for access to student grades, teacher communication, and lunchroom account information. High School Principal Wayne Guiltner announced that two student financial aid workshops were set for seniors and their parents during the day and evening on January 26th. Also, a workshop entitled "Ready, Set, Graduate" will be conducted by Melinda Coffman and Mary Hughes for juniors and seniors at a later date.

The Chairman announced an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the contract of the superintendent.

The board returned to open session at 6:45 p.m. and as a result of the executive session, Yarnell made the motion, second by Falco to extend the contract of Superintendent Ken Rich for one additional year through June 30, 2012. Passed.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner informed the board that the December ACT tests resulted in a composite score of 22.4. He also announced winners from the school's spelling bee, that fifteen band students qualified for All-Region status, and announced winners from a recent FBLA competition. He congratulated all the students and teachers on their achievements.

The financial reports were reviewed.

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

The chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.