

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
March 16, 2009

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2009 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: Falco, Abney, Coffman, Koelling, and Yarnell

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the February 16, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Falco, to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion. Passed.

Superintendent Ken Rich discussed the necessity of the district's implementation of a plan for its information technology security. He explained the need for encryption software to protect sensitive data and using password and screen locks for individual workstations. He gave a recommendation to appoint the district's technology coordinator, Shaun Windsor, as the district's Information Technology security officer. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to appoint Shaun Windsor as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion. Passed.

Superintendent Rich gave the board members a legislative update on education issues.

The board discussed the district partnering with the Arkansas Department of Health for the 2009/2010 Arkansas Influenza Immunization Campaign to immunize as many as possible in November of 2009. More planning will be conducted and information distributed to parents and the community as the campaign is organized.

Superintendent Ken Rich presented a resolution to the board for Internal Revenue Service post-issuance compliance to ensure certain restrictions are followed and requirements are met on outstanding bond issues. The Superintendent recommended to adopt the resolution as stated (attached). Yarnell made the motion, second by Falco to adopt the resolution as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion. Passed.

Superintendent Rich discussed the economic stimulus package and stated some projections for additional federal monies being given for certain educational programs.

High School principal Wayne Guiltner informed board members of recent student accomplishments in FFA team judging competitions, Lyon College Academic Day winners, and recent spelling Bee competitions. He also noted the composite score for the February ACT was 21.1. He announced that all eleventh graders would be taking the ACT in April at no cost to them.

The board retired into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss certified contracts for the upcoming year.

The board returned to open session at 8:08 p.m. and as a result of the executive session the superintendent gave the recommendation to employ all certified staff on the attached list for the 2009/2010 school year. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to extend contracts to all current certified employees as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion. Passed.

The financial reports were reviewed.

Superintendent Rich presented a petition of student transfer of three students from the Highland district and recommended approval. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to accept the student transfer as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion. Passed.

Superintendent Rich presented a proposal from Techline for lighting the softball field. After discussion by the board, Superintendent Rich stated that the district would purchase lighting materials and North Arkansas Electric would be hired to install lights on the softball field.

Coffman made the motion, second by Falco to adjourn. The Chairman called for discussion. Passed.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.