

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 27, 2011

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coffman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Coffman, Smith, Yarnell, and Abney

Absent: Koelling

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

The minutes from the May 19, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

First was the consideration of bids for asphalt sealing/stripping. Cox Paving of Bald Knob, AR submitted a bid of \$26,475.00, Ted York's bid was for \$16,499.00, and Asphalt Maintenance Company of West Plains, MO presented a bid in the amount of \$14,200.55. Superintendent Ken Rich gave the recommendation to accept the low bid from AMC of West Plains as submitted. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to accept the bid as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The proposed budget for 2012/2013 was presented and considered. Superintendent Rich made the recommendation to accept the attached proposed budget. Abney made the motion, second by Smith to accept the proposed budget as presented. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The district's property, vehicle, and mobile fleet insurance renewal through the Arkansas School Boards Association was considered and recommended for renewal by the superintendent for a premium of \$31,150.00 for the 2011/12 school year. Yarnell made the motion, second by Abney to renew the district's property and fleet insurance as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A review of the district's Special Education Annual Performance Report for 2009/10 was given to the board noting that the district met all requirements within the five categories reviewed in the report.

Changes in the board policy relating to law changes for 2011/12 incorporating district policies were reviewed and recommended for adoption by the superintendent (attached). Smith made the motion, second by Abney to adopt the policy changes as noted. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Elementary principal Corey Johnson presented proposed handbook changes for both high school and elementary for the 2011/12 school year. Superintendent Ken Rich recommended approval of the school handbooks as noted (attached). Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to approve the handbook changes as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The superintendent and board reviewed a state department memo concerning classified employee minimum hourly pay rate. The school district is meeting all requirements and will place a statement on the bottom of the classified salary schedule to indicate that requirements are being met.

The schools' accreditation with AdvancED, formerly known as the Northcentral Association, was discussed. The move toward district accreditation was considered and recommended by the superintendent. An evaluation team will be scheduled to come next spring to pursue this venture. Smith made the motion, second by Abney to pursue district accreditation with AdvancED as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich recognized the accomplishments of the junior and senior high school shooting teams at their state competitions. He also recognized the FFA Parliamentary procedure team placing their in state competition and congratulated team members and sponsor Rob Long on their outstanding achievements.

Supt. Rich noted that to date 11 students were transfers in to the district while 2 students were transfers out from the district through School Choice. He noted that July 1 is the upcoming deadline for all school choice applicants.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Yarnell with a second from Smith. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was announced that both school's libraries would be opened to the students one night per week from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. beginning on July 14th and continuing until the beginning of the next school term. This is an effort to promote reading and literacy for students and to further their interests and involvement with the library.

Superintendent Rich presented a demonstration of a Salem Schools iPhone application that was written recently for the school district. He noted that anything on the news portion of the district's website can automatically be accessed on an iPhone using this app. He thanked district technology coordinator Shaun Windsor with his involvement in making this possible.

Abney made the motion to adjourn with a second by Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Secretary