

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 21, 2013

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Abney.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the December 17, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Koelling to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

First was the presentation and review of the district bus/vehicle fleet report with board members. Superintendent Ken Rich noted the fleet was in very good condition and well maintained. He also noted the outstanding job performance of bus mechanic, Jason Howell. Plans were laid out to obtain bids for a new bus for a scheduled delivery in the fall during the next school year. After the new bus purchase then it would be intended to sell two of the district's spares.

The superintendent informed the board that the state legislative session has convened. He noted that he would be attending several sessions and would keep members updated on education issues.

Student transfers were considered for four students from IZARD County Consolidated to attend school at Salem and were given a recommendation of approval by Superintendent Rich. Smith made the motion, second by Coffman to accept the transfers (attached) as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner reported that 43 students took the December ACT scoring an average composite of 21 and noted this was an outstanding score result. Mr. Guiltner also announced All-Region distinctions for several band members and noted that four students would be trying out for All-State. He announced that All-Conference defensive lineman Hunter Medling was invited to participate in the state football All-Star game and that head football Coach Cody Curtis was named 3A coach of the year. Congratulations were given for these distinctive recognitions of achievement.

The board retired into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:23 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 9:22 p.m. As a result of the executive session, Superintendent Rich read a letter of resignation from elementary cook, Lou Crow effective on January 14, 2013 and gave the recommendation of acceptance. Smith made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept the resignation as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to hire Tracey Sherman as elementary cook for the remainder of the current school year pending notice to her employer. Koelling made the motion, second by Yarnell to employ Tracey Sherman as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Coffman made the motion, second by Smith to extend the contract for Superintendent Ken Rich by one year through June 30, 2016 following his annual verbal evaluation of job performance. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich recommended to renew the district's Legal Liability insurance policy. Koelling made the motion, second by Coffman to renew the policy as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Koelling made the motion to adjourn with a second from Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Secretary