

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**August 17, 2015**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2015 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: Abney, Smith, Yarnell, Koelling, and Coffman

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the July 27, 2015 regular meeting and August 11, 2015 called meeting were reviewed. Coffman 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.

Superintendent Rich and both building principals reported on the first day of school. Enrollment for the first day was 770 students. Elementary attendance was 440 while high school attendance was 330. Superintendent noted this was about the same as last year's average. Both principals reported great first days. Principal Guiltner reported fantastic feedback from students regarding the ASUMH secondary center. Salem had 13 students attend.

Superintendent Rich asked the board to join him and tour the band hall. Board members did a walk through and they discussed the renovation.

Next was the consideration of approval to transfer funds. The superintendent requested that \$290,000.00 be moved from the operating fund to the building fund for future projects. Koelling made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the funds transfer as requested. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Discussion of work release requests for seniors to be released from school up to two hours early for those who have job responsibilities. Mr. Rich gave the recommendation to give high school principal, Wayne Guiltner the authority to approve those students that qualify. Koelling made the motion, second by Smith to allow Mr. Guiltner to determine senior eligibility for early release. The chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, Superintendent Rich made the recommendation to increase adult lunch price from \$3.35 to \$3.40 to meet state requirement for the 2015-2016 school year. Yarnell made motion, second by Koelling to increase adult lunch price a nickel. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, student transfer requests were considered. Three students from IZARD County Consolidated to Salem, three students from Viola to Salem, one student from Highland to Salem, and three students from Salem to Viola, one student from Salem to Highland, and one student from Salem to IZARD County Consolidated. Motion was made by Smith, second by Coffman to approve all transfers. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich discussed with the board the possibility of hiring a management company to manage cafeterias. After some discussion recommendation was made to allow Mr. Rich to check into the possibility of hiring a management company for the 2016-2017 school year. Koelling made the motion with a second by Smith. 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 from Coffman. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Coffman 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 7:44 p.m.

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Secretary