

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 19, 2016**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koelling.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the November 21, 2016 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Coffman to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

First order of business was to set a "look back" period for insurance. Superintendent Guiltner made the recommendation for the period of April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 to be approved for the "look back" period for insurance and the Affordable Care Act. The motion was made by Abney, second by Yarnell to accept recommendation for look back period. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner discussed the program Hour of Code with the board. Governor Hutchinson proclaimed December 5-11 as Computer Science Week. During that week students at both elementary and high school participated in Hour of Code to help motivate students and teachers to learn about computer coding.

Next, they discussed the education bills that have been filed for the 2017 legislative session. More discussion will be held as session progresses.

Recommendation was made to accept the transfer of three students from Salem District to the Highland District. Coffman made the motion with a second from Yarnell to accept the transfers. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High School principal Cody Curtis had several student recognitions: FCCLA, Science Fair Winners, FFA, ACT Scores, Football All District, All District Honorable Mention, All State Honorable Mention, Band Concert, Cheer Competition, and Jr. High Boys Basketball.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion made by Coffman, second by Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Arkansas Department of Education released "201 schools qualify for \$6.7 million in Recognition Funds". These funds are from the results of last year's testing. Elementary school was in top 5% performance and will receive \$43,300. High school was in top 5% Growth/Graduation and will receive \$35,200. The Elementary school was also in the top 6%-10% Growth/Graduation and will receive \$21,650. Mr. Guiltner could not say enough good things about students and staff. Three years, three different tests and continue to do great work.

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 6:30 p.m.

Secretary