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SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT Annual Report to the Public September 15, 2025

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, State of Arkansas, met in regular session Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yarnell.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Establish Quorum

ROLL CALL:

Present: Smith, Yarnell, Miller, Hall and Coffman
Absent: None

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

II. REPORTS

- A. Annual Report to the Public (including Academic Achievement Reporting)
 - a. Superintendent of Salem Schools, Mr. Wayne Guiltner District Report
 - b. Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Lyndsey Wiseman Elementary Report
 - c. High School Principal, Mr. Cody Curtis High School Report
 - d. Federal Programs Coordinator, Mr. David Turnbough, Federal Programs Report
 - 1. Children's Internet Protection Act
 - e. Gifted and Talented, Ms. Eileen McCord

Meeting Paused at 6:25 to move back to the Salem Schools Board Room and resumed at 6:33pm..

- B. Report on Best of Areawide Media Awards
- C. Security Report

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Board Minutes
 - 1. August 18, 2025

The minutes of the August 18th school board meeting were reviewed. **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the August 18th school board meeting. **Moved by:** Coffman **Seconded by:** Miller

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

- B. Public Comment – No public comment

IV. ACTION AGENDA

- A. Executive Session

The meeting moved into executive session for employment at 6:35 PM. The board returned from executive session at 6:45 PM.

B. Consider Employment of Personnel 2025-2026 school year

Superintendent Gultner made a recommendation to hire Kim Snyder as the Early Horizon's bus route driver, due to the route becoming very large with about 45 students. **Motion:** To hire Kim Snyder as the Early Horizon's bus route driver. * **Moved by:** Dr. Smith * **Seconded by:** Hall

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

C. Consider Legal Transfers

A recommendation was made to approve the transfer of two students from Viola School District to Salem School District. **Motion:** To approve the transfer of two students from Viola School District. **Moved by:** Miller **Seconded by:** Hall

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A recommendation was made to approve the transfer of three students (from two separate families) from IZard County School District to Salem School District. **Motion:** To approve the transfer of three students from IZard County School District to Salem School District. **Moved by:** Hall **Seconded by:** Miller

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A recommendation was made to approve the transfer of two students from Highland School District to Salem School District. **Motion:** To approve the transfer of two students from Highland School District to Salem School District. **Moved by:** Coffman **Seconded by:** Smith

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

A recommendation was made to deny the transfer petition for one student from Highland School District to Salem School District based on a report from the previous school. **Motion:** To deny the transfer petition for one student from Highland School District to Salem School District. **Moved by:** Miller **Seconded by:** Hall

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

D. Consider Classified Salary

A recommendation was made to add wording to the classified salary schedule to specify that the Early Horizon's bus route is a quarter of a bus route at Step 10. **Motion:** To change the wording on the classified payroll schedule. **Moved by:** Coffman **Seconded by:** Miller

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

E. Consider High School Graduation Date

A recommendation was made to set the 2026 graduation date to Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.. **Motion:** To set the graduation date for 2026 to Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. **Moved by:** Hall **Seconded by:** Smith

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

F. Financial Reports

The financial report, reflecting the building fund transfer, was reviewed. **Motion:** To accept the financial statement for the month. **Moved by:** Coffman **Seconded by:** Smith

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Board Member Training Dates: October 7, October 27; 5:30 p.m.
- B. Grandparents Breakfast October 8, 2025
- C. Greyhound Steak Day: October 15 – Elementary School, October 16 – High School
- D. Flu Clinic October 28, 2025
- E. Parent Teacher Conferences October 21, 2025 2-7 p.m.

Due to a conference on October 20th, a recommendation was made to move the October board meeting. **Motion:** To move the October board meeting to October 27th at 5:00 p.m. **Moved by:** Hall **Seconded by:** Miller

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Hall made the motion to adjourn with a second by Coffman.

The Chairman called for discussion.

Yeas: Unanimous
Nays: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Secretary