

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 18, 2008

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yarnell.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Yarnell, Coffman, Koelling, and Innis

Absent: Falco

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

The minutes from the July 21, 2008 regular meeting were reviewed. Innis made the motion, second by Koelling, to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

First was a resolution concerning the upcoming school election. Superintendent Rich recommended to pass a resolution to allow for early voting only not having to open the polling places since there was only one candidate unopposed for the board position. Coffman made the motion, second by Innis to pass the resolution (attached) as recommended. Passed.

Superintendent Rich reported that first day of school enrollment showed 385 students at the elementary and 353 students at the high school.

Next, Superintendent Rich presented petitions of student transfer. He recommended the acceptance of two students from the Highland district. Innis made the motion, second by Koelling to accept the transfer (attached) as recommended. Passed.

Superintendent Rich recommended to accept the transfer of two students from the Mammoth Spring district. Coffman made the motion, second by Koelling to accept the transfer (attached) as recommended. Passed.

Superintendent Rich gave a recommendation to allow a transfer of a student from Salem to the Highland district. Innis made the motion, second by Koelling to permit the transfer release (attached) as recommended. Passed.

Superintendent Rich presented another transfer to release a student from Salem to attend the Highland district. Coffman made the motion, second by Innis to allow the transfer as presented (attached). Passed.

Next were reports on the 07/08 test scores and adequate yearly progress. High school principal Wayne Guiltner reported an increase in test scores overall and noted that Salem's 11th grade Literacy scores were the highest in the state. He also noted that from the summer's CPEP program, seventeen students participated and scored an average composite score of 24.95. Elementary principal David Turnbough reported on elementary test scores stating they had increased as well and that the district had met standards in every category for all areas for Adequate Yearly Progress.

Superintendent Rich took board members on a facilities tour to see maintenance and improvement projects completed during the summer.

The financial reports were reviewed.

The superintendent advised that the collection of financial information for 07/08 is being processed and that the budget for 08/09 is due by September 30 for this year.

Superintendent Rich announced that board training for members would be conducted by video conference October 6th and October 20th from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Superintendent Rich advised that board policy manuals would be put in binders and delivered later in the week. He announced that the water project at the elementary would be re-bid by next month's meeting. He also advised that the public meeting would be held at the September 15th board meeting.

Koelling made the motion, second by Coffman to adjourn. Passed.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.