

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**February 16, 2009**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koelling.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the January 20, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed. Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell, to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

Superintendent Ken Rich gave board members an update on educational bills introduced in the current legislative session. Superintendent Rich also gave the board an ice storm report and notified them that he had registered the district's losses and damages for reimbursement assistance with FEMA. He gave appreciation to all patrons and staff in their efforts to return kids to school as soon as possible noting an attendance rate of 91% on the first day back in session.

Superintendent Rich informed board members regarding a memo from the Arkansas Department of Education regarding the expected procedures for making up missed instructional days before making application for waivers. He announced that the first three days of the planned spring break would be used for make-up days and that six days had been added to the end of the original school calendar making the last day to be on May 28<sup>th</sup> unless more days are missed.

Superintendent Rich presented a petition for student transfer from Salem to the Viola district and gave a recommendation of acceptance to the board. Abney made the motion second by Yarnell to accept the transfer as recommended (attached). Passed.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich informed the board that Salem student Maci Romine had won the County Spelling Bee and would advance to the state competition. He also announced Band All-State honors. Terra Kinder (clarinet) and Stephanie McCullough (trombone) achieved membership in the all-state band. Holly Williamson (bassoon) earned a spot in the all-state wind symphony and Roy Massey (trombone) was selected as an all-state band alternate.

The Chairman announced an executive session to discuss principal contracts at 7:30 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m. As a result of the executive session Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to extend the contracts of elementary principal David Turnbough and high school principal Wayne Guiltner for the 2009-2010 school year. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to extend contracts to the principals as recommended. Passed.

The financial reports were reviewed.

The board heard an update from the superintendent on adding lights to the softball field.

Yarnell made the motion to adjourn with a second by Coffman. Passed.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.