

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 17, 2009

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the July 20, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed. Falco made the motion second by Yarnell, to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The first item was the consideration of bids on the softball field lighting project. No bids were received for wooden poles. Two bids were received for twenty four lights. Techline bid \$7,920 while AWL Wholesale Electric's bid was \$5,990 plus sales tax. For the electrical wiring and labor, one bid was received from Jerry's Electrical Contracting in the amount of \$8,850.00. Superintendent Ken Rich gave the recommendation to purchase lights from AWL Wholesale Electric. Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept the bid from AWL Wholesale Electric as recommended.

The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich recommended accepting the bid from Jerry's Electrical Contracting for electrical wiring and labor on the softball field lighting project. Abney made the motion, second by Falco to accept the bid from Jerry's Electrical Contracting as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board gave permission to the superintendent to purchase wood poles for the lighting project.

Next was the consideration for the construction manager for the elementary physical education/fine arts building. Three companies submitted qualifications: Baldwin & Shell Construction Co. of Little Rock, Olympus Construction, Inc. of Jonesboro, and Tate General Contractors of Jonesboro. After discussion, Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to accept Tate General Contractors as the construction manager. Falco made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept Tate General Contractors as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Supt. Rich presented two student transfer requests from Iazard Consolidated Schools and gave the recommendation to accept both. Yarnell made the motion, second by Coffman to accept both requests for student transfer as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich informed the board that since there was no opposition for the school board position in the upcoming school election, he recommended adopting a resolution to petition the county election commission to conduct the election by early/absentee ballot only. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to adopt the resolution for early/absentee voting (attached). The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich gave a report on the district's adequate yearly progress and noted that all requirements of No Child Left Behind were met in all categories by the district.

The financial reports were reviewed.

Superintendent Rich informed the board of new Child Nutrition federal requirements regarding adult breakfast and lunch prices which must exceed federal reimbursement rate guidelines. He recommended increasing adult breakfast prices to \$1.75 and adult lunch prices to \$3.00. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to increase adult breakfast/lunch costs as noted. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Yarnell made the motion to adjourn with a second from Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Secretary