

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**December 21, 2009**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 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: Coffman, Yarnell, Koelling, Falco, and Abney

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the November 16, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed. Coffman 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 minutes from the December 10, 2009 called meeting were reviewed. Coffman 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 minutes from the December 15, 2009 called meeting were reviewed. Coffman 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.

First was a public meeting taking comments regarding the district's 2010 Facilities 10-year Master Plan and the 2011-2013 Partnership Program. Superintendent Ken Rich stated three projects were currently underway: the elementary physical education/fine arts building, the update of the high school fire alarm system through the state facilities partnership program, and the installation of lights on the softball field. He announced two projects to add to the existing master plan: the need for independent air conditioning for the high school's distance learning lab and a new roof for the gymnasium/band hall area. The roofing project could be applied for under the partnership program. Other facility projects for upcoming years were discussed on the attached master plan document.

Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to pass a resolution for local support of the district's 2010 Facilities Master Plan and the 2011-2013 Partnership Program. Abney made the motion second by Falco to adopt the attached resolution of local support for facilities projects as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Band director Mike Cole gave an overview of the band program progress to board members. He expressed appreciation for board, administrative, and community support. He announced a dramatic increase in the number of students participating in college music and stated that sixteen students have been offered college music scholarships to continue their educational endeavors. He recognized the band students attending college presently and those who are currently seniors who plan to enroll. He also recognized several junior high band students who achieved all-region status at a current ASBOA audition. The goal of the department is to continually search and find ways to improve the program and move on to the next level of achievements.

Superintendent Rich informed the board of the recent bus inspections and noted only six minor violations were found. He expressed appreciation to mechanic Ed Foster for keeping the bus and vehicle fleet well maintained.

Superintendent Rich recommended the renewal of the educator's legal liability insurance through the ASBA for \$3,325.00 for the upcoming period. Coffman made the motion second by Yarnell to renew the district's legal liability policy as stated. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich informed board members of the AR Race to the Top application in which states will be competing for an additional 4.35 billion in stimulus funds. The superintendent recommended that the district agree to the memorandum of understanding to become eligible

for these monies at a later time. Yarnell made the motion second by Falco to agree to the memorandum as stated. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich announced that Salem High School was one of only 38 in Arkansas to receive a college readiness award from ACT for increased testing participation and increased ACT scores. This is the second time our high school has achieved this honor.

Superintendent Rich informed the board of several recent student recognitions in FFA competitions, football all-conference and all-state recognitions, cheerleading competition events and FCCLA district competitions.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich announced that he would explore beverage contracts options for the district as the 10 year Coca-Cola contract is soon ending.

Coffman made the motion to adjourn, second from Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

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

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Secretary