

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
January 18, 2010

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, January 18, 2010 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 December 21, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed. Coffman made the motion second by Falco, to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

First, Elementary principal David Turnbough informed the board of recent awards for the elementary school. An award presentation for the 2009 Just for the Kids Campaign for higher performing schools in Arkansas will honor Salem Elementary at a ceremony in Little Rock. Also, Salem Elementary School was one of only four nominated for a 2010 Blue Ribbon School award based on test score performance and socioeconomic data. An application process will now begin.

Superintendent Ken Rich updated board members on the current condition and mileage reports of the bus fleet.

Mr. Rich also informed the board that no bus bids had been received by mail and he would attempt to obtain bids by the next monthly meeting.

Superintendent Rich reported information from the governor and legislature at the annual Superintendent's symposium he attended recently. Of greatest relevance and concern was the state's fiscal forecast still on a downturn for 2010. Fiscal problems are slated to be the major agenda for the upcoming legislative session.

Rich also informed board members that the ARRA Stimulus Stabilization funds were being cut between 16.5 to 33%, and it would be late March on early April before a definite reduction amount would be known.

Student recognitions were presented by high school principal, Wayne Guiltner from the local county spelling bee. Mr. Guiltner also informed the board of a recent grade inflation report released by the department of education. Salem High had a very low grade inflation index of 2%. The state average for the grade inflation index was 10%. Guiltner informed the board of additional requirements to acquire state scholarships for students in school districts that exceeded 20% grade inflation.

Superintendent Rich presented a school calendar revision update (attached) due to days missed for winter weather. To date six days have been missed with three days taken from Spring Break and three days added on to the previous end of school.

The board went into executive session to consider the superintendent's contract at 7:37 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. and as a result of the executive session and after the annual superintendent's evaluation, Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to extend the contract for superintendent to Ken Rich through June 30, 2013. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The financial reports were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion to accept the reports as presented with a second by Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich presented a petition for student transfer from the IZARD County Consolidated school district to Salem and recommended approval of the transfer (attached). Coffman made the motion, second by Falco to approve the transfer as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Secretary