

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 15, 2010

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 15, 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 January 18, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. Abney 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, Superintendent Ken Rich opened bids for a handicap passenger school bus. Bids were received from Diamond State Bus Company and Central States Bus Sales. The low bid of \$79,385 from Diamond State Bus Company was recommended for acceptance by Superintendent Rich. Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept the bus bid as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Two bids were received for a new electronic school sign from Sign Systems of Jonesboro and Daktronics of Springfield, MO. Superintendent Rich recommended to accept the low bid from Daktronics for the price of \$31,071 with the stipulation that the logo on the sign be designed

and approved by the school. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to accept the bid from Daktronics as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

There were no bids received on the lot of weight equipment to be sold, so Superintendent Rich announced his intentions to sell the old machines as scrap metal for their disposal.

Superintendent Rich informed board members of a memo from the state department of education relating to the makeup policy by districts for days missed due to inclement weather conditions. The districts will be required to make up the first ten days missed by using Spring Break days and five inclement weather days built into the existing calendar. Days missed above ten can be applied for waiver on a case by case basis. This allows two options for the district: Option 1. Keep one day of Spring Break (March 26) and apply for one day for waiver. Option 2. Have no Spring Break, apply for two days to be waived and dismiss on May 25th.

Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to choose Option 2 as stated above. Yarnell made the motion, second by Abney to have no Spring Break, apply for two waiver days and dismiss on May 25th as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The present scheduled date of graduation was noted as a possible conflict with state baseball and softball tournament play. After discussion it was recommended to change the date of graduation to Thursday May 13th to avoid a possible conflicting situation. Coffman made the motion, second by Falco to change the graduation ceremony date to Thursday, May 13, 2010 as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was also noted to amend the present calendar to move the end of the third quarter to March 19th and to schedule parent/teacher conferences for March 23rd.

High School Principal Wayne Gultner announced band student recognitions for All-State Honors to Roy Massey for all-state Jazz Band, to Holly Williamson for being selected to All-State Band Wind Symphony, and to Evan Palumbo as Second Alternate All-State Percussion.

Mr. Guiltner announced the ACT composite score on latest testing to be 20.43. He also announced that both junior boys and girls basketball teams won the IZARD County Consolidated Invitational Tournament and the junior girls advance to the finals of the district tournament.

Regional art show winners from Salem Elementary were recognized with honorable mentions to Christopher Birkhead and Hannah Worsham.

The board went into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

The board returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. As a result of the executive session, Superintendent Rich read a letter of resignation from elementary principal David Turnbough effective June 30, 2010 and recommended to accept his resignation (attached). Yarnell made the motion, second by Falco to accept the resignation as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

To fill the position of elementary principal for the 2010/2011 school year, Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to hire Corey Johnson. Rich stated that Mr. Turnbough had served as Mr. Johnson's mentor for the past year. In addition, Mr. Turnbough had given Mr. Johnson several administrative duties throughout the school year, and he had performed well in those duties. Rich also stated that Mr. Johnson is familiar with the district educational system and that this will ensure that the educational process will not be changed dramatically. Coffman made the motion, second by Falco to hire Corey Johnson as elementary principal for 2010/2011 as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich also recommended to extend the contract of high school Principal Wayne Guiltner for the 2010/2011 school year. Falco made the motion, second by Yarnell to extend the contract of Wayne Guiltner as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Coffman with a second from Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

On a recommendation from legislative audit, the \$1,200 stipend received by teachers who mentor novice teachers that is passed through the district from the state will be added to the district's addendum page of the certified salary schedule. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to add the \$1,200 mentor stipend to the addendum schedule as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

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

Secretary