

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 19, 2010

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 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: Yarnell, Koelling, and Abney

Absent: Coffman and Falco

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

The minutes from the March 25, 2010 called 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.

The minutes from the March 15, 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.

Superintendent Ken Rich gave an update on the elementary facility construction progress.

Superintendent Rich presented a proposed school calendar (attached) for the 2010/2011 school year and recommended to tentatively approve the calendar. It will be presented to the personnel policy committee for approval and then finalized at the next board meeting. Yarnell made the motion, second by Abney to tentatively approve the calendar as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next was the consideration to adopt a policy for payroll direct deposit as the means of pay by the district to begin on July 1, 2010. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to adopt the policy of payroll direct deposit for all payrolls (attached). Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to adopt the policy as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Board policy updates for the 2010/2011 dealing with changes in laws and regulations for sections 3 and 8 dealing with certified and classified policies were noted. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to adopt the updates for the upcoming year (attached). Yarnell made the motion, second by Abney to adopt updates to board policies for sections 3 and 8 as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Coffman joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner informed the board that two of the FFA teams that competed at the Eastern District CDE at Arkansas State University on March 16 placed in the top ten and will advance to state competition. The teams were Farm Business Management, 2nd place and Land Evaluation, 8th place. Roy Massey scored 1st individual in farm business management. Madison Duff scored 12th individual in land evaluation, and Evan Palumbo placed 3rd individual in electricity.

Student transfer petitions were considered. Three students from Izard County Consolidated schools were recommended for transfer to the Salem district. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the transfer (attached) as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich recommended the approval for one student to transfer from I.C.C. to Salem. Yarnell made the motion, second by Abney to approve the transfer (attached) as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich also gave the recommendation for one student transfer (attached) from I.C.C. to Salem. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the transfer as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board retired into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss employee resignations and contract renewals.

The board returned to open session at 8:05 p.m. As a result of the executive session, Superintendent Rich read a letter of resignation from Juanita Newman effective at the end of the 2009/2010 school year. Yarnell made the motion, second by Abney to accept the resignation as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich read a letter from Linda Switzer expressing her intention to retire at the end of the 2009/2010 school year and recommended acceptance. Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept the resignation as noted. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to move Betty Dihel to the head cook position at the elementary school being vacated by Linda Switzer for the 2010/2011 school year. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to move Betty Dihel to elementary head cook as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich recommended hiring Cassie Knight as an elementary teacher for the 2010/2011 school year. Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to employ Cassie Knight as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Ken Rich recommended to rehire all classified staff who expressed intent to return and extend contracts for the 2010/2011 school year as listed (attached). Abney made the motion, second by Coffman to rehire classified employees 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 from Yarnell with a second from Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Coffman made the motion to adjourn with a second by Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary