

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
May 17, 2010

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the April 19, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. Coffman made the motion second by Abney, 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 April 26, 2010 called meeting were reviewed. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

First, a disciplinary hearing for a student expulsion was conducted. The student was not present. Superintendent Ken Rich passed out packets to the board that contained facts relevant to the incident. He gave the recommendation to expel the ninth grade student for the remainder of the school year for distributing a prescription medication to another student on campus. Yarnell made the motion, second by Coffman to expel the student as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The Race to the Top grant was discussed. The second round of funding will be in June. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to participate in the grant and to sign the attached memorandum of understanding. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to participate in the grant program as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board members and administration took a tour of the elementary physical education/fine arts building site. Superintendent Rich informed the board that the ARRA stabilization funding would not be cut as has been announced previously and that the building was on schedule for an August 1, 2010 completion date.

Superintendent Rich discussed the school district's annual performance report card. The report has been mailed to parents by the Arkansas Department of Education.

Superintendent Rich informed the board that the district would be changing to the Alert Now phone notification system beginning July 1. This system offers more enhanced features, better report capabilities, more accounts, and is more user friendly than the current School Reach system.

Student recognitions for the FFA meats evaluation team placing fifth in regional and sixteenth in state competition was announced by high school principal Wayne Guiltner. He also announced that several sophomores did very well on the ACT-PLAN test which prepares them for the ACT testing and that they had received letters of commendation for their college readiness.

The board went into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss employment of personnel. The board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m. and as a result, no action was taken.

After approval from the personnel policy committee, Superintendent Rich recommended the approval of the district calendar for 2010/2011 (attached). Abney made the motion, second by Falco to adopt the school calendar as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich recommended no changes in the salary schedules for certified and classified personnel for 2009/2010 and to adopt the same schedules for the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year. Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to adopt the attached schedules with no changes as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The superintendent recommended paying a one-time bonus for the 2009/2010 school year: \$1,000.00 for certified employees, \$450.00 for classified employees, and \$225.00 for bus drivers. Yarnell made the motion, second by Abney to approve the one-time bonus payment 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.

Superintendent Rich announced that the fire alarm system has been installed in the high school. This project was partially funded through the facilities partnership program through ADE.

Coffman 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 8:00 p.m.

Secretary