

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 20, 2010

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koelling.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Koelling, Falco, Coffman, Yarnell, and Abney

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the August 16, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion second by Coffman, to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

First was the annual report to the public. Superintendent Ken Rich welcomed those in attendance and reported current enrollment to be 726. He announced that Salem Elementary is recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School and noted that the district is ranked #1 in student performance for the Northcentral Co-op area for 2009/2010. He recognized new staff members for this year. Superintendent Rich reported on facility construction, renovation, and repairs and summarized the purchases made with ARRA stimulus funds. He noted the parent involvement centers in each office, reported on vending revenue, and concluded by discussing school district goals.

Elementary principal Corey Johnson reported that the elementary's enrollment was 384 students. He also reported on curriculum, student achievement, federal programs, and goals for the year. He announced that the annual Grandparent's Breakfast would be held on Friday, October 1, 2010 in the elementary cafeteria. Mr. Johnson reported that the high school enrollment was 343. He also reported on high school curriculum, student achievement, federal programs, the children's Internet Protection Act, and goals for the year.

Gifted/Talented program coordinator Eileen McCord explained and reported on the district's gifted and talented programs.

Superintendent Rich explained that the elementary school was one of 304 in the United States being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon school for outstanding student achievement and would be recognized at special ceremonies November 15-16, 2010 in Washington D.C.

Next was the consideration of the 2010/2011 budget. On a recommendation from the superintendent to approve the budget for the year, Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to approve the district's Special Education Application and Budget for 2010/2011. Yarnell made motion, second by Abney to approve the budget as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (AC SIP) was considered. Superintendent Rich recommended to approve the AC SIP and Statement of Assurances for 2010/2011 for the district. Abney made the motion, second by Falco to approve the district's AC SIP as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich reported on the education jobs bill recently passed by Congress and noted that additional one time funds would be available to districts to be expended by September 30, 2012.

Superintendent Rich announced the upcoming trainings for board members to be held on October 11 and October 18 from 6-9 p.m. It was agreed to move the regular October board meeting to 5:00 p.m. to accommodate this training schedule.

Superintendent Rich informed the board of several student transfer requests. He recommended that ten students from the Izard County Consolidated district would come to Salem and one student would be released to the Mammoth Spring district and two students would be released to the I.C.C. district. Coffman made the motion, second by Abney to approve the transfers as recommended (attached). 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 Falco, second by Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to outgoing board member Mike Falco for his seven years of outstanding service on the school board.

The board went into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

The board returned to open session at 8:23 p.m. As a result of executive session, Superintendent Rich read a letter of resignation from groundskeeper/custodian Larry LaRue to retire as of 9/23/2010 and gave a recommendation to accept his resignation.

Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept the resignation as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich recommended to hire Larry Travelstead to replace Larry LaRue for the remainder of the 2010/2011 school year. Abney made the motion, second by Falco to employ Larry Travelstead as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p. m.

Secretary