

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 22, 2010

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coffman.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the October 18, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. Koelling 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 first item of business was the report on the National Blue Ribbon School award ceremony. Superintendent Ken Rich and Corey Johnson described particular events from the two-day event held in Washington, D.C. A blue ribbon banner and plaque were presented to Salem Elementary to proudly display this prestigious accomplishment. It is planned to have a special celebration event on campus for students at a later date.

Superintendent Rich discussed the district's Facility Master Plan for 2011-2013 with board members and noted that preliminary approval had been given for the gymnasium re-roofing project through the state's partnership program. Funding of projects will be announced by May 1, 2011.

The superintendent also discussed looking at planned capital projects listed on the district's 10-year Facility Master Plan and noted that he planned to discuss projects in detail and prioritize them with board members during the upcoming meetings in December or January.

Consideration was given to a facility use policy relating to the gym and weight room for after hour use by students, staff, and the community. It was noted that the district would post a sign in/sign out sheet for all to use and that the school would not be held liable in case of any resulting injury that could occur. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to approve the attached facility use policy. Smith made the motion, second by Koelling to adopt the Gymnasium/Weight Room Use Policy as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner announced several student recognitions. The eighth grade math benchmark scores were the third highest in the Northeast region for students scoring at proficient or advanced levels. He recognized Courtney Falco as the 2A State Champion in the state Cross Country meet and congratulated her on all of her accomplishments during her cross country career.

Mr. Guiltner also congratulated the Junior High Football team and coaches on their undefeated season with a 9-0 conference record. He also noted that the seventh grade football team had a very successful season as well. He informed board members that 33 students took the ACT exam on October 23rd and had a composite score of 22 which is two points above the state average. He announced that high school students had experienced their first virtual field trip through compressed interactive video.

Superintendent Rich presented two petitions for student transfer; one from the Highland district and one from Salem to Mammoth Spring and gave the recommendation to accept both transfers. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept 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 Smith with a second from Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to consider an employee resignation.

The board returned to open session at 7:45 p.m. and as a result, Superintendent Rich read a letter of resignation from bus driver Gene Howard due to health reasons and gave the recommendation for acceptance. Smith made the motion second by Koelling to accept the resignation as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent expressed thanks and appreciation to Mark Pate for his donation of time and equipment pulling fiber optic cable to the new elementary physical ed/fine arts facility.

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

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Secretary