

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**January 17, 2011**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, January 17, 2011 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 December 20, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion second by Smith, to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Ken Rich reported to the board the condition of the bus fleet and school vehicles. He recognized bus mechanic, Ed Foster, for his effort on maintaining and servicing the fleet and for keeping the vehicles in good mechanical condition. He made the suggestion to look at purchasing a new route bus for the next school year and made the recommendation to rotate the 2006 Taurus for the primary driver's education car and for the district to buy another car for school related travel. Koelling made the motion, second by Abney to follow the superintendent's recommendations. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich informed the board of various topics under discussion at the recent Superintendent Symposium he attended in Little Rock. Information was presented on the need for reauthorization of federal education laws and upcoming changes, items on the legislative agenda for the upcoming session, the Common Core national standards timeline, and presentations from the Arkansas Business Partners for Education Reform, and Attorney General's office. The superintendent also gave an update of bills introduced in the legislative session impacting education.

Superintendent Rich presented a school calendar update stating that two days missed for inclement weather would be made up on March 21-22 of the Spring Break as previously voted.

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

YEAS: Unanimous  
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A student transfer was considered and given a recommendation of acceptance from the superintendent for one student to be released to attend the Highland district. Abney made the motion second by Koelling to approve the transfer (attached) as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous  
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Another transfer was considered for two students from the IZARD County Consolidated District wanting to attend school here. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to deny the (attached) transfer request. Koelling made the motion, second by Yarnell to deny the requested student transfer. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous  
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's contract renewal and evaluate the superintendent's job performance. The board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to extend the current contract of Ken Rich by one year through June 30, 2014. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous  
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Smith made the motion to adjourn with a second from Koelling. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous  
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Secretary