

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 21, 2011

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 21, 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, and Abney

Absent: Yarnell

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

The minutes from the January 17, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. Koelling 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.

Superintendent Ken Rich announced that Salem Elementary has been recognized as one of 86 elementary schools in Arkansas as a 2010 National Center for Educational Achievement Higher Performing Schools. This distinction resulted from improvements in student achievement and/or overall performance and growth in testing categories for the last three years of student performance data. It was noted that Salem Elementary was one of only four elementary schools meeting requirements in all three areas of Math, Literacy, and Science.

High School principal Wayne Guiltner presented recent student recognitions including several students from Salem's Future Business Leaders of America district competition who placed in the top five of their divisions and will advance to State FBLA competition to be held in Little Rock in April. He congratulated Owen Garrison who attained honors as one of the top five in his age division in the Arkansas State Shooting Federation trip shoot competitions which is not affiliated with the school. Also, Courtney Falco was recognized for her achievements of winning the indoor mile and two mile run at the state track meet held recently at Fayetteville. She was congratulated on having such an inspiring and successful running career throughout her years at Salem.

Superintendent Rich presented the 2009/2010 audit report from legislative audit and reviewed findings with the board. He noted a very good audit and expressed his gratitude to the district's accounting staff in efforts to maintain accuracy and good record keeping practices for the district's fiscal management. The only finding addressed was the insufficient segregation of duties due to the small number of staff employed. To correct this, all efforts will be made toward sound accounting policies and will be practiced fully to the extent possible with the staff employed.

The superintendent updated board members on bills and laws from the ongoing legislative session.

Burton Yarnell joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:23 p.m. to consider principals' contracts.

The board returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to extend contracts to Wayne Guiltner for high school principal and Corey Johnson for elementary principal for the 2011/2012 school year. Smith made the motion, second by Yarnell to renew both principal's contracts as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Smith made the motion to adjourn with a second by Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Secretary