

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUGUST 15, 2011**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 15, 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: Coffman, Yarnell, Smith, Abney, and Koelling

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the July 18, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. Abney 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.

Superintendent Ken Rich reported a very good first day of school with 720 students in attendance, down slightly from the prior year's three quarter average. Elementary principal Corey Johnson noted students were excited on their first day back and relayed many positive comments from teachers. High school principal Wayne Guiltner reported a very smooth first day noting students and teachers excited and looking forward to the utilization of smart board technology in their classes. He also thanked student council members and sponsors Kim Smith-Harber and Ted Kerley for all their efforts on bulletin boards and displays welcoming back staff and students.

Consideration was given to a recommendation from Superintendent Rich to transfer \$55,000.00 from the operating fund to building fund to maintain the district's legal balance and allow for use of these funds for future building or renovation costs. Smith made the motion, second by Koelling to approve the funds transfer as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board considered a resolution to allow the annual school election to be conducted through early/absentee vote only and to not open a polling place on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 due to the fact that the board position was

uncontested. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to adopt the resolution (attached). The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich related that a preliminary report on the district's adequate yearly progress shows that both the elementary and high school met standards as an achieving school as currently required by No Child Left Behind legislation. He noted that in-depth test scores would be presented at next month's board meeting during the annual report to the public.

Superintendent Rich noted that approval had been received from the state facilities division to proceed with the re-roofing partnership project on the high school's physical education/gymnasium building. He expected the project to begin within the next week or two contingent upon delivery of materials.

Several student transfers (attached) were given consideration and upon a recommendation from the superintendent, five students were accepted and two students were denied transfer from the IZARD County Consolidated district and one student was accepted from the Highland district 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 financial reports were reviewed and accepted on a motion by Yarnell with a second from Koelling. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich updated the board members on the progress of the football field grass project showing time lapse photos over the progression of the summer. He noted that the goal posts had been installed to proper height and the field would be complete and ready for the first scheduled game.

Abney 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 7:23 p.m.

Secretary