

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual Report to the Public
September 19, 2011

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria 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 August 15, 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.

The annual report to the public was presented. Superintendent Ken Rich noted the district to be fully accredited by the Arkansas Department of Education and AdvancEd and has met adequate yearly progress in all areas as required by No Child Left Behind legislation. He also stated all teachers meet the Highly Qualified status and that current district enrollment is 726. He noted 2010-2011 school year student test scores and current staff of the district. He reported several improvements, repairs, and maintenance to facilities. He gave an update on district academics and technology and described the common core curriculum and standards timeline to patrons. He announced that the district is currently pursuing district accreditation by AdvanceEd and a Quality Assurance Review visit is scheduled for April 15-18, 2012. He explained various avenues for parental involvement that the district has available for parents to stay involved and informed in the educational process. He presented the vending report for revenues earned from Coca-Cola sales during the year. He ended with stating district academic and facility goals.

Next, elementary principal Corey Johnson gave an update on school enrollment by grade. He noted curriculum enhancement of the new starboards purchased for each classroom. He presented student achievement results on Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Benchmark exams noting proficiency and advanced levels and compared scores to state and other schools in the northcentral educational cooperative. He explained federal programs and grant awards of the district and how the funds are used in the educational process. He noted several goals for the elementary and announced the grandparents' breakfast will be held on September 30th at the elementary cafeteria. He also stated parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 18th.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner reported enrollment by grade, noted several courses offered for concurrent credit, and new courses of Business Law III. He reported on student achievement scores on Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Benchmark and End of course exams and compared results to state and other northcentral cooperative school districts. He reported on CPEP class and ACT College readiness scores. He explained the federal Perkins program grant and the Children's Internet Protection Act. He noted several goals for the high school.

Salem's gifted and talented teacher Eileen McCord gave an overview of the program to patrons and noted some projects and activities upcoming for the school year.

Comments and questions were taken from those attending.

Superintendent Rich informed board members of upcoming three hour board training sessions on Monday, October 10th and on Thursday, November 3rd.

Student transfer requests were considered. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to release three students to attend the Viola district and to accept two students from the Iazard County Consolidated district. Yarnell made the motion, second by Koelling to approve the student transfers (attached) as recommended. 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 Koelling with a second from Smith. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich asked the board to consider holding a special meeting on September 29th at 7:00 p.m. to approve the 2011/2012 budget and ACSIP.

It was announced a flu shot clinic will be held by the Fulton County Health Department on October 10th at the Elementary Physical Education/Fine Arts building.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner presented an amendment (attached) to the high school handbook for students. Upon a recommendation by Superintendent Ken Rich to adopt the change, Smith made the motion with a second from Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Yarnell made the motion to adjourn with a second by Koelling. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary