

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
November 21, 2011

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koelling.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Yarnell, Smith, Coffman, and Koelling

Absent: Abney

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

The minutes from the October 17, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. Coffman 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.

Elementary principal Corey Johnson informed the board that Salem Elementary has been recognized as a 2011 National Center for Educational Achievement Higher Performing School. This is the fourth time the elementary school has achieved this honor and this year marks the third consecutive year to achieve recognition. Measures for this distinction are identified by consistent improvement in student achievement from previous years (growth) and/or absolute student achievement using the school's advanced performance results on the spring 2010 Arkansas Augmented Benchmark Examinations. Eighty-three Arkansas schools received the award in 2011. Salem Elementary school is the only Arkansas school recognized by NCEA that received Higher Performing recognition in all three subject areas of Math, Literacy, and Science for both advanced performance and growth. He commended the staff, parents, and students for all their hard work and dedication to the education process.

Superintendent Ken Rich reviewed the district's preliminary master facilities plan with board members stating that the 6-year master plan is due on February 1, 2012. He stated that a public meeting forum to receive input from patrons regarding the facilities would be held at the regular December board meeting. He mentioned two projects to consider for application to the state's facilities partnership program would be replacement of HVAC systems at both campuses and renovation for the high school band hall. More information on these projects would be gathered by the superintendent in the interim.

High school recognitions were given by Corey Johnson. He announced results of the recent FFA member participation from the Spring River Sub-Area Leadership competition. Kullins Koelling placed first in extemporaneous speaking. Matthew Hall placed first and Hailey Coggins placed second in creed speaking. Salem FFA team members for both opening and closing ceremonies and parliamentary procedure placed first in competition as well. He congratulated the coaching staff and the senior high football team for their victorious winning season and all of their accomplishments to advance into state playoff action for the season. Johnson also noted recent student ACT scores with the average composite score of 20.68. He noted that the average composite score for students who completed the CPEP course

during the summer was 24.4. He also gave out congratulations to the cheerleaders and sponsors on results achieved at the Spa City Cheer competition held in Hot Springs on November 19, 2011. The junior high squad placed second and the senior high group placed fourth.

Next was the consideration of student transfer requests. Superintendent Ken Rich gave the recommendation to approve the transfer of a student from Salem to the Viola district. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to approve the transfer (attached) as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich made the recommendation to approve transfer of a student from Highland to the Salem district. Coffman made the motion, second by Smith to accept the transfer (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 Smith with a second from Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich announced the submittal of a bid request for a 65 passenger bus to Central States Bus Sales, Merle's Bus Sales, and Diamond State Bus Company. One bid proposal was returned by Diamond State Bus Company in the amount of \$75,285.00 on a 2013 International 65 passenger bus. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to accept the bus bid as presented. Coffman made the motion, second by Yarnell to purchase the school bus as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The superintendent expressed his gratitude and thanks for all the support and volunteers from the community, administration, teachers, staff, sheriff's office and police department, and the Fulton County ambulance crew for all assistance given during the hosting of the football playoff game at Salem.

Yarnell made the motion to adjourn with a second from Coffman. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Secretary