

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 25, 2012

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, June 25, 2012 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: Koelling, Yarnell, Smith, and Abney

Absent: Coffman

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

The minutes from the May 21, 2012 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell 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.

Handbook changes for both the elementary and high school for the 2012-13 school year were presented to the board for consideration by high school principal, Wayne Guiltner. Superintendent Ken Rich gave the recommendation to adopt the amendments to the schools' handbooks as noted (attached). Abney made the motion, second by Smith to adopt the handbook changes as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next was the consideration of bids on a high school door project for 44 interior doors to be completed in the 2012/13 school year. One bid for \$36,846.00 was received from Ditta Door of Jonesboro. The superintendent gave the recommendation to board members to accept the bid as stated. Smith made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept the bid proposal from Ditta Door as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The proposed budget for 2013/14 was presented to the board and recommended for acceptance by Supt. Rich. Abney made the motion, second by Smith to accept the 2013/14 proposed budget as recommended (attached). The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich indicated that Benchmark test scores from 2012 are in for grades 3-8 for Math, Literacy, and Science and are very good. He announced the a detailed report of the district's test scores will be conducted at the annual public meeting in September.

The property/vehicle insurance premium renewals for the 2012/13 fiscal year were disclosed. Property premium renewal is \$24,989 while vehicle and mobile equipment premium renewals are \$7,051 and \$300 respectively. Supt. Rich gave the recommendation to renew the district's property and vehicle insurance with the Arkansas School Boards Association Risk Management Program as noted. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to renew the insurance premiums for 2012/13 as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich gave a School Choice update status to the board stating that a federal judge had struck down the entire school choice law on June 8, 2012 thereby creating a hold on all new school choice applicants. Mr. Rich then announced that a stay has been put into effect on this court ruling pending appeals and as of now, the district can accept students as always on a school choice agreement. The superintendent recommended to the board to approve the current list of 18 students to attend the district on school choice agreement applications (attached). Smith made the motion, second by Abney to accept the list of current school choice applications as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The board went into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to consider personnel resignation and employment.

The board returned to open session at 8:25 p.m. and as a result, Supt. Rich read a letter of resignation from bus driver William Dailey (attached) stating his intent to resign at the end of the current school year. The superintendent recommended that the board accept the resignation as noted. Smith made the motion, second by Yarnell to accept the resignation as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich then gave the recommendation to hire Nathan Bales as bus driver for the 2012/13 school year. Abney made the motion, second by Yarnell to hire Nathan Bales 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 Yarnell with a second from Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary