

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 19, 2013

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Coffman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Smith, Coffman, Yarnell, and Koelling

Absent: Abney

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

The minutes from the July 15, 2013 regular meeting, the July 24, 2013 called meeting, and the August 9, 2013 called meeting were reviewed. Koelling made the motion, second by Smith to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Ken Rich updated board members on the first day of school stating that 791 students were in attendance, which was up by 26 students from the last day of school in the prior year. He also noted that the kindergarten classes had 78 students in total.

Next was the consideration and request by the superintendent to transfer \$120,000 of excess balance in the operating fund to the building fund to close out fiscal year 2012-2013. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to approve the transfer of funds as requested. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Work release requests for senior students leaving after the fifth period were discussed and requested by the superintendent to be authorized on a case by case basis as approved by the high school principal. Koelling made the motion, second by Smith to allow senior work release requests to be granted as approved by the principal Wayne Guiltner. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

The financial reports were reviewed and approved on a motion by Yarnell with a second from Koelling. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

Board member training dates were considered. Superintendent Ken Rich stated he would try to schedule the sessions and keep board members posted when confirmed.

The superintendent noted that the school had been allowed to collect and display SHS class picture composites from 1948-1970 from the former old main building. He announced that the composites from the years 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, and 1967 were missing from the collection and asked for anyone with knowledge of where these pictures might be to bring them to the high school building for display. Mr. Rich gave thanks to the Fulton County Historical Society members and Patty Neal for allowing the photo composites to be on permanent display with the other composites from 1971 forward.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner announced that recent ACT results with 25 students testing, 21 out of 25 students scored a composite score of 19 or higher, with the average composite score of 22.48.

Next student transfer requests were considered. One student requested transfer from Highland to Salem, one student requested transfer from Viola to Salem, and two students requested transfer from Salem to Highland. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation for approval on all transfer requests (attached). Koelling made the motion, second by Smith to approve the student transfers as recommended. The Vice-Chairman called for discussions.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Secretary