

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 16, 2013**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Abney.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Smith, Coffman, Yarnell, Abney, and Koelling

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the August 19, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Coffman to approve the minutes as written. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the August 22, 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 Chairman declared the motion carried.

The school district's annual report to the public was presented. Superintendent Ken Rich reported on personnel and new staff members hired. He stated that current enrollment was at 795 students. He reported on maintenance projects completed over the summer to facilities and new projects in the partnership program with the state to replace both elementary and high school HVAC systems and the high school band classroom renovation/expansion. He announced that the district placed first in the North Central cooperative for test scores for the percentage of students passing all exams and also placed in the top ten statewide in math proficiency and G.P.A., literacy proficiency and G.P.A., and overall G.P.A. – math and literacy combined. He discussed the common core curriculum, standards, and timeline. He gave updates on the district's parental involvement programs and gave the vending report from drink sales for the past year. He also presented goals of the district.

Elementary principal Corey Johnson reported elementary enrollment to be 428 students, up 46 from the prior year. He announced that keyboarding has been added to the curriculum and a spark grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 for physical education equipment is forthcoming. He reported on student testing achievement data as well. Mr. Johnson reported on federal programs Title I-A, Title II-A, and Title VI-B-2 grant award amount for the current year. He also announced goals for the elementary school.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner reported enrollment at 367 students. He also reported on curriculum as well as student testing data. He discussed the Carl Perkins federal program grant data and explained the Children's Internet Protection Act. He presented goals for the high school as well.

Eileen McCord, gifted and talented coordinator, presented an overview of the district's gifted and talented program.

Comments from the public were taken.

Next, student transfer requests were considered. Five students from the IZARD County Consolidated school district were given the recommendation of acceptance by Ken Rich to transfer to the Salem district. Yarnell made the motion, second by Koelling to accept the transfers as recommended (attached). The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The date for high school graduation was discussed and set for Thursday, May 8, 2013 on a motion by Coffman with a second from Koelling. 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.

The superintendent advised board members of the necessity of having a special meeting prior to September 30 for the approval of the district's budget for 2013/14.

Superintendent Rich announced upcoming board training dates: Monday, October 7, Monday, October 21, and Monday, November 18.

Coffman made the motion to adjourn with a second from Smith. The Chairman called for discussions.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Secretary