

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
October 21, 2013

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Coffman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Coffman, Yarnell, and Koelling

Absent: Smith and Abney

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

The minutes from the September 16, 2013 regular meeting were reviewed. Yarnell made the motion, second by Koelling to approve the minutes as written. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the September 27, 2013 called meeting were reviewed. Koelling made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the minutes as written. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried.

First on the agenda was reorganization of the board. Koelling made the motion to nominate Karen Coffman as president with a second from Yarnell. The Vice-Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Vice-Chairman declared the motion carried and assumed the role of president of the board at this time.

Koelling made the motion to nominate Burton Yarnell as Vice-President with a second by Coffman. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Yarnell made the motion to nominate Wanda Koelling as secretary with a second from Coffman. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Wanda Koelling was named as board disbursing officer for the 2013/2014 school year on a motion by Yarnell with a second from Coffman. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The 2013/14 Equity Compliance Report was reviewed by board members and recommended for approval by Superintendent Ken Rich. Koelling made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the Equity Compliance Report for 2013/2014 (attached) as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, a school car vehicle purchase was considered. Superintendent Rich advised the board that the 2011 Ford Fusion would be re-assigned for use by the school resource officer. Three bids for a new 2014 Ford Fusion S model car were evaluated on the Ford fleet price level. The low bid for the car was from Freedom Ford of Melbourne with a quoted price of \$17,763.94 which would include free lifetime ownership oil changes. The superintendent gave the recommendation to accept the quoted bid from Freedom Ford and to dispose of the school's oldest school car, a 1991 Chevy Lumina to go to auction or be scrapped for value. Yarnell made the motion, second by Koelling to accept the recommendation as stated by Superintendent Rich. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Abney joined the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Superintendent Rich reviewed the revised public school employee group health insurance rates coming as a result of a special legislative session held to lower premium costs for school employees for the 2014 calendar year. He advised that a special task force had been assigned to help develop long term solutions to control sky rocketing premiums and funding options to facilitate lower premium cost spikes in the public school sector in future years. He acknowledged appreciation for legislators and the governor for their efforts, time, and pledges of financial assistance to public school employee insurance.

The superintendent reported Salem Elementary was recognized by the office of education policy out of the University of Arkansas as a high achieving school in a low income area by ranking third in the state among schools in Arkansas in Math and Literacy based on the 2013 Benchmark test scores.

Student transfers were considered. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to approve the transfers of one student from Highland to Salem and three students from Izard County Consolidated to Salem. Abney made the motion, second by Koelling to approve the student transfers as recommended (attached). The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High school principal Wayne Guiltner announced several student recognitions. Lauren Gott was chosen the winner of the UAMS future pharmacists essay contest. He congratulated the girls' golf team and Coach Stu Smart on their accomplishments of winning the district golf match and placing eighth in the state. Team members included Kaci Barnett, Kendra Pendergrass, Hailey Godfrey, Hailey Ward, and Bailey York. Guiltner also praised Cody Faulkner who qualified for state golf play and placed twelfth in the state match. He announced that of the 22 students taking the September ACT, 19 students scored 19 or higher and 12 students scored a composite of 24 or higher. He noted a very successful cross country meet held at Salem where Trever Falco placed first in the junior boys division.

The superintendent presented a resolution for the district to do business with Main Street Tire & Lube as an employee co-owns the business with a sales limitation up to \$4,999.99 and gave the recommendation for approval for the 2013/2014 school year. Koelling made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the resolution (attached) as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich announced that due to a scheduled board training the next regular board meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Abney made the motion to adjourn with a second from Koelling. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Secretary