

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
June 19, 2014**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coffman.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the May 19, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed. Abney 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.

Superintendent Ken Rich presented the proposed 2015/2016 budget. The proposed budget and attached resolution is asking patrons to change 6.5 mills from debt service to maintenance and operations bringing that to 31.5 mills. The superintendent explained that the average millage for the state is 37.6 mills. Salem has the 17<sup>th</sup> lowest millage in the state. He noted that this does not increase millage and that it will remain at a total of 31.5 mills. Superintendent Rich gave the recommendation to adopt the 2015/16 proposed budget and resolution. Yarnell made the motion, second by Koelling to adopt the 15/16 proposed budget and resolution as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Supt. Rich presented the district's property and vehicle insurance renewal with the Arkansas School Boards Association for 2014/15. He noted that premiums are up this year and that he has checked to make sure that all property and contents are properly listed and have adequate coverage. He gave the recommendation to the board for acceptance. Koelling made the motion, second by Abney to renew the property/vehicle insurance as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Rich noted that the Salem High School has been recognized for a high graduation rate noting that Salem was ranked third in the state with an overall graduation rate of 98% and a 99% TAGG rate. High School Principal Wayne Guiltner commented that summer school and the alternative learning program have contributed to this success.

Principal Guiltner presented high school handbook changes for the 2014/15 school year (attached). The recommendation to accept the noted changes was made on a motion by Abney and was seconded by Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich presented board policies changes to the board. There was a change to classified salary to meet minimum required salary (attached). Smith made the motion with a second from Koelling to accept the policy changes as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

A School Choice resolution was presented to the board with 17 students filing school choice forms to attend our district with 9 students from Highland, 4 from Viola, 3 from IZARD County Consolidated, and one from Mammoth Spring. Two students filed school choice forms to attend school elsewhere. Koelling made the motion, second by Abney to adopt the resolution and accept the transfers as recommended (attached). The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The board went into executive session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss personnel.

The board returned to open session at 7:34 p.m. and as a result, Supt. Rich read a letter of resignation from Rachel Faulkner (attached) and gave the recommendation for acceptance. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to accept the resignation from Rachel Faulkner 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 Abney with a second from Koelling. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Principal Guiltner recognized the shooting sports team and Coach Wendall Smith on their successful season. One team participated in the state tournament on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Jacksonville and made it to the elite eight.

Supt. Rich announced that the July board meeting has been moved from July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Koelling made the motion to adjourn with a second by Abney. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Secretary