

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
December 21, 2015**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the November 16, 2015 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.

First order of business was to update the vendors for the use of electronic fund transfers to comply with ACT 989 of 2011. The payroll initiated transactions are federal withholding taxes, employee contributions and district matching payments to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, and payment to employee 403b annuity accounts. Abney made the motion, second by Koelling to approve the policy for recurring electronic fund transfers. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich reported on Special Education Program Monitoring. The LEA's special education program was reviewed through multiple data gathering procedures in eleven different areas and was found to be in compliance in all areas. The LEA will remain on a self monitoring after being reviewed and placed at a low risk.

Student transfers were considered. Superintendent Rich recommended to accept the transfer of two students from IZARD County Consolidated and one student from Viola to attend school at Salem and one student from Salem to attend school at Viola. Motion was made by Yarnell to accept these student transfers with a second from Coffman.

The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

High School principal Wayne Guiltner announced several students' recognitions to the board. Seven high school band students competed for membership in Region V All Region Junior or Senior Jazz Ensembles. Junior students were: J.R. Schaufler, Suzonne Harber, Jessica Woody, Jevin Speaight, and Levi Decker. Senior students were Ashton Guiltner and Sunshyne Ringe. Ashton Guiltner earned a sport in the top jazz ensemble on tenor saxophone and will compete at ASBOA All State Jazz Auditions in February.

The results from the November ACT came in. Salem had thirty one students take the test with an average composite score of 21.56, well above the national average of 20.

Football All Conference honors were released. Jr. High All Conference were Jordan Turner and Tyler Guffey, Honorable Mention Ethan Sanders and Peyton Osborne. Sr. High All Conference honors were Stephen Shoup, Spence Love, and Alex Martin, Honorable mention Ethan Davis and Trey Lemmel. All State Honorable Mention was Alex Martin and Spencer Love. Congratulations to Coach Faulkner and the Jr. Girls basketball team for winning the Norfolk tournament on December 10. Congratulations to the Jr. High Quiz Bowl team and Mrs. McCord for placing second in the North Central Cooperative Invitational tournament and will be participating in the 2A Regional tournament in February. He thanked Ms. Himschoot and the high school science teachers for their efforts in conducting the science fair. Congratulations to all science fair participants and winners.

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

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich made the recommendation for the period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 to be approved for the "look back" period for insurance and the Affordable Care Act. The motion was made by Abney, second by Koelling. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Coffman 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 6:14 p.m.

Secretary