

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
February 20, 2017**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Koelling.

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 January 16, 2017 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 on the agenda, Mr. Curtis, high school principal had several student recognitions.

The board retired into executive session at 6:06 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 6:18 p.m.

As a result of executive session the superintendent gave the recommendation to renew the contracts of Cody Curtis and Corey Johnson for high school and elementary principals for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion was made by Abney with a second by Yarnell to renew both principal's contracts for the 2017-2018 school year.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, bid considerations for a 2018 model, type C, 65 passenger school bus. Three manufacturers were contracted; Midwest Bus Sales \$83,621., Master's Transportation – no bid, and summit Truck Group \$78,950. Mr. Guiltner recommendation was made to accept the bus bid by Summit Truck Group. Motion was made by Coffman with a second by Smith to accept Summit Truck Group bus bid of \$78,950. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Student transfer request were considered. Superintendent Guiltner recommended to accept the request of two students from Highland district to Salem district. Motion was made by Abney with a second from Smith to accept transfers. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner also recommended to accept the transfer request of one student from Salem district to Viola district. Motion was made by Yarnell with a second from Smith to accept transfer. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Next, Superintendent Guiltner gave an update on the 2016 spring storm project repairs and replacements. We repaired the fan and wall in the Agriculture building; repaired the press box, replaced football lights, scoreboard, and game clocks; replaced baseball dugouts; replaced softball dugouts; and replaced baseball lights, thus completing all storm projects.

Consideration was made to take bids on fiber installation and networking equipment between the high school and elementary as well as between the elementary school and the technology building. This would allow us to future proof out internet capabilities. We would like to take bids while using ERate funding to help pay for the projects. Recommendation was made to take bids on fiber installation and networking equipment. Motion was made by Coffman with a second by Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Guiltner gave an update on our outsourcing of food services. The RFP was submitted to the state department's child nutrition unit, and approved. RFP's were sent out to all six companies that are approved to bid on food service in Arkansas. There will be meetings and deadlines in the next couple of months to fulfill the projected time line.

Mr. Guiltner also updated and discussed with the board on several bills that have been submitted at the 2017 legislative session.

Recommendation to take bids on a heat exchanger, that had to be replaced in the high school pump house, was made by Superintendent Guiltner. Motion was made by Smith with a second by Coffman. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner asked the board to consider adding volleyball as an athletic option for female students at Salem Schools. The last few years several students have asked and shown interest in the sport. Recommendation was made to add volleyball and a volleyball coaching position to our program starting the 2017-2018 school year. Motion was made by Coffman with a second from Abney to accept recommendation. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Shaun Windsor, tech coordinator gave a presentation and update on Greyhound STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program. He had prepared a short video to introduce Ozobots; the video can be viewed on the schools website.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Guiltner recommended the March board meeting be moved from March 20 to March 13 because of spring break. Motion was made by Smith with a second from Yarnell to move meeting to March 13. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Coffman to adjourn with a second from Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Secretary