

**SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**January 19, 2015**

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Abney.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the December 15, 2014 regular meeting were reviewed. Coffman made the motion, second by Koelling 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 district's bus and vehicle report to board members. He noted that the fleet was in very good condition and well maintained by bus mechanic Jason Howell. With the addition of the new bus being purchased this year, it is being considered to maintain three spares for trips or to be placed on routes if repairs are needed.

The superintendent gave an overview of education bills being introduced in the newly convened legislative session and will keep the board members informed and updated throughout the legislative term.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Student recognitions were announced by Ken Rich. Five students are named as semi-finalists for the national Beta Club scholarship. Sophie Rossitto was named the winner of the Fulton County Spelling Bee for the second consecutive year and will advance to the state spelling bee competition later this month. Rich noted that the junior girl's basketball team placed second in a tournament held at Norfolk.

The board went into executive session at 7:17 p.m. to consider the superintendent's contract.

The board returned to open session at 8:33 p.m.

As a result of the executive session and after a verbal evaluation of the superintendent and his job performance, the contract for Superintendent Ken Rich was extended by one year through June 30, 2018 on a motion by Smith with a second from Yarnell. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The superintendent discussed a transfer of three students from the Cave City district to attend the Salem district. He noted that the students have been previously home schooled but want to attend school in our district and gave the recommendation for approval. Yarnell made the motion, second by Smith to approve the transfer as recommended (attached). 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 8:38 p.m.

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Secretary