

SALEM SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual Report to the Public
October 20, 2014

The Board of Education of the Salem School District #30, state of Arkansas, met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria on the high school campus. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Coffman.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

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

The minutes from the September 15, 2014 regular meeting and the September 29, 2014 called meeting were reviewed. Abney 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.

First on the agenda was the annual report to the public. Superintendent Ken Rich reported that district enrollment is 765 students currently. He reported on personnel and staff positions, gave an update on facilities and projects, and reported on curriculum and test scores noting that the district ranked number one in the Northcentral Educational Cooperative with 84.67% of students passing all exams. The superintendent also reported that the district was in the top ten of 253 districts and charter schools statewide in math and literacy proficiency. He reported on parental involvement activities and gave the vending report for the prior school year. He presented both academic and facility goals of the district.

Wayne Guiltner, high school principal, presented the elementary report on behalf of Corey Johnson. He reported on school enrollment, curriculum, student achievement, federal programs, and goals of the elementary.

Next, Mr. Guiltner reported on the high school enrollment, curriculum, student achievement, the federal Perkins grant, and the Children's Internet Protection Act. He also presented goals for the high school and announced that parent/teacher conferences would be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

Eileen McCord gave an overview of the district's gifted and talented program.

Questions and comments were taken from those in attendance.

Next was the reorganization of the school board. Wanda Koelling made the motion to nominate Barry Abney as board president with a second from Smith. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and duties of president were taken by Chairman Abney at this time.

Koelling made the motion after nominating Guy Smith as vice-president with a second from Coffman. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Koelling made the motion after nominating Burton Yarnell 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 nominated as board disbursing officer for 2014/2015 on a motion by Coffman with a second from Smith. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich presented the Equity Compliance Report for 2014/2015 for approval. Koelling made the motion, second by Yarnell to approve the Equity Compliance Report as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The superintendent discussed the approval to solicit bids to purchase a 65 passenger school bus. Coffman made the motion, second by Smith to send out specs to purchase a school bus as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Rich proposed the consideration to increase the school district contribution match on employee health insurance up to the required minimum of \$153.00 per covered employee for the 2015 plan year effective on 1/1/2015. Smith made the motion, second by Coffman to increase the required health match minimum contribution as recommended. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous
NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Student transfer requests were considered. The superintendent gave the recommendation to approve eight students from the IZARD County Consolidated district. Yarnell made the motion, second by Koelling to approve the eight student transfer requests as recommended. 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 Koelling with a second from Smith. The Chairman called for discussion.

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Wayne Guiltner announced recent high school student recognitions. He congratulated the golf teams and coaches and noted that Kaci Barnett and Dylan York were named All-State. He also recognized the cross country team and Coach Lena Smith on their successful season and their recent meet held at Salem. He also announced several students' achievements in various state fair events and competitions.

The board went into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to consider a personnel matter.

The board returned to open session at 7:58 p.m. and as a result no action was taken at this time.

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

YEAS: Unanimous

NAYS: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary