

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Huntington Elementary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Marie Johnson, Roger Swenson, Sharman Seamons, and Laurel Johansen. Also present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

It was moved by Roger Swenson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that the consent items including the warrants and minutes be approved. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Employee of the month awards were presented to Jamie Olsen, teacher of the month, and Deloris Tucker, classified employee of the month. The Board thanked Jamie and Deloris for the excellent work they are doing and for all the help they are giving kids at Huntington Elementary.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that February 5th is scheduled as "On the Hill Day" at the 1998 legislature. This is a day where Board members can meet with legislators and discuss pending legislation.

The Superintendent recommended to the Board that San Rafael Jr. High School be allowed to survey parents and receive their input as to the possible removal of lockers. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Weber, Principal, be allowed to conduct this survey and then report the findings to the Board before any formal action is taken.

The Superintendent read a letter to the Board from Kathy Petersen, Principal at Ferron Elementary, thanking them for hiring computer technician Wayne Roberts last year. Wayne visits the school on a regular basis installing software, making repairs, instructing staff, and responding to crisis calls. During the summer he installed computers in the new lab, re-installed computers in the writing lab, networked both labs and had them up and going when school started in the fall. "The great work he is doing has allowed teachers to effectively use technology to teach children", Petersen's letter stated. The Board thanked Kathy for the letter and expressed their appreciation to Wayne for the great job he is doing.

The following policies were presented to the Board for approval: GBI, GBK, GBLA, GBCD, GCBDA, GCBE, GCCA, GCD, GCDA/GDDA, GCEA, GCF, GCG, GCI, GCL, GCLB, AFC/GCN, GCP, GCPA, GCPC/GDPC, GCPCA/GDPCA, GPCAA, GCPCAB, GCQA/GDQA, GCQAB, and EHAA-E2/IIBG-E2. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the policies as presented with one minor wording change in policy GCP. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Superintendent Sitterud presented to the Board a proposal from Emery Telephone called the "Emery Telephone Education Initiative". Emery Telephone is firmly committed to the

education of youth and would like to demonstrate their support by establishing several programs during the next year, including: Academic Excellence Awards, Positive Action Awards, Emery Telephone Student of the Week Awards, Emery Telephone Scholarships, 911/ Crime Watch/ Student Emergency Education Program, Emery Telephone Annual Field Trip and a General Sponsorship Program. The Superintendent recommended that the Board give their support to this initiative, noting that Principals would need to approve before the various programs could be implemented in their schools. The Board expressed appreciation to Emery Telephone for their efforts in helping establishing this business partnership and for the many benefits and recognition it will provide to kids.

The Business Administrator also informed the Board that Emery Telephone Company would like to purchase the four sided scoreboard for the new athletic facility. It was the consensus of the Board that this be tentatively approved pending the favorable review of further details.

The Superintendent informed the Board that Stuart Albrecht, former student at Emery High, and now an Account Executive with Autodesk, had recently notified him that Autodesk is donating to Emery High some \$86,000 worth of AutoCad Software. The District has found, however, that we will need to upgrade our computers in the CAD lab to run the software. The District is looking into possibly funding the upgrades through grants.

Mr. Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary, requested the Board approve a plan for a new technology lab that would meet ADA requirements. The renovation project, which includes a new room for a computer lab and two small class or meeting rooms, would be done by District Maintenance personnel at an estimated cost of \$8,500. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the project as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jon Crawford, District Director of Student Services, reviewed with the Board the latest SAT test results.

Mr. Merlin Weber, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School, requested funding of \$500 from the Board to pay author Sherry Garland to visit the school and conduct several workshops. Miss Garland is the author of "Indio", a book the 8th grade will study next year instead of "Tom Sawyer". Motion to approve the request was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the amended 1998-99 Emery School District Calendar. The amended calendar moved the Parent /Teacher conference scheduled for September 3rd to January 21st and established the 23rd of December as a minimum day. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief report on construction progress at the new athletic facility was given by Ross Huntington. The project is continuing to move ahead slightly under budget. Some minor damage occurred to the southeast wall during a wind storm on January 10th. The contractor has

received instructions from the structural engineer on how to repair the damage. The Board thanked District Maintenance personnel, LeRoy Maxfield and Mike Huntsman, along with Herm Hughes project superintendent, Robert Allen, for their special efforts to protect the wall during the storm.

The Business Administrator presented a list of proposed capital improvement projects from each of the Principals, the Maintenance Department and the District Office for the Boards consideration. It was recommended that they consider the possibility of selling additional bonds at this time to finance the purchase of building improvements and needed equipment. It was noted that interest rates are at a twenty-five year low. With the District's favorable bond rating, bonds could be sold carrying an interest rate of about 4%. The Board recommended the Business Administrator study the matter further, initiate the process of selling the bonds, and prepare a detailed and prioritized list of the proposed projects for their review at the next meeting.

The Business Administrator presented a mineral lease agreement from Texaco. They are offering \$52 to lease the mineral rights on 2.08 acres for five years. A motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Roger Swenson that the Board approve the agreement pending a favorable review by the attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the tax appeal refund payment to Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company of \$43,976.08, as ordered by the Utah State Tax Commission, for 1994,1995, and 1996. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons that the District provide up to \$5,000 for the purchase of track equipment at Green River High School. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to increase the pay for each of the track coaches at Canyon View Jr High School and San Rafael Jr High School from \$240 to \$400 per year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn to executive session to discuss some personnel issues and possible litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening a motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to suspend, indefinitely, pending juvenile court action and contingent upon a contract between the student/parent and school, a 16 year old male student from Canyon View Jr High School for allegedly assaulting a teacher. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Sharman Seamons to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.