

School Board Meeting, January 7, 1998

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

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

Employee of the month awards were presented to Jan Hanson and Kerri Allred. The Board thanked them for the excellent work they are doing for kids at Cottonwood Elementary.

Ross Huntington gave a brief report on construction progress at the new athletic facility at Emery High School. Every thing seems to be going smoothly. The next payment request and inspection is scheduled for January 14th at 10:30 a.m.. The Board was invited to attend.

Kathy Petersen, Principal at Ferron Elementary, was welcomed to the meeting and thanked the Board for the opportunity to recently travel to Washington D.C. and accept the award for having one of the finest elementary schools in the nation. The Board thanked Kathy for the excellent work she is doing to help kids at Ferron Elementary.

The Superintendent recommended that Eric Mortensen be hired as the new Emery High School in-school suspension coordinator to replace Jeremy Ybright who has found other employment. It was moved by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that this be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The following policies were presented to the Board for review and approval: GBED-R, GBF/KE, GBG, GBH/JM, GBL/JO, GBM, GBM-E, GCA, GCB, GCBA, and GCBC.. It was moved by Roger Swenson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that these policies be approved with a couple of minor wording changes.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that the Strategic Plan Review Committee has met on two occasions and have revised the District Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Belief Statement, and Guideposts for Excellence. Wording has been reduced and more meaningful language used in the revisions.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board of the Utah State Board of Education (USBA) Annual Convention on January 16th and 17th in Salt Lake City. Also, USBA will be hosting a "Day on the Hill" for Board Members on February 5th. This will give the Board members the opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss pending legislation. This years legislative session will be from January 19th thru March 4th.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board that they need to approve the next year's school calendar at their March Board meeting. The Board decided on a tentative calendar for further consideration. It will be forwarded to the Teachers for their review and input. The Board asked

about the possibility of looking at multi-year calendars in the future.

Dennis Jones, Principal at Cottonwood Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Dennis gave a presentation about the school's theme for this year which is entitled "Pride". Each Monday morning the student body, staff and faculty meet at the school flag pole and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the Star Spangled Banner. The purpose is to teach the students patriotism and respect for their country. The Board thanked Dennis for the efforts of he and his staff and their contributions to the education of kids.

A letter from Kendall Mortensen requesting early retirement was read to the Board by the Superintendent. Motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept Kendall's request. The Board was especially appreciative of Mr. Mortensen's 30 years plus in education and noted that he will be greatly missed in the District.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that the regular meeting of the Board be changed to the first Wednesday of the month wherever possible. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

It was recommended by the Superintendent that Ross Huntington be appointed as the new Business Administrator. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons that Ross be approved for a period of two years beginning January 1, 1998. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Lynn Larson has requested that the Board award one-quarter of elective credit to students who participate in a summer Revolutionary War travel experience that he sponsors and an additional one-quarter of elective credit for reading and research these same students accomplish following the trip. The Superintendent recommended that his request be approved. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve Mr. Larson's request. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

It was moved by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Sharman Seamons that the meeting adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Upon reconvening it was moved by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that the meeting adjourn.