

School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 1998
Cleveland Elementary, Cleveland, Utah

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

It was moved by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson 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 Kurt Brasher, classified employee of the month and Norm Dingman, teacher of the month. The Board thanked them for the excellent work they are doing and for all the help they are giving kids at Cleveland elementary.

Principal Dan Wells reported to the Board on the programs at Cleveland Elementary School. He made special reference to the "Artist in Residence" program recently completed. Pam Hansen, teacher at Cleveland Elementary, reported on the "Artist In Residence" activities and the educational experience it provided for the students, both artistically and culturally. The teachers had also put together a video presentation about the activity for the board to view. The board thanked Mr. Wells and the staff for the work they are doing in behalf of their students.

Kent Wilson, local business owner, was welcomed to the meeting. Kent expressed concern over the fund raising policy of the school district. After careful consideration, Roger Swenson made the motion and Marie Johnson made the second to modify District policy IGDF. The change would allow secondary students to go door to door in groups of two or more during daylight hours, but in no case would they be allowed to enter the house. Motion passed unanimously. The elementary principals will review the existing policy and report back to the board their ideas relative to the issue of door to door fund raising for elementary students.

A progress report on construction of the new athletic facility was presented by Ross Huntington. Masonry work is topped out on the south side and proceeding on all other sides. Suspended ceilings are being hung in the basement area and electrical work is moving ahead nicely. Overall, the project is under budget. Anticipated completion time is November, 1998.

A review of capital outlay projects was presented to the Board along with a list of proposed projects for the next two years. Kent Mitchie from Zions First National Bank Public Finance Division explained that interest rates are very near a twenty-five year low. With the gradual shift in property taxes from big business to the local homeowner currently taking place, it would be wise for the District to take advantage of the situation. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to pass the "Bond Resolution", dated March 4, 1998, which sets the parameters for the sale of \$2,000,000 in general obligation bonds. Motion passed unanimously.

Capital projects will be reviewed and prioritized by the board at a later meeting.

Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to upgrade the surface on the new track at Emery High School from rubberized to polyurethane. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reported to the board on the success of the recent Peer Coach/Mentor Teacher Conference. Dr. Bob Berkowitz was the guest speaker for the conference. He addressed issues relating to information literacy and also presented to parents on how to effectively help students with homework.

The Superintendent also reported on two projects intended to impact the achievement of students in the district. He indicated that he had been working with the Utah Education Service Center to help fund training for some of our elementary teachers in an early reading intervention program referred to as CLIP (Collaborative Literacy Intervention project). The training will initially include several teachers from one or two of the Chapter Schools. The other project is a request from the secondary schools to participate in training to help secondary teachers improve the reading skills of their students. Training will be provided by Dr. Tamarra Jetton from the University of Utah and will include several days of training this year and possibly additional days during the Summer or next school year. Expenses will be funded from grants.

The schedule for the USBA March Regional Meetings was given to the board and discussed. It was decided that most of the board members should opt to attend the meeting in Richfield on March 26, instead of the meeting in Spanish Fork on the 25th. Board members were to call Beulah at the District Office and let her know which meeting they planned to attend.

Superintendent Sitterud read a letter of appreciation from Larry Rowley, Principal at Green River High School and Boonville Elementary School, thanking computer technician Willie Frisbie for the excellent support given throughout the school during the past school year.

Superintendent Sitterud presented a letter of award from the National Science Foundation notifying the District that Jean Jones, teacher at Castle Dale Elementary, will receive the 1997 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award consists of a Presidential Citation to the nation's capital to receive the award for the Awardee and a guest, a school, and various education gifts which are contributed by private sector organizations, and a grant of \$7,500. The \$7,500 will be sent to the recipient's school to be managed by the Awardee.

Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons allowing Doris Jensen, RN, to conduct a survey among health classes at Emery High School to determine perception of stress, drug use among peers, and depression in rural Utah. Motion passed

Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson that the senior class of Green River High School be allowed to have their senior activity at Powderhorn Ski Resort near Grand Junction, Colorado. Motion passed unanimously.

The following policies were presented to the Board for approval: GBAA, GBAA-E, GBAA-R, GCQB, GCQC, GDA, GDBD, GDG, JB, JC, JE, JEFB, JFCA, JFCF, and JFCG. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the policies as presented with minor changes, as noted. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud read a letter from Dr. Art Fogelberg, Book Cliff Elementary resource teacher, indicating his intent to retire at the end of the school year. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve his retirement. Motion passed unanimously. The Board expressed thanks to Dr. Fogelberg for his many years of service and for all the help he has given kids.

Merlin Weber, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Weber requested the Board authorize him to hire a person to assist with the "In School Suspension Program" and to help in the office. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to allow Mr. Weber to hire someone for this position at the substitute rate of pay for the remainder of the school year at which time the Board will reevaluate.

Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to pay the three ladies who helped with the drill team at Green River High School \$200 each for their efforts. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that Green River does not have cheerleaders this year and the money would come from that allowance.

Lindsay Johansen, Student body President at Emery High, was welcomed to the meeting. She presented the results of their survey of the lunchroom at the school. The Board thanked her for conducting the survey and presenting the results. They will take the recommendations under advisement.

The Board accepted a certificate from the Emery High Chapter of the FFA thanking the Board for their support.

The board considered an appeal for reinstatement to Emery High School from a non-resident student who had been recently dismissed from school for failure to comply with the requirements of the Provisional Enrollment Agreement. It was the decision of the board to follow the recommendation of the principal at Emery High School and terminate the students' attendance and refer the student back to the district of residence.

Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel matters and litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to general session a motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn. Motion passed.