

School Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 1999
Cottonwood Elementary School, Orangeville, Utah

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

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

FFA representatives from San Rafael Jr. High School and Canyon View Jr High School, together with parents and their advisor were welcomed to the meeting. They requested the Board allow them to go to Logan for the State Convention, March 18-20. After lengthy discussion on the matter it was moved by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the trip as detailed. Motion passed on a four to one vote, with Marie Johnson voting nay.

Mr. Dennis Jones, Principal of Cottonwood Elementary was excused from the meeting for personal reasons. Superintendent Sitterud presented the Board with a written copy of Mr. Jones report. The Board expressed thanks to Mr. Jones for all he and his staff are doing to help kids.

Mr. Jon Crawford, District Director of Student Services, was welcomed to the meeting. He presented the Board with the latest Stanford Achievement Test results. Mr. Crawford noted that test scores for fifth graders are below the national average statewide, with the Emery District being no exception. Emery's eighth graders scored right at the national average while scores for the eleventh graders were higher than the national average. He also noted that the eleventh graders had made significant improvement over last years scores. Mr. Crawford indicated that test scores are available upon request for the District and also on a school by school basis.

After an informative discussion about the State Office of Education's recent redistribution of transportation funding wherein the Emery District lost \$192,000 in annual revenue, it was moved by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt that the District cancel the order for the two new buses. Motion passed unanimously.

Following the presentation of the auditor's report by the business administrator, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A status report on the \$2 million bond issue projects was given by the business administrator. Following the report, adjustments were made in budget amounts for some of the projects. The amount allocated for the commons area at Emery High School (\$175,000) was eliminated, Fire Alarm Systems was reduced by \$30,000, tennis courts at Emery High were reduced by \$25,000, water line replacement at Cottonwood Elementary and Castle Dale Elementary (\$10,000) was moved from bond funding to the regular District maintenance account, renovation of San Rafael

Jr. High School was increased by \$45,000 and bond funding for new playground equipment for the six elementary schools was established at \$110,000. It was noted that the District has an additional \$40,000 in safety program earned insurance rebates set aside for the playground equipment program, bringing total available funding for that program to \$150,000.

Following Superintendent Sitterud's recommendation that Jerri Jones be approved as a 5 hour cleaner at Emery High School, a motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board that they were going to be presented the Eagle award by the College of Eastern Utah at CEU's next Founders Day Banquet on February 20th. He also reminded the Board of the Utah School Boards Association Convention in Salt Lake City on January 15-16 and of the upcoming legislative session which begins January 18th. He inquired of the Board for comment concerning the new three year calendar before sending it out for input. He also informed the Board that the new Classified Employee Evaluation and Improvement document was ready for the principals and union representatives to review. The new substitute/temporary employee application for employment was reviewed and approved.

A motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the District Strategic Plan as prepared, with the possibility of changes to be made later. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve one quarter of credit in a class taught by Lynn B. Larson, "Issues in US Politics and Economics", be awarded to Nicole Nielson and Josie Ralphs, who have successfully completed the work. Motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Laurel Johansen to accept the recommendation.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve Resolution No. 01-06-99, which authorizes the business administrator to sign the necessary documents to complete the property trade with Kirk and Julie Johansen. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Royd Hatt to elect Laurel Johansen as the Board President for 1999 and 2000. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Laurel Johansen to elect Sharman Seamons as the Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Upon reconvening from executive session it was moved by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.