

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2000
Castle Valley Center, Price, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Sharman Seamons, Marie Johnson, Royd Hatt and Roger Swenson. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the minutes and warrants as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to appoint Roger Swenson, Jon Crawford and Ross Huntington to the District Classified Employee Negotiating Team and Marie Johnson, J.J. Grant and Ross Huntington to the District Certified Negotiating Team. Motion passed unanimously.

Ruschelle Mortensen, representing the Cleveland Elementary Parent Teachers Organization was welcomed to the meeting. She requested an additional three hour per day aide be placed at the school indicating there are some concerns over the size of the third grade. The Board advised her that they will review the staffing in the fall after the first day of school.

The following bids for playground equipment were presented and reviewed: Columbia Cascade, \$219,360; Boyce Recreation, \$217,540.56; Play Space Design, \$217,200; Kean Recreation, \$207,054.90; and Garrett and Company, \$169,098. Bids from Kean Recreation and Garrett and Company were declared non-responsive as they had deleted several specified items from their bid. The Business Administrator advised the Board that the selection committee, consisting of the six elementary school principals recommended approval of the bid from Play Space Design. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to award the bid to Play Space Design. Motion passed unanimously.

After some discussion about the requirement for a new curtain track system, a motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the purchase of new curtains and the new track system from Oasis Stage Werks for \$10,650. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that Gwen Callahan be hired as the new principal at Emery High School and Kendra Sagers be hired as the new Agriculture Education Teacher for the district. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the names as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to open the principal's position at Canyon View Jr. High School to current district employees only. Motion passed unanimously.

Trust Land Committee Plans having been properly received and reviewed by the Board from Cottonwood Elementary, Castle Dale Elementary and San Rafael Jr. High Schools, a motion was

made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the plans as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the Board voting “Yes” on two by-law changes in the Utah High School Activities Association Constitution. Motion passed unanimously.

Letters were read from students at Castle Dale Elementary thanking the Board for their support in allowing students to attend the “Legacy Ski and Ride”. The Superintendent informed the Board that Duane Merrell, Physics Teacher at Emery High School had recently been named Micron Technology’s Outstanding High School Physics Teacher for the State of Utah. The Superintendent also informed the Board that the District was one of only six in the State to receive an Excellence in Statistical Reporting Award from the State Office of Education. The award is presented annually to those districts submitting reports in a timely and accurate manner.

In recent Sterling Scholar competition Emery High School had five winners and five runners-up, they are: Michele McNeel, Winner, Mathematics; Dane Johansen, Winner, Social Science; Derek Judi, Winner, Science; Natalie Johnson, Winner, Business and Marketing; Nicholas Behunin, Winner, Foreign Language; Berni Davis, Runner-up, Speech and Drama; Brady Worwood, Runner-up, English; Julie Christiansen, Runner-up, Technology Education; Janell Seely, Runner-up, Family, Consumer and Health Sciences and Matthew Thrope, Runner-up, General Scholarship. The Board extended congratulations to all participants and to their advisor, Mr. Neal Peacock, for doing such an excellent job.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel items and possible litigation.

Upon reconvening to general session, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to place a district employee on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of investigations by the Emery County Sheriff’s Office and the Division of Child and Family Services. It was suggested that the subject begin anger management training immediately at his expense. The case will be reviewed by the Board at the next Board meeting on May 3rd at which time a final decision will be made concerning future employment of the subject. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.