

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2000
District Office, Huntington, Utah

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

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

Jake Jones a sixth grade student from Ferron Elementary School favored the Board with an outstanding presentation. Jake recently won 5th place in the nation with his presentation on the Civilian Conservation Corp at the National History Fair. The Board complimented Jake for his excellent presentation and for the way he had represented the Emery District throughout the competition.

Gwen Callahan, Principal at Emery High School (EHS) was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Callahan proposed a Sexual Harassment Education Plan be adopted and implemented at EHS beginning this next school year. Mrs. Callahan also proposed that a new probation policy be adopted and implemented. Parents and students are to be educated on the new policies thru the preregistration mailing, at registration, on the first day of school and by an article in the newspaper. New policies will also be printed in the handbook as well as covered with students and parents by counselors in SEOP meetings. Teachers are expected to cover this material in their classes throughout the school year. A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the changes in the policies as recommended by Mrs. Callahan. Motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington, representing the District Insurance Committee, explained to the Board that the committee recommends the contract with Blomquist Hale Consulting Group (Employee Assistance Program) not be renewed for the next school year and that a contract for similar counseling services be entered into with Four Corners Mental Health. Changing providers should result in a cost savings of about \$5,000 per year and should hopefully improve services. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the committees recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion on the use of school buses for summer activities the Board directed the Superintendent to draft a policy for possible approval at their next meeting.

Books written and donated by Mr. Gene Jacobsen were presented to the Board. Laurel Johansen directed the Superintendent to send thank you notes to Mr. Jacobsen.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the resignation of Rick Frost a teacher at San Rafael Jr. High School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the resignation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve increasing the size of lots 4 and 5 of Castle Heights Subdivision by taking eight feet from the lots directly south. The adjustment is necessary in order to bring the proposed new home on lots 4 and 5 into compliance with Castle Dale City's set back requirement of their zoning ordinance. A motion was made by Sharm Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation and authorize Ross Huntington, Business Administrator, to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction. Motion passed unanimously.

The following bids for vinyl floor tile at Ferron Elementary were reviewed: Main Street Carpet, \$2727.90; Custom Carpet and Cabinets, \$3037.50; and Red Carpet Installation, \$3097.10. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharm Seamons to approve the bid of Main Street Carpet. Motion passed unanimously.

Carol Ediger, President of the Emery Education Association was welcomed to the meeting. She informed the Board that the association had accepted the District's offer of a 1.5% increase in base salary.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve a one-time \$250 bonus to all teachers in steps 1-5 this next fall. The increase is necessary in order to meet the legislative intent of more pay for beginning teachers. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharm Seamons to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharm Seamons to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharm Seamons to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.