

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2000
San Rafael Jr. High School
Ferron, Utah

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

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

Merlin Weber, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School (SRJHS) was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Weber presented information to the Board about the many successes at his school such as the Character Education Program being directed by Mrs. Bishop, the Readers Club under the direction of Mrs. Butler, the Peer Tutoring Program being administered by all the teachers and the web page instruction under Mr. Hales.

Mr. Weber requested the Board authorize two additional aide hours per day for Eileen Lofthouse to help with the new attendance policy and other matters in the office at his school. Mark Seeley, who had been the In-School Suspension Coordinator left SRJHS to accept a teaching position in the Carbon District and was not replaced. Mrs. Lofthouse would assume part of those responsibilities.

Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary, requested Board approval to erect a small memorial to deceased teacher Joyce LeMay. The memorial would be on a rock placed next to a bench near the north entrance to Huntington Elementary where Mrs. LeMay taught. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be acceptable but stipulated that any consideration for future requests will be limited to teachers who pass away while actively teaching.

Ross Huntington presented the annual independent auditor's report and requested the Board accept the report as presented. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sharman Seamons to accept the report. Motion passed unanimously.

Classified negotiation items were discussed. They have agreed to accept the 1.5% increase in base salary along with the district funding increment changes and the increases in health and dental insurance premiums. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to accept the classified employees approval of the plan.

Vicki Rasmussen, third grade teacher at Cleveland Elementary requested the Board approve an additional aide at her school to assist with her 28 member class and two other large classes. Following some discussion, Board President, Laurel Johansen recommended the Board defer a decision pending further study on the matter.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following people be approved for hire with the district: Janet Saling, special education assistant at Cleveland Elementary; Kristi Gibbons, aide at Ferron Elementary; and Tiffany Nelson, assistant cross country and track coach at Emery High School. A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Richard Fairbanks, auto mechanics teacher at Emery High School, and approve his application for early retirement under the terms of district policy GCPCAA. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the leave of absence request of Deloris Tucker, Food Service Manager at Huntington Elementary. Mrs. Tucker has joined her husband in Illinois where he is temporarily employed. They plan to return in December. She requested a leave of absence until January 2001. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the resignation of Brooke Larson, aide at Ferron Elementary. Mrs. Larson has accepted a job with the Carbon School District. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the travel of Joy Lynn Humphrey and Liza Roberts to the National Closing the Gap Conference in Michigan, October 18-21, with funding provided by the State UAAACT Team. A motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a recommendation by the Superintendent a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve one additional aide hour per day at San Rafael Jr. High School to assist with a special education student who desires to take shop. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board grant a temporary exception to the field trip policy for this year and next which would allow grades 1-3 to travel to Olympic Venues with three stipulations: first, if the trip is not their regular field trip for the year, the school must cover the cost of transportation without charging fees; second, such trips must be scheduled to return home by 7:00 p.m. and; third, parental permission must be obtained. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent informed the Board about the fall enrollment numbers which are down significantly from last year. Enrollment was 2717 on August 29th, a decline of 256 from October 1 of 1999. We are working with the State Office of Education to obtain relief under state law which allows the State Board to grant additional WPU's to districts whose enrollment drops more than 4% in one year due to conditions beyond their control. The Superintendent also informed the Board about the upcoming visit from legislators. They will be holding a town meeting at Emery High School on September 20th at 7:30 PM.

Following a recommendation of the Business Administrator, a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve a contract with Four Corners Mental Health with changes as noted. Motion passed unanimously.

Jon Crawford, Director of Student Services, reported on Special Education Programs and the serious under funding of those programs by the Federal Government.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sharman Seamons to adjourn to executive session

to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening from executive session the Board discussed and approved the following capital outlay projects, purchases and programs for this fiscal year on a motion from Royd Hatt and second from Laurel Johansen;

- Band instruments and equipment \$37,750 (San Rafael, Canyon View and Emery High)
- Emery High School, additional point of service for CNP \$15-20,000
- Emery High School, commons area
- New rope system for auditorium \$100,000
- Grand piano and keyboard \$8-15,000
- Lunch room equipment as needed for all schools
- Lunch room tables at Huntington Elementary
- Carpet upgrades for all schools \$32-35,000
- Tile main hallway, Canyon View Jr. High, summer 2001- \$20,000
- Track at Green River High School \$100,000
- Convert cooling at Book Cliff Elementary \$35-40,000
- Additional cooling units at Green River High \$8,000
- Computer replacements and upgrades for all schools
- Copier replacements and upgrades
- Refinish gym floors at Jr. Highs - \$12-14,000 per school
- Painting of exteriors of buildings
- Warehouse delivery truck
- Backhoe for maintenance department
- Replace up to two trucks for maintenance department

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hall to approve two additional aide hours per day for Eileen Lofthouse at SRJHS. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to turn down Cleveland Elementary's request for additional aide time. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sharman Seamons to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.