

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 4, 2001
Castle Dale Elementary, Castle Dale, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Rue Ware. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

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

Geniel Huntington, Principal at Castle Dale Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Huntington shared with the Board thoughts that faculty and staff wanted the Board to know about Castle Dale Elementary. Castle Dale has met four of their five 21st Century School goals. They reward students for good citizenship and for speed and accuracy in math. They are grateful for the new playground and the automatic flush valves in rest rooms. Students are benefitting from technology and are ahead of other students in the State in elementary keyboarding.

Mrs. Huntington expressed appreciation for assistance provided by the district maintenance staff and for the excellent service provided by their computer technician, Mr. Wayne Roberts. Mrs. Huntington requested the Board look into the possibility of replacing the existing intercom system. She concluded by reading a story written by a second grade student who is served by FACT who was encouraged by FACT to complete a literacy project. Mrs. Huntington confirmed that all personnel at Castle Dale Elementary are working together with the support of parents to provide every student meaningful learning activities every day.

The following bids for a new roof at Book Cliff Elementary were considered: Swapp Roofing, \$26,862.80; Heritage Roofing, \$27,800; Clark's Quality Roofing, \$34,500; and All Weather Roofing, \$37,860. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the bid of Swapp Roofing. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Davis, Principal at Canyon View Jr. High School (CVJHS) requested the Board approve the removal of lockers from his school be included as a part of the planned renovation this summer. The decision was based on input from faculty, staff, parents and students. Surveys were conducted and a delegation was sent to San Rafael to see how they manage without lockers. The vote by the faculty was overwhelmingly in favor of eliminating lockers. This will require additional textbooks so that the students will have one textbook in the classroom and one at home. Approximately \$18,400 will be needed to fund the additional textbooks. He also requested \$15,000 to purchase duplicate large band instruments. After some discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve elimination of lockers with the custodians at CVJHS providing the labor to remove the lockers and the district funding the new floor and the purchase of additional textbooks. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to appoint Ross Huntington, Marie Johnson and J.J. Grant to the negotiating team with certificated personnel and Ross Huntington, Sam Singleton and Jon Crawford to the negotiating team with classified personnel. Motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington recommended the Board declare the following vehicles and buses surplus property and available for disposal: 1979, Blue 3/4 Ton Ford Pickup; 1988, Plymouth Reliant; 1985, Chrysler; 1986, Red, Ford Ranger; 1984 GMC Cargo Van; 1986 Ford, Brown, Ranger; 1978, Bus (wrecked); 1984, 78 Passenger bus, #841; 1984, 42 Passenger bus, #842; 1986, 88 Passenger bus, #862; and a 1987, 88 Passenger bus, # 871. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud read a letter from State Superintendent Steve O. Laing, congratulating the Emery District's financial and statistical teams as recipients of the 2000 Excellence in Statistical Reporting Award and the 2000 Excellence in Financial Reporting Award, presented by the Utah State Office of Education. Emery is one of only three districts in the State to receive both awards.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the early retirement application of Dan Wells, Principal at Cleveland Elementary. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Board also accept the resignation of Jerry Copatch, Custodian at Castle Dale Elementary, effective June 30. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following personnel be approved for hire for the 2001-2002 school year: Nolan Johnson, Principal at Green River High School and Book Cliff Elementary; Garth Johnson, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School; and Gail McDonald, Secretary at Huntington Elementary. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendation and allow a 30 day training period for Mrs. McDonald. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent updated the Board on recent actions by the legislature and also on the most recent development concerning Grand County. He then read a letter addressed to the Board from Mr. Ed Clark, Applied Technology Education Supervisor, recommending that the Jr. High Vocational Agriculture program along with the Jr. Chapters of the FFA program be dropped from our program offerings this next school year due to declining enrollment in the district as well as the program at the Jr. high level. Following discussion on the issue, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to accept the recommendation and discontinue the program. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve a request to allow Book Cliff Elementary first and fifth graders to go on an educational field trip to the Dinosaur Discovery Museum and Science Learning Center in Fruita, Colorado. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve, on a one year trial basis, a minimum day for students, at the end of the first three quarters for teacher report card and teacher conference preparation with the expectation that all teachers will do the work at their school sites during the time allowed. Motion passed unanimously.

Kelli Nelson, a concerned parent was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Nelson expressed concern over a recent incident at San Rafael and requested the Board reevaluate the discipline program and reinstate the In-School-Suspension program. The Board thanked Mrs. Nelson for her input and will consider her request.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel items. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.