

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2001
Huntington Elementary, Huntington, Utah

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

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

A motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Marie Johnson to cancel the board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th and reschedule the meeting for Thursday, March 1, 2001, with the time and place to remain unchanged. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Baltzer thanked the Board for all the support they have given Huntington Elementary School this past year. He reported on the successful Peer Tutoring Program, where students from Canyon View Jr. High are bussed to Huntington Elementary to tutor younger kids in reading. He also stated that he was please with the SAT test scores for third, fourth and fifth graders. The Board thanked Mr. Baltzer for all he and his staff do to help kids achieve success.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Kirk Christiansen be hired as the new assistant wrestling coach at San Rafael Jr. High School. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve district policy JHCE, a policy regarding our screening processes for speech, language and hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion about a ninth grade activity planned by San Rafael Jr High School, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to allow them to travel to the bowling alley in Price, providing the activity is limited to one-half day. Motion passed unanimously.

Several informational items were presented by the Superintendent, including an update on proposed legislation and the outcome of the recent textbook and supply audit which shows the Emery District in compliance with expenditure requirements. The Superintendent and Board recognized San Rafael Jr High and Castle Dale Elementary for successfully meeting academic and school improvement goals. They are being awarded \$11,140 and \$6,000 respectively by the State Office of Education for this achievement. A six minute video on the 10th grade competency test which will affect the graduating class of 2005 was viewed by all in attendance.

Superintendent Sitterud explained "Operation Recognition", a joint program of the Utah Division of Veterans' Affairs and the State Office of Education. The program will honor World War II

veterans who served in World War II but were unable to complete their high school education. Each high school in the state will hold a special recognition ceremony for those veterans as part of graduation activities, to present them with diplomas provided by the State Office of Education and the Utah Division of Veteran's Affairs.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the rental agreement between Emery County and the Emery County School District for the "Dykes Home", located at 883 North Center Street in Castle Dale. Motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion and review of alternative purchasing options a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve a one year, renewable lease of a backhoe from Wheeler Machinery at an annual fee of \$6200. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve District policy DN, School Property Disposal, as written. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Laurel Johansen to appoint Ross Huntington as the district representative to the Board of Directors of the Utah School Boards Risk Management Mutual Insurance Association. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Following return to general session a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.