

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
August 13, 2002
District Office, Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Marie Johnson, Royd Hatt, 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.

A motion was then made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn the meeting and go into a public hearing to receive comment on tax rates for 2002 and the final budget for fiscal year 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget and tax rate information was presented by Ross Huntington to the Board and the audience. He explained that the tax rate for 2002 is considerably less than last year due to the retirement of the 1998 bond issue. The amount of local tax dollars collected by the District will decrease by some 18%. The budget for fiscal year 2003 is very tight. While the District will be able to fund a 6% increase in health insurance premiums along with step and lane increases they will not be able to fund a cost of living increase.

Larry Davis, Principal at Canyon View Jr. High School, spoke in favor of the budget. Lane Justice, Head custodian at San Rafael Jr. High School voiced his concern over the lack of a cost of living increase, stating it was a "real kick in the face" not to receive one.

Upon reconvening to the regular meeting, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the budget for fiscal year 2003 as presented and to approve the following tax rates for 2002:

Basic state rate	.001807
Voted Leeway	.000800
Board Leeway	.000437
Transportation	.000160
Tort Liability	.000023
Recreation	.000391
Debt Service	.000390
Capital Outlay	.001492
10% of Basic	.000782
Judgement Recovery	.000335

The motion was passed unanimously.

After reviewing the fee schedule (District policy JN-E, which is attached to and is a part of these minutes) for this school year and a recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Ben Carroll, Band Instructor at Emery High School. Mr. Carroll requested approval to purchase new band uniforms to replace the uniforms that were purchased in 1989. Many of the uniforms have been lost or worn out. He presented the following three bids: Band Shoppe, \$34,361.40; Mirmont, \$35,202.40; and Demoulin, \$40,177.20. After some discussion concerning accountability for the uniforms and the possibility of raising the uniform rental fee, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the purchase from Band Shoppe. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded everyone that the first day of school is Tuesday, August 20th. Opening institute will be on Monday the 19th at Emery High School. He informed the Board that the actions of the legislature in their most recent special session resulted in a \$35,000 loss of revenue to the District and thus the elimination of one U-PASS day. With the loss of the one U-PASS day, the Quality Teaching Block Grant Plan had to be changed to reflect the cut and therefore needs to be approved again. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the revised plan. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended policies IJA (SEP/SEOP) and GCBDB (Education Association Leave) to the Board for approval. There is no actual change in policy IJA, only the reference to Utah Code Annotated 53A-1a-106.4(6) is added. GCBDB allows for one day of paid leave per month with the employee covering the cost of the substitute. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the two policies as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent provided members of the Board with copies of the School Trust Land allotment by school for 2003.

Superintendent Sitterud provided the Board with a list of coaching and extra-curricular assignments (attached) for all secondary schools for 2003 and recommended they approve the assignments. The motion passed unanimously following a motion by Sam Singleton and a second by Marie Johnson.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the resignation of Jamie Huggard, the sixth grade teacher at Book Cliff Elementary, who is moving to Heber City. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the Superintendent's report was the Advanced Placement test results. Seventy-five tests were taken by 36 students with a 70% pass rate. The national average pass rate is about 50% and the State pass rate is around 67%. The Board complimented the teachers; Brain Dawes, Neal Peacock, Duane Merrell and Wendy Whittle for their efforts in helping students to be successful.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to appoint Laurel Johansen as the Emery County School District's delegate to the Utah School Boards Association Delegate Assembly to be held on Saturday, August 23rd, with Sam Singleton as the first alternate and Marie Johnson as the second alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

Annexation of the proposed jail property into Castle Dale City was then discussed. There being no objection to the annexation a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to authorize the Board President to sign a letter of non-objection for Castle Dale City. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Laurel Johansen to change the date of the September meeting from the 11th to the 10th, the time and place will remain the same, 7:00 pm at San Rafael Jr. High School. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.