

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
March 6, 2002
Cleveland Elementary School, Cleveland, Utah

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

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

Sid Lancaster, Principal at Cleveland Elementary, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Lancaster told the Board about how dedicated his teachers are to the needs of the students. He also told about the great support the school receives from other staff members and from the community. He reported on the success they were experiencing with EduTest, an online practice test service, designed to parallel the state core in mathematics and language arts. The program enables teachers to check data results to determine areas to reinforce and direct instruction. The most recent data showed an 8% gain over the benchmark that was established on the first practice test.

Next item on the agenda was the consideration and approval of the construction of a new warehouse to be located in the bus compound at Emery High School. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to have the Superintendent and the Business Administrator seek out an engineer or an architect to design the building and move ahead with the project. Motion passed unanimously.

Alan Westenskow from the Public Finance Division of Zions Bank explained to the Board the procedures involved in the sale of \$1.5 million in general obligation bonds. A parameters resolution authorizing the sale was then introduced, was fully discussed, and pursuant to a motion made by Board Member Marie Johnson and a second by Sam Singleton, was adopted by unanimous vote.

Carol Ediger, President of the Emery Education Association, appeared before the Board and requested that the Friday following the term be set aside for SEP conferencing. Following some discussion and concerns expressed by the Superintendent and Board Members as to how this would be perceived by the public, Mrs. Ediger was advised that the Board would consider the matter.

Next item on the agenda was the approval of District participation in the National School Fitness Foundation Program. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve participation in the program, to have Ross and Darrell work out the details and to negotiate an acceptable lease with a local leasing company. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the request of Gwen Callahan, Principal at Emery High School, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the appointment of Tiffany Sorenson and Eric Mortensen as assistant track coaches. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Callahan requested Board approval for six to seven students to travel to the Long Beach Toyota

Grand Prix and Education Trip on April 10-14th. A copy of the agenda, costs and other relevant information was presented. A motion was then made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve student participation in the out-of-state trip. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud presented information on a renovation project to the Automotive Shop at Emery High School, i.e., the existing overhang on the south side of the building would be enclosed at an estimated cost of \$3530 with the construction class to build the walls, hang the door, and do the roof work. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the project. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the early retirement requests of Mila Roper a teacher at Ferron Elementary, Sue Neal a teacher at Emery High School, Sarah Cook and Mary Ann Jorgensen, teachers at Castle Dale Elementary and Connie Wilstead a bus driver. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the notice of retirement of Naoima Oman, Secretary at Castle Dale Elementary, who will be retiring at the end of the school year. A motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Sam Singleton to accept the notification. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reminded the Board of the upcoming Utah Supreme Court hearing on the Grand County annexation issue on March 12th. He also reminded them of the Regional Board meeting to be held on March 21st in Spanish Fork.

Following a recommendation of the Superintendent a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to move the May 1st Board meeting to May 7th. The motion passed unanimously.

A three year calendar was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the calendar with the two minor changes as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously. *(A copy of the calendar is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.)*

A request from EmeryTelcom for an easement through District property near the bus and maintenance compound was considered. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the concept, with the details to be worked out, and an agreement holding the District harmless in the event of damage be required.

A motion was then made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

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