

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
October 2, 2002
Ferron Elementary, Ferron, 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 Royd Hatt to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Kay Kimble and Rick Roberts, Independent Auditors, presented the Annual Financial Audit Report for the 2001-2002 fiscal year, after which a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

Jed Jensen, Principal at Ferron Elementary was excused from the meeting due to an illness in the family. LaRita Nelson, resource teacher, delivered the principal's report on Mr. Jensen's behalf. She explained about some of the programs that are being used at Ferron Elementary to help educate kids. She also told about some of the recently held activities surrounding September 11th. She expressed appreciation for the faculty and staff and for the fine job they are doing. Mrs. Nelson introduced the Board to an innovative new program named "Responding to Individual Differences in Education" (RIDE) they will use to address the needs of the federally mandated program "No Child Left Behind".

The Board thanked Mrs. Nelson and asked her to express their appreciation to the other employees for the wonderful positive attitude they all have at Ferron Elementary.

A group of parents from Emery were welcomed to the meeting. They expressed their concerns over the loss of one of the two bus runs from Emery. They are mainly concerned with the amount of time the younger kids are away from home and for the safety of the younger children as well.

After listening to their concerns and given the complexity of the issue, it was the consensus of the Board that they would work on the problem and try to find immediate resolution.

Kerry Lake, Maintenance and Playground Specialist, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Lake expressed the need for additional softfall material on five of the six elementary school playgrounds. After discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to purchase five truckloads of softfall at an estimated cost of \$2,500 each. The motion was passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reported to the Board that the District had recently been notified of a federal grant award under the Carol M. White Physical Fitness Project. The grant is for physical fitness equipment and supplies through the National Fitness Foundation. The grant is \$584,100

and will include all of our schools in the fitness project.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board of several important upcoming dates:

- October 8th - Administrative Council Meeting
- 14th and 15th - UEA Recess
- 25th - First term ends
- 25th - HAZMAT training for principals and custodians
- 30th - Parent/Teacher/ Student Conference (or near that date)

He also informed the Board that SAT testing will be completed this week.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton 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 Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to change Parent/Teacher Conferences to Fridays and to amend the school year calendar to reflect this change. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.