

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
May 21, 2003
Emery High School, Castle Dale, Utah

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

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants as presented and approve the minutes for the previous two board meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Gwen Callahan, Principal at Emery High School (EHS) was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Callahan reported that EHS has many programs that are benefitting students. Students are passing more advanced placement tests than ever before. The Board inquired as to how many students had taken the AP Biology test. Mrs. Callahan indicated that only one or two students had taken the exam.

Reading time during the day is showing improvement. A number of students have placed first in State competitions and will be going to national competitions. Baseball, track and softball teams placed higher than expected this year and truancy referrals have remained very low this year. Mrs. Callahan then asked the Board to consider the following future needs: a work room and inservice area for teachers, carpet for three classrooms, replace restroom fixtures in the science wing and refinish the floor in the Spartan Center. There being conflicting information concerning the removal of the wall to make the work room and inservice area, it was decided to work out the details later.

Ben Carroll, band teacher at EHS, requested approval to take about 30 students on a band trip to Disneyland during the summer of 2004. Mr. Carroll assured the board a full itinerary at a later date. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the request, provided all relevant district policies are fully complied with. The motion passed unanimously.

Tyrell Jewkes appeared before the board and inquired as to the possibility of renting the Spartan Center to him for producing a country western concert this next November. After some discussion concerning issues of security, liability, parking and determining an appropriate rental fee, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to table any action pending additional information. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Christine Monroe, Executive Director of the Green River Community Center. Ms. Monroe presented information on the design and estimated cost of a new Green River Community Complex. The complex would house recreational, educational and health care facilities. The Emery County School District would purportedly receive many benefits through enhanced educational and recreational programs. Ms. Monroe requested the District provide "bricks and mortar" funding, estimated to be \$3.5 million. No decision was made at this time. Ms. Monroe was referred to the Emery County Municipal Building Authority as a possible funding source. Other residents from Green River who spoke in favor of the complex were Tom Burr, Joni Pace, Tamara Ekker and Bill Adams.

Bids for approximately 9670 square feet of carpet to be installed in Huntington Elementary were then considered. Affordable Flooring of Castle Dale bid \$21,260; Dennis Jones of Elmo bid \$21,960 and Kevin's Carpets of Price bid \$21,565. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to award the bid to Affordable Flooring. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids for approximately 10,870 square feet of floor tile to be installed at Huntington Elementary were the next item considered. Affordable Flooring bid \$15,584; Dennis Jones, \$15,675; and, Kevin's Carpets \$17,047. Due to the extreme closeness of the bids it was decided to lend some weight to the excellent service and product supplied by Dennis Jones in the past. The bid was awarded to him following a motion by Marie Johnson, a second by Rue Ware and a unanimous vote.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that Michael Royall be hired as the new art teacher at EHS next year. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Gwen Callahan recommended Kevin Reynolds be hired as the new football coach at EHS for next year. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to hire Mr. Reynolds as the football coach at EHS for the 2003-04 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a recommendation by Superintendent Sitterud, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to change the date of the July meeting from Wednesday the 9th to Monday the 7th. The time and the place of 5:00PM at Green River High School will remain the same. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to hold a special board meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at 7:00PM at the District Office for the purpose of awarding the bid on the new warehouse. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board of the USBA Regional Board Meeting to be held on June 25th at 6:00 PM at the Oakcrest Inn in Spanish Fork. He also reminded the Board of the Educational Law Conference at Thanksgiving Point on Monday, June 12th from 9:00 AM to 3:00PM. The Closing Social and Retiree Recognition luncheon will be held at the Critter Country Café on Thursday, May 29th at 12:00 noon. Graduation for both high schools will be on Thursday night, the 22nd. Green River High School has 10 graduates this year and Emery High School has 176.

A motion was then made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson 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 Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.