

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
April 7, 2004  
Cleveland Elementary School, Cleveland, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Rue Ware, Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, and Sam Singleton. Also present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, Ross Huntington, Business Administrator/Clerk and a couple members of the staff, Jon Crawford, Director of Student Services, and Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor.

The press was represented by Cory Bluemel of the Emery County Progress. A number of concerned parents from the community were also present. *(A list of those is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.)*

Board President, Laurel Johansen welcome those present to the meeting. Following a brief discussion of the monthly financial report, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes and the monthly financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ed Clark, Principal, welcomed the Board and related guests to Cleveland Elementary, home of the Mustangs. Mr. Clark expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to be Principal at Cleveland Elementary and to be among the students again. His report included information about demographics, staffing, and the high level of community support. He thanked the Board for their support in helping re-staff the first grade during mid-year when the class grew. He also thanked the Board for their support in assisting with needed capital improvements.

Nolan Johnson, Principal at Book Cliff Elementary School (BCES) and Green River High School (GRHS) was then welcomed to the meeting. He requested Board approval for some minor remodeling at BCES. The Board expressed concerns about the cost of the project and compliance with fire and building codes. Mr. Johnson and the Superintendent assured the Board that all changes would be in compliance with codes. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the project provided the cost does not exceed \$500. Should the cost exceed \$500, Mr. Johnson is directed to return to the Board for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson told the Board that Doyle Jensen from the Maintenance Department had recommended the HVAC unit above the office area at GRHS be replaced with a new propane unit. Mr Huntington stated that upon Mr. Jensen's recommendation, Mr. Huntington had asked that the unit be included in the air conditioning project already being designed by Dale R. Wilde of Western States Mechanical.

Mr. Johnson expressed concern over the open access to weight equipment now on the mezzanine

at GRHS. He asked Board permission to place a six foot chain link fence around the area. The option of building a solid wall to the top of the ceiling was also discussed. However, it had been determined by Mike Huntsman, Building and Grounds Supervisor, that that might be too costly. Mr. Johnson estimated the cost of the chain link fence to be approximately \$200. Board members requested Mr. Johnson to look further into the matter.

Chandra Jensen, a concerned parent from the Cleveland area was welcomed to the meeting. She expressed concern over the possible loss of aide time next year. She also talked about how much the children were progressing with the help of the aides. She asked the Board to consider the value of the aides and the benefit they are to children. Superintendent Sitterud informed those present that the only loss of aide time at Cleveland Elementary next year would be the loss of the three hour per day Title I aide and that the other six hours of aide time would remain at the school. Mrs. Johansen said it was the Board's goal to equalize student-to-teacher ratios throughout the district. Other parents then spoke and asked for ideas as to how to help with the education of their children. Some suggestions that came out of the discussion were, multi-age grouping, the use of parents in the classroom, and the use of grandparents as volunteers.

Sam Singleton made a motion that next years negotiating team for classified consist of Laurel Johansen, Jed Jensen and Ross Huntington and that the negotiating team for certified consist of Royd Hatt, JJ Grant and Ross Huntington. A second was made by Rue Ware and the motion passed unanimously.

The following roofing bids were reviewed and considered: All Weather Roofing, \$146,610; Heritage Roofing, \$143,400; Clark's Quality Roofing, \$168,300; and Broken Arrow Roofing, \$181,301. Three projects are involved in the roofing bid, Emery High Science Wing, Emery High Main Building and the Cafeteria area at GRHS. After confirming the bonding was in order, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the bid of Heritage Roofing at \$143,400. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huntington then gave a power-point presentation on Governor Walker's K-3 Reading Achievement Program. The presentation explained the three funding programs, the options and the alternative funding choices available to the Board. After some discussion, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to declare the Board's intention to participate in the Low Income Student Program with the financing option to be decided at the regular Board meeting in May. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the request of San Rafael Jr High School to allow students to attend a PG rated movie, "Home On the Range". District policy allows only G rated movies to be shown to students. He suggested that due to the lack of G rated movies that the Board consider reviewing their policy. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Laurel Johansen to allow the students to attend the movie. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud asked the Board to review for future possible use a Utah State Office of Education survey on substance abuse. He also updated the Board on enrollment projections for 2004-05. It is anticipated that enrollments will be down by sixty-six (66) students throughout the district.

He then reported to the Board that the district would be the recipient of \$42,000 to assist secondary teachers with endorsements and advanced degrees. The grant was made possible by Senator Bob Bennett who was successful in securing funding for rural schools to expand AP and Concurrent Enrollment offerings. He then entertained the Board with a letter from a student thanking them for the playgrounds and other things. He recognized GRHS for their recent successful re-accreditation. Sterling Scholars were recognized and will be sent a letter in recognition of their success.

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

Upon reconvening to general session Board Members suggested that a letter be written to Rocky Rhoten thanking him for his devoted service as a part-time custodian the past several months. Rocky had been employed through a vocational rehabilitation program and worked at both San Rafael and Canyon View Jr Highs.

There being no further business, Mr. Hatt moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.