

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
February 4, 2004
Cottonwood Elementary School, Orangeville, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Sam Singleton 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 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Jones, Principal at Cottonwood Elementary (CE) was excused from the meeting due to an illness in the family. Linda Nelson presented the principal's report on his behalf. Mrs. Nelson thanked the Board and district staff for all they do to help her school succeed. She explained to the Board that the faculty at CE is deeply involved in emphasizing language arts. As a result, reading scores are expected to improve. Mrs. Nelson invited the Board to visit the Guided Reading Library which was recently built by Richard Stilson, one of the custodians.

Next on the agenda was Mike Williams the Mayor of Emery Town. Following discussion on the proposed property exchange and the recommendation of Ross Huntington, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to offer Emery Town the exchange of 38 acres owned by the school district for 9.37 acres that Emery Town owns. Emery Town will pay all costs associated with the transaction. The motion passed unanimously.

J.P. Salisbury representing the Rocky Mountain Football League requested Board approval for the newly formed semi-pro team to use the football field at Emery High School for their six home games, beginning March 20th. The matter was referred to Emery High School's Principal, Gwen Callahan, for resolution. Mr. Salisbury told the Superintendent that he would bring a copy of the group's certificate of liability insurance into the district office.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Kerry Olsen be hired as a new custodian at Emery High School to replace Gary Stevens who had transferred to the warehouse. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board authorize Joy Lynn Humphrey to attend a four day training in Los Angeles, California, as required by Utah Alternative Augmentative Communications Team. She will be gone from March 16th thru the 20th. Funding will be provided by the State. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board that the legislature is now in session. There are a

number of bills that affect education. The Superintendent supplied the Board with a partial list of bills to watch, including the bill on tuition tax credits. Should the State opt out of the federal No Child Left Behind, it would cost the Emery School District about \$500,000 annually. Jamie Jensen, a parent and teaching assistant from Cleveland Elementary School was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Jensen thanked the Board for hiring an additional first grade teacher and splitting that rather large class of 29 into two first grade classes. That allowed the teaching assistant to move to the kindergarten and help there. She requested the Board consider retaining the same staffing levels for next school year.

Ross Huntington recommended the Board approve the request for Family Medical Leave from Tiffany Jorgensen, a teacher at Emery High School. Mrs. Jorgensen requested leave from January 12th to March 19th to be with her newborn child. A motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.