

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
November 3, 2004
Ferron Elementary School, Ferron, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other board members present were Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Royd Hatt. Board member Rue Ware was excused due to illness. Also present were the Superintendent, Kirk Sitterud, the Business Administrator, Ross Huntington, and the Director of Student Services, Jon Crawford.

Carol Ediger was present to represent the Emery Education Association. The press was not represented.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes, and the October monthly financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Dawes, Principal at Ferron Elementary (FE) was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Dawes began by explaining the WeatherNet System that was purchased this summer with School Trust Land Funds. He went on to inform the Board about various successful programs in operation at FE. He thanked the community, especially the Ferron City Fire Department, for their support of the school. He concluded by telling that FE's school wide goal is to raise students reading comprehension.

Mrs. Johansen thanked Mr. Dawes and his staff for the excellent job they are doing to help students be successful. Sam Singleton took a minute to talk about the wonderful things that are happening with the education of children at FE.

Following the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve LeRoy Maxfield as the new Maintenance Supervisor. Mr. Maxfield will assume those duties effective January 1, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

A Three-Year Calendar was reviewed and considered for approval. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the calendar as presented. *(A copy of the calendar is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.)* The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud then reported on several non-action items. He informed the Board that two of our schools that did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) last year were able to make it this year. However, two other schools, Canyon View Jr High and Ferron Elementary Schools did not make AYP this year. Both schools made 44 out of 45 target areas.

District wide enrollment is down 68 students from last year. As of October 1 there were 2366 students enrolled in our ten schools.

He also reported that we are still working on agreements with County Recreation and Community Theater for use of our buildings.

He then spoke about the graduation requirements for students under UBSCT and the importance of the test.

Mr. Steve Knighton and his son, who is working on a scouting merit badge, were then recognized. They requested and were given a copy of the school district budget.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt 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 Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to deny the request of an out-of-state student for the Board to reconsider that students previously denied petition for admission. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.