

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
July 20, 2005
District Office, Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton, Rue Ware, and Marie Johnson. Others present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator, Ross Huntington.

Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, and Jeneane Warren, Director of the Child Nutrition Program were also present. Carol Ediger represented the Emery Education Association. The press was not represented.

Following a welcome by Laurel Johansen, a motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants, minutes, and June monthly financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Chad Harris from the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) reminded the Board of the upcoming Leadership Academy to be held September 8-10. He also reminded the Board that they are covered by the association's Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy while acting in the capacity of a Board Member. He informed the Board that USBA has entered into an agreement with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company to make auto insurance available to all employees at a discounted rate. The Board agreed to consider the possibility of offering this to Emery County School District (ECSD) employees.

County Commissioner Ira Hatch elaborated on some of the discussions that been held with regard to the construction of a new swimming pool in Castle Dale. He said that the Emery County Recreation Department would build and operate the facility and that Castle Dale City would commit \$10,000 towards its annual operation. He inquired as to the possibility of the school district donating property and adding swimming to the curriculum. The Board expressed a desire to work with the County on the project.

Gil Bowden, Mayor of Ferron City, was welcomed to the meeting. Mayor Bowden expressed interest in establishing an arrangement with Ferron City, the Emery County Recreation Department and the ECSD to develop ball fields for women and kids on school district owned property adjacent to San Rafael Jr High School. The Board expressed support for the project.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following people for hire: Kyle Bastian, custodian at Green River High School and Book Cliff Elementary School, effective July 11th; Leigh Bloomer, a 3 hour per day Title One Educational Assistant at Ferron Elementary, to begin when school starts; and Tiffany Christiansen, a 3.5 hour per day Special Needs Student Educational Assistant at Huntington Elementary, also to begin when schools starts. 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 accept the resignation of Ronald Jensen a custodian at Emery High School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation.

Based on the Superintendent's recommendation, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the 2005-2006 fee schedule, which has no changes from last year. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the calendar be adjusted to reflect the dates set by UEA for their October conference to October 12th and 13th. The calendar will also need to be changed to reflect the secondary schools half-day (with the elementary) on the last day of each term. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Laurel Johansen to appoint board member Rue Ware to attend the USBA Delegate Assembly on August 6th at and vote on the legislative program. The motion passed unanimously.

Rue Ware volunteered to represent the Board and welcome teachers back to school at opening institute on the 22nd of August.

The Superintendent briefed the board on the current status of staffing for next school year. He also provided board members with a copy of a letter from Green River City thanking the board for their support of the community center in Green River.

Mr. Huntington briefed the board on the recent fire at Huntington Elementary.

A motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation, a possible property purchase and a possible property sale, was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson. 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 and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.