

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
November 2, 2005
Book Cliff Elementary, Green River, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other board members present were Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton, and Rue Ware. Also present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Ross Huntington.

J.J. Grant, Secondary Supervisor, Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, and Jon Crawford, Director of Student Services were present. Kayce Fluckey, represented the Emery Classified Association. The press was not represented.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Nolan Johnson, Principal at Book Cliff Elementary (BCE) and Green River High School (GRHS) was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Johnson commented on the quality individuals who are staffing the two schools. He recognized three new teachers: John Hughes, who is teaching sixth grade at BCE; Dale Roundy, science teacher at GRHS; and, Susan Wilde, who is teaching Family and Consumer Science at GRHS. He stated that all of the faculty and staff at both schools are focused on the goal of improving student learning.

Jon Crawford presented the board with an overview of district-wide assessment results from last spring's Core Curriculum test in Math, Reading, and Science. The Core Test results show district students following state trends in most areas of the curriculum. Mr. Crawford also informed the Board about the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test and the fact that this year's senior class will be the first to be impacted by the state-wide assessment. Seniors will have one more chance in the spring to pass all portions of the test in order to receive a Basic High School Diploma. Those students who do not pass all portions of the test, and meet all other graduation requirements, will receive either an alternative high school diploma or a certificate of completion.

Based on the recommendation of the Business Administrator, Kevin Madson and Associates, Inc. was unanimously approved as the architect for the GRHS auxiliary gym following a motion by Royd Hatt and a second by Sam Singleton.

Superintendent Sitterud recommend Kari Alton be approved as a half-time tobacco prevention specialist for the District. Funding for the position will be through a Health Department grant. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the new updated No Child Left Behind Consolidated Plan which had been sent to them previously for review. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the plan as prepared and presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve a revision to policy GCBA (Professional Staff Salary Schedule) which clarifies what evidence is needed to change lanes on the salary schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended approval of a new policy, IGDA (Student Clubs and Organizations), which addresses school clubs at the secondary level and approval of a revision to policy IGD (Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities) which makes is consistent with IGDA. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-action items discussed by the Superintendent were possible legislation stemming from the Tax Reform Task Force, SHARP survey results, and the proposed swimming pool to be built by the County. Board member Ware cautioned that the District should be mindful of all the liability issues surrounding any future agreement with other involved agencies.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.