

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
April 5, 2006
Cottonwood Elementary School, Orangeville, 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. Also present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, and Business Administrator Ross Huntington.

J.J. Grant the Secondary Supervisor and Jed Jensen the Elementary Supervisor were present. Carol Ediger represented the Emery Education Association and Kayce Fluckey represented the Classified Employees Association. Cory Bluemel represented the Emery County Progress.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants and the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Nelson delivered the Principal's report for Dennis Jones who was attending a workshop and was excused from the meeting. Mrs. Nelson's report focused on three main topics; school improvement, faculty, and technology. The faculty at Cottonwood is highly dedicated to improving their skills and knowledge so that they might better help students. As a part of their constant effort to improve learning the school will soon be getting "Smart Boards" in each of the classrooms. A Smart Board is an electronic visual interface between a computer and the viewing audience. Mrs. Nelson concluded her report by saying that they will continue to learn, grow, and develop at Cottonwood and will "Grow with the times".

Ben Carroll, Band Instructor, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Carroll requested approval of an out-of-state band trip for the summer of 2007 to Disneyland. All costs, estimated to be \$650 to \$750 per person, will be borne by participants through their fund raising efforts. A commercial carrier will be hired for transportation. Students experience will be enhanced by their performance at the Disney Days Parade. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the trip. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll also requested approval for students to attend and perform at the High Notes Music Festival on Saturday, May 20th. This non-competitive and highly motivational festival will be held at Lagoon. The cost for students will be covered by fund raisers. Transportation to and from the event will be by school bus at District expense. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board waive the March 1 application deadline and approve the following requests for early retirement: Pam Hansen, a teacher at Cleveland Elementary School; Jonnie Johansen, a teacher at San Rafael Jr. High School (SRJHS); and, Ross Huntington, the Business Administrator. Ms. Hansen's and Mrs. Johansen's retirement will be effective at the end of the school year (May 26th). Mr. Huntington's retirement will be

effective at the end of the calendar year, December 31, 2006. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the requests. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the resignations of Lonnie Zwahlen, a custodian at SRJHS, effective March 31, and Shellie Anderson the Special Education Teacher at Green River High School, effective May 26th. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the resignations. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following be approved for hire: Julie Housekeeper, Custodian at SRJHS, effective April 3rd; Amanda Frandsen, Drill Team Advisor at Emery High School, effective immediately; and, Laura Blackwell, Language Development Aide at Huntington Elementary, effective April 3rd. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

Noting the policy had gone through the appropriate review period, the Superintendent recommended adoption of the Wellness Policy, (EFF/JHCG). The policy will be effective at the beginning of the next school year. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Action items reported by the Superintendent were; 1) An update on projected enrollment for next school year, 2) Sterling Scholar results, 3) The first draft of an electronic meeting policy, 4) A summary of recent legislation, 5) A report indicating that all ten schools had achieved the State level of performance for UPASS, 6) Progress on the agreement with Ferron City for use of SRJHS property, and 7) An award presented to the District Financial Team by the State Office of Education for excellence in financial reporting.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of negotiation team members for the next school year. Based on a unanimous vote, following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Royd Hatt, J.J. Grant was appointed Chairperson of the District negotiating team for certified personnel with Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton, and Ross Huntington as team members. Jed Jensen is to chair the Classified negotiating team with Marie Johnson, Laurel Johansen, and Ross Huntington as team members. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss a personnel matter and possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.