

Minutes of the Boar of Education  
Emery County School District  
August 16, 2006  
District Office, 130 No. Main St., Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was the Business Administrator, Ross Huntington.

J. J. Grant, Secondary Supervisor, Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, and LeRoy Maxfield, Director of Buildings and Grounds were present. Kim Player, represented the Emery Education Association. Patsy Stoddard represented the Emery County Progress. There were a number of parents and students in attendance in support of Emery Education Council's summer programs.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, the minutes, and the July Monthly Financial Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Stilson, Chairman of the Emery Education Council, was welcomed to the meeting. He reported on this past summer's education program. Mr. Stilson gave a power point presentation depicting the youth in their various learning situations followed by testimonials from a couple of the students. Mr. Stilson explained that it is the intention of the Emery Economic Development Committee to help economic development in the area by expanding educational opportunities. The Board thanked him and other involved parties for their efforts.

Commissioner Drew Sitterud was next on the agenda. He requested the Board approve donating approximately six (6) acres of land to Emery County for the purpose of constructing a swimming pool. He also asked that the Board consider the possibility of constructing the parking lot associated with the pool if he were unsuccessful in obtaining a grant for that portion of the project. Following a discussion of the overall project and questions from the Board, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the donation of the land in principle, with the exact size to be determined. The motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that the Board would meet with Commissioner Sitterud at 5:30 p.m. on September 6<sup>th</sup>, just prior to the Board meeting at Cleveland Elementary School, for the purpose of receiving updates on the estimated cost of the new swimming pool parking lot.

Ross Huntington explained the annual Asbestos Containing Material notification procedures. Mr. LeRoy Maxfield reported on this past summer's abatement projects. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to affirm and support the notification procedures. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn to a public hearing to receive input on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2007 and adoption of tax rates for tax year 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington gave a power point presentation highlighting the important parts of the budget. He also gave a detailed account of the proposed tax rates, pointing out that we will not exceed any of the certified rates. Therefore, there is not any increase in taxes. He did emphasize however, the new growth in assessed valuation of the county, which brings new tax dollars to the school district.

There was no one who voiced opposition to the budget or the tax rates.

Upon reconvening to general meeting a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the budget for fiscal year 2007 as presented and to adopt the following tax rates for tax year 2006:

State Basic Levy	.001515
Voted Leeway	.001333
Board Leeway (Class Size Reduction)	.000415
Board Leeway ( Reading Program)	.000064
Transportation	.000300
Tort Liability	.000022
Recreation	.000440
General Obligation Debt	.000354
Capital Outlay	.000708
Ten Percent of Basic	<u>.000598</u>
TOTAL	.005749

The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following personnel be hired for the next school year: Brenda Seely and Paige Farnsworth as bus drivers; Bandi Olsen, as a three hour per day Library Educational Assistant at Cleveland Elementary; Tammy Rowley, as a three hour per day Special Educational Assistant at Cleveland Elementary; and, John Wright, as a Special Education Educational Assistant at Cleveland Elementary for a kindergarten hearing impaired student. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the resignation of Christine Pace, a three hour per day Library Assistant and three hour per day Title One Educational Assistant at Ferron Elementary. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Board approval of District Policy JN-E, Annual Fee Schedule (which is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes), noting there were no increases in fees from last year. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the annual fee schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Action items presented by the Superintendent were; 1) an introduction to the 4-6 Math Plan grant of \$284,000 recently received by the District, 2) an update on the recent developments concerning foreign exchange students, 3) new graduation requirements, 4) an introduction to the new graduation requirements policy, and 5) some important dates to remember.

Jo Sansevero, representing the Emery County Economic Development Council, invited the Board to participate in the upcoming Castle Country Economic Summit, September 21-22.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn to closed meeting to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Laurel Johansen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.