

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
February 1, 2006
Castle Valley Center, Price, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, and Sam Singleton. Board member Rue Ware was excused due to illness. Also present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Ross Huntington.

J.J. Grant the Secondary Supervisor, Jed Jensen the Elementary Supervisor, and Jon Crawford the Director of Student Services were present. Kayce Fluckey representing the Emery Classified Employees Association and Nolan Johnson the Principal at Green River High and Book Cliff Elementary Schools were also in attendance. The press was not represented.

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

After reviewing the water leasing arrangements of last year, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to renew all leases at the same rates as last year and to advertise the 34 shares of stock held in Ferron Canal and Reservoir Company for lease to the highest bidder. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington explained the increased benefit to employees who use flex spending if the Board were to adopt the proposed grace period amendment. The amendment would allow plan participants to use up to two months and fifteen days following the end of the plan year to use all or a portion of their unused Health FSA and/or Dependent Care FSA salary reduction amounts from the prior year for eligible expenses incurred during the grace period. Noting there is no increased cost to the District, but an increased benefit to participants, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the adoption of the grace period. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the early retirement application of Madelei Thompson, an elementary teacher at Ferron Elementary School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded to approve the recommendation with a retirement date of March 1, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the early retirement application of Jessica Jenkins the music and drama teacher a Green River High School, effective at the end of the school year. 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 approve the request of Joy Lynn Humphrey, Special Education Teacher at Huntington Elementary School, to attend a UAAACT convention in Los Angeles, March 21 to March 25th with expenses and substitute costs paid by UAAACT.

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motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion of the wording requirements on diplomas which must state whether or not the student attained passing scores on all subtests of the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the language as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Bullying plans developed by all schools were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Royd Hatt.

Green River High School Citizenship and Remediation Policies developed by their School Community Council were approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Royd Hatt and a second of the motion by Marie Johnson.

Superintendent Sitterud briefly discussed pending legislation. He also informed the Board about new policies i.e., a wellness policy, and a revised graduation requirement policy, that will be presented to the Board at a latter day for their approval. In addition, some discussion was held about the possibility of going to full-day kindergarten.

Ross Huntington recommended approval of the purchase of two new buses from Bryson Sales at \$79,450 each. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the purchase. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huntington reported that the mechanical engineer had reviewed the capacity of the boiler at GRHS and had determined it sufficient to handle the increased load of the proposed auxiliary gymnasium. Based on his finding, it was recommended that the architect be authorized to proceed with drawing the plans for construction. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.