

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
June 14, 2006
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 Marie Johnson, Royd Hatt, Rue Ware and Sam Singleton. Also present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Ross Huntington.

J.J. Grant, Secondary Supervisor, Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, Ed Clark, Career Technology Education Director, Jeneane Warren, Child Nutrition Program Director, and Jackie Allred, Payroll and Budget Specialist were present. Representing the Emery Education Association was Kim Player. Representing the press was Cory Bluemel of the Emery County Progress.

A motion to approve the warrants, the minutes for the May 3rd and May 11th board meetings, and the monthly financial reports for April and May was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting to a public hearing to receive comment on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington gave a power point presentation on the proposed tentative budget for FY 2007 and recommended the Board approve it as presented. No other comments either in favor or opposition were made.

The Board President declared the hearing closed and the general session reconvened. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud explained the voted leeway proposition that will be on the June 27th primary ballot. He emphasized the need for voter approval and encouraged all those present to vote in favor of the proposition.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn the regular meeting to a public hearing to receive public comment on opening and adjusting the budget for fiscal year 2006 which ends June 30th. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington explained that during the year there had been a number of changes in revenue and subsequently expenditures in various programs which makes it necessary to adjust budgets for these programs. There were no other comments made and the Board President declared the public hearing closed and the general session reconvened.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to authorize the business administrator to adjust fiscal year 2006 budgets to revised amounts. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeneane Warren, CNP Director, explained the need to increase lunch prices for next school year. Transportation costs have increased considerably which has driven the cost of food products and supplies up. The lunch program has been losing six cents per meal and is in need of a small increase to break even. She recommended a 10 cents per meal increase in lunch prices and a 15 cent per meal increase in breakfast prices. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to increase lunch prices at the elementary schools to \$1.60, prices at the junior high schools to \$1.85, prices at the high schools to \$2.10 and to increase breakfast prices to \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.40, respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Clark, Career Technology Education Director, requested Board approval for the construction class at Emery High School (EHS) to build a house on district owned property next school year. He recommended the Board approve a budget of \$135,000 for this project. He indicated the funds were a part of the capital outlay fund balance that had been held over from the sale of the first student built house several years ago. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the project and funding recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the recommendation of the Business Administrator a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the purchase of two new school buses from Bryson Sales and Service for \$79,450 each. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington explained the need for parking lot repairs at San Rafael Jr High School (SRJHS) and EHS. The project at EHS would involve the LDS Church and the Castle Valley Special Service District (CVSSD). The CVSSD has responsibility for the maintenance of streets owned by Castle Dale City. Mr. Huntington explained that he had met with officials from the other agencies and had worked out an agreement to jointly do the needed repairs. Together they had met with a representative of Nielson Construction for a project review. Nielson's has submitted a quote of \$38,400 for a 2" overlay at EHS and \$16,000 for a 1 ½" overlay at SRJHS. The quote of \$38,400 does not include LDS Church owned property but does include property owned by Castle Dale City. CVSSD has agreed to cover the cost of their portion of the project. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the quotes from Nielson Construction and move forward with the projects. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to declare the following vehicles as surplus and authorize the Business Administrator to advertise them for sale: D41, a 1993 Corsica; D42, a 1993 Corsica; 931, a 1993 Bluebird bus; and, 932, also a 1993 Bluebird bus. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the creation of a "Head Custodian II" position. The

position would be for head custodians who supervise three or more full-time custodians. The position would be Grade 11 on the classified pay schedule. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following personnel for hire with the District: Cole Pitchforth, Social Studies Teacher, SRJHS; Kelli Nelson, Half-Day Art Teacher, SRJHS; Jodi Sitterud, Teacher, Cleveland Elementary; Tiffany Christiansen, Half-Day Self Contained Special Education, Castle Dale Elementary; Melissa Esplin, Special Education Resource Teacher, EHS; Mindi Larsen, Speech Pathologist, District wide; and, Kandi Hess, Lunch worker at Ferron Elementary, all effective at the beginning of the school year. He also recommended Kory Larsen as the new Head Custodian at Cottonwood Elementary, effective 6-01-2006; and Shawn Price be hired as a custodian at Castle Dale Elementary, effective 6-12-2006 to replace Charlene Peacock who is transferring to Huntington Elementary. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Board approval of revisions to District Policies JEDA (Truancy) and JEDB (Excessive Absence). A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the revisions as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Grades 4-6 Math Improvement Plan (grant application) was explained by Jed Jensen. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the plan as presented and submit the grant application. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-action items discussed was the request from the Community Center in Green River for District participation in the construction of a convention center, and the Green River High School Auxiliary Gym.

Superintendent Sitterud asked that the Board recognize the loss of the son-in-law of Dennis and Carrie Jean Jones, Mr. Blaine Pugmire, who was recently killed in a plane crash.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn to executive session to discuss negotiation items. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.