

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
March 1, 2006
Canyon View Jr High School, Huntington, 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. Cory Bluemel represented the Emery County Progress.

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

Superintendent Sitterud presented Board Members Royd Hatt and Marie Johnson with plaques recognizing them for sixteen years of service. The Superintendent noted that they were recognized by the Utah School Boards Association at the annual convention in Salt Lake City this past January for their many years of devoted service. They were two of a half-dozen board members from around the state who had served sixteen years.

Larry Davis, Principal at Canyon View Jr High School was welcomed to the meeting. He presented an overview of programs and activities at the school while also offering information on school demographics, fee waivers, free and reduced lunch, faculty and staff, honors and awards, grants, capital improvements, academics, policy and procedures, health, safety and welfare, and school needs. Mr. Davis thanked the board for working so well with the school and for helping to meet the educational needs of the students.

The Board thanked Mr. Davis and his staff for the great job they do to help students succeed.

After reviewing the drawings for the auxiliary gym at Green River High School, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the plans as presented with two adjustments; eliminate one wall, granting access to the main gym from the new locker room, and adding bleachers to the east side. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a review of quotes and bids for HVAC retrofits at San Rafael Jr High School, Castle Dale Elementary and Cleveland Elementary, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the bids of Atkinson Electronics for the projects at San Rafael and Castle Dale at \$57,580 and \$47,100, respectively, and the bid of Yamas for Cleveland at \$11,786. The motion passed unanimously.

Rod Toomer representing the Ferron City Council was next on the agenda. Mr. Toomer requested Ferron City be allowed use of school district owned property near San Rafael Jr High for the construction of ball fields. The Board asked Mr. Toomer to return at a later date with a site plan and a proposed lease agreement.

After a brief discussion about changing the composition of the district negotiating team it was decided to postpone the appointments until the next board meeting.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended approval of early retirement applications from Richard Stilson, custodian at Cottonwood Elementary, Doyle Jensen, Maintenance Worker, and Stan Parsons, teacher at Green River High School. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the applications. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Nancy Jorgensen be hired as an elementary teacher at Ferron Elementary, effective March 6, 2006, to replace Madelei Thompson, who is retiring. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended approval of a minor wording change in Early Retirement Policy (GCPCAA). The change would clarify the eligibility for health insurance when a person retires. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the revision. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reminded the Board of the next Regional Board Meeting to be held in Spanish Fork on the 16th of March at 6:00 p.m. He then briefed them on legislation, both passed and pending.

Marie Johnson reported that she had been negotiating with the Huntington Cattlemen's Association for property near Canyon View Jr High. She indicated they might be willing to trade properties if the district had one acceptable to them. Mr. Huntington stated there are three unused properties available, 40 acres in Elmo, 9 plus acres in Emery, and 12 plus acres in Castle Dale. Mrs. Johnson will meet with the association and present the options.

Royd Hatt initiated a discussion about the business administrator's compensation package. It was decided to move the discussion to executive session.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn to executive session to discuss some personnel matters and possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the early retirement application of Jonnie Johansen with the waiver she requested. Mrs. Johansen requested waiver of the “three previous consecutive year” clause in policy GCPCAA to qualify for health insurance. Noting there would be an overall savings to the District if Mrs. Johansen were granted the request, and not replaced, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.