

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
October 4, 2006
Castle Dale Elementary School, Castle Dale, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other board members present were Sam Singleton, Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, and Rue Ware. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was the Business Administrator, Ross Huntington.

Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, Jon Crawford, Director of Student Service, and LeRoy Maxfield, Director of Building and Grounds were also present. Kim Player represented the Emery Education Association. The press was represented by Brandy Anderson of the Emery County Progress.

Superintendent Sitterud recognized Castle Dale Elementary (CDE) as one of only two schools in the State of Utah that had been selected as a "Blue Ribbon School". The Principal, Ralph Worthen, and one teacher from the school will travel to Washington D.C. to receive the award sometime in November. The Board congratulated Mr. Worthen and his faculty for this outstanding achievement.

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

Mr. Worthen thanked the Board and the District for their support. He commented that CDE has "top notch" teachers who are always looking for ways to improve which has led to the recognition as a Blue Ribbon School. CDE is also a "Gold Medal" School, a program sponsored by the Utah State Health Department emphasizing good eating habits and exercise. The school also has a Positive Action program where students are rewarded for doing good.

After consideration of options with regard to purchasing new bleachers and/or motorizing the existing bleachers at Cottonwood Elementary, Huntington Elementary, and Ferron Elementary, and based on the recommendation of LeRoy Maxfield and Ross Huntington, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to purchase a Power Assist unit at a cost of \$5,654. The unit will be used at the various schools. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Jared Black be approved as the Business Administrator Designee, with a transition period beginning November 6, 2006, and a permanent appointment in January 2007. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommend Jasa Norton be approved as a one-half day kindergarten teacher at CDE beginning October 3, 2006. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-action items discussed by the Superintendent were the Reading Proficiency Report, October 1 enrollment numbers, and the Fall Regional Board Meeting.

Jon Crawford was on hand to report on the 2006 NCLB and U-PASS test results. Mr. Crawford presented the Board with a binder containing relevant information. Superintendent Sitterud had given the Board a copy of a news release that will be going to the local paper for publication.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson 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 Sam Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.