

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
December 5, 2007  
Book Cliff Elementary School, Green River, Utah

The December 2007 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton, and Rue Ware. Board member Marie Johnson was absent. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

WORKING SESSION

**Independent Auditor's Report:** Rick Roberts of Kimball and Roberts presented the auditor's report for fiscal year 2007. Mr. Roberts mentioned his appreciation to the staff of the School District, particularly recognizing Jackie Allred for composing all of the reports. Mr. Roberts mentioned that the only findings were immaterial and all were promptly corrected. Consequently, he was able to report a clean opinion on the financial statements of the School District.

Mr. Roberts then reviewed some of the highlights of the financial statements, particularly the Management Discussion & Analysis. Board President Johansen thanked Mr. Roberts for sharing this information with the Board. Mrs. Johansen then adjourned the meeting until the beginning of the regular session.

REGULAR SESSION

**Action Item #1:** After the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the Board of Education reviewed the warrants, minutes for the November 2007 Board meeting and monthly financial reports for November 2007. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the minutes as well as the warrants and the November financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt and passed by unanimous vote.

**Action Item #2:** Royd Hatt mentioned that Rick Roberts of Kimball & Roberts had presented the Independent Auditor's Report for 2007 to the Board of Education during a working session prior to the regular meeting. Mr. Hatt motioned to accept the report. Sam Singleton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Action Item #3:** A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the monthly meeting calendar for School Board Meetings in 2008. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this calendar is attached as part of the official minutes.

**Action Item #4:** Superintendent Sitterud presented the following letters of resignation and effective dates:

<i>Kayce Fluckey:Secretary</i>	<i>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Green River High</i>
<i>Heidi Lemmon:Tobacco Prevention Coordinator</i>	<i>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></i>	

Royd Hatt made a motion to accept these letters of resignation, noting his appreciation for the outstanding accomplishments and many years of service put in by Mrs. Fluckey. Sam Singleton seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Sitterud next recommended that the following persons be approved for promotion or hire, with their new assignment or employment beginning on the dates indicated:

<i>Chandra Jensen:</i>	<i>Part-time Custodian</i>	<i>Nov. 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary</i>
<i>Lori Huntington:</i>	<i>Tobacco Prevention Coordinator</i>	<i>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></i>	

*Bandi Olsen: Teacher*  
*Sheri Vetere: Secretary*

*Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Cleveland Elementary*  
*Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Green River High*

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve these recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Reports Item # 1:** Justin Orth from the Upward Bound program at CEU was present to explain the program to the Board of Education. Mr. Orth mentioned that the program allows for up to 30 students in Emery County School District to receive additional tutoring and academic guidance as they progress from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. These students also have an opportunity to attend a 5-week on-campus component of the program during the summer. The program operates on a 4-year grant from the Federal Government and offers these services free. Students who are interested can meet with their School Counselor to discuss the program.

**Reports Item # 2:** Principal Nolan Johnson reported on some of the good news items from Book Cliff Elementary School. He complimented his faculty and staff for continuing to participate in professional and character development opportunities. Mr. Johnson is proud that the school achieved AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress). The school now has a functioning student council, with John Hughes functioning as the advisor. Book Cliff has improving technology with SmartBoards in all 4-6 classrooms. Mr. Johnson recognized his entire staff for their outstanding efforts and dedication to the education of students in Green River.

Board President Johansen thanked Principal Johnson for his work—especially considering the challenges he faces in managing two schools. Other board members also expressed their appreciation to Mr. Johnson.

**Reports Item # 3:** Superintendent Sitterud also complimented Principal Johnson for his handle on academics, good relationships with students, and his ability to work through the challenges of directing two schools.

Superintendent Sitterud recognized the recent loss of Joy Lynn Humphrey, noting his appreciation of Mrs. Humphrey's contributions to the School District over the years.

Mr. Sitterud also recognized a recent press release from the U.S. Department of Education, concerning two graduates of Emery High School, Tracy and Troy Justesen. Both have recently been nominated for Assistant Secretary positions within the Department of Education. Superintendent Sitterud noted that these are major appointments and something that the people of Emery County can be proud of.

**Reports Item # 4:** Business Administrator Black had nothing else to report.

Board President Johansen asked if there were any public comments. No comments were given.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.