

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
September 5, 2007
Cleveland Elementary School, Cleveland, Utah

The September 2007 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton, and Rue Ware. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

Also attending the meeting were J.J. Grant—District Secondary Supervisor, Jed Jensen—District Elementary Supervisor, and Ed Clark—Principal at Cleveland Elementary School. Kim Player represented the Emery Education Association. Cleveland Town was represented by Mayor Chris Parkins and Council Members Richard Murdoch, Jason Merrill, and Greg Oliver. The press was not represented.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the August 2007 Board meeting, and monthly financial reports for August 2007. Following this consideration, a motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the minutes, as well as the warrants and the August financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Marie Johnson and passed by unanimous vote.

President Johansen invited Principal Ed Clark to report to the Board. Principal Clark first thanked the faculty, staff, and students of Cleveland Elementary School, also commenting on the excellent support the school receives from the P.T.O. and community. Mr. Clark then explained that the school held a reading program this past summer. Thirty-three students participated and each was able to maintain or increase his or her reading level through the program. Mr. Clark thanked the Board for the capital projects which were completed at the school during the summer, including new carpet and a new computer lab. Board members commended Mr. Clark for the summer reading program and also thanked him for his efforts as Principal.

President Johansen then asked Mayor Parkins to present his proposal. Mayor Parkins explained that Cleveland Town is requesting that the School District donate 3.02 acres of land to the Town. The Town would make major improvements on the land so that it can be used for recreational sports. In order to receive CIB funds necessary to make these improvements, the Town needs to own the land. Superintendent Sitterud and members of the Board indicated that while the District would like to support the Town, the property in question cannot be donated because of potential growth and the need to have a minimum amount of acreage at the school. Marie Guymon asked Mayor Parkins if he would continue researching the situation to find out if the Town can receive grant funding under a long-term lease. Mayor Parkins and members of the Town Council agreed. No action was taken on this item and the discussion was tabled until the Town can gather more information.

Superintendent Sitterud presented a recommendation to approve the athletic schedules for the 07-08 school year. Said schedules are attached to these minutes. After careful consideration of the travel involved with each of the schedules, Rue Ware motioned to approve the schedules as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next action item was consideration of a request from the Emery High School Drill Team to attend an instruction clinic and dance event held from April 30th to May 4th, 2008, at either Disney World in Florida or Disneyland in California. Mr. Sitterud explained that the Drill Team is requesting approval now so that travel arrangements can be made while prices are the most economical. He added that he would recommend approval of the trip to California since it is much closer. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the travel request to California, adding that the Board will need to see a more detailed agenda when it is available. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed an amendment to the Trustlands Plan for Ferron Elementary. Superintendent Sitterud explained that the school originally wanted to hire a music teacher, but was unable to do so. Consequently, the school decided to focus on class size reduction and amended their plan accordingly. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the revision as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud then presented a recommendation to allow the Class of 2007 at Green River High School to purchase a lighted GR sign to place on the outside of the auditorium at the high school. The sign would also have a smaller lighted sign below it that says "Class of 2007", similar to the "E" on the auditorium at Emery High School. After consideration, Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Rue Ware seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud next recommended that the following persons be approved for hire, beginning employment at the start of the appropriate contract period for the 2007-08 school year:

<i>Tracy Dahr:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Title One, 3 hr</i>	<i>Book Cliff Elementary</i>
<i>Amy White:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Kindergarten, 3 hr</i>	<i>Book Cliff Elementary</i>
<i>Brent Hayes:</i>	<i>Math Teacher, Temporary</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Julie Seamons:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Library, 3 hr</i>	<i>Ferron Elementary</i>
<i>Cassie Taylor:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Trustlands, 3 hr</i>	<i>Ferron</i>
<i>Elementary</i>		
<i>Tammy Curtis:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Special Needs Student</i>	<i>Canyon View Junior High</i>
<i>Sharon Smith</i>	<i>Bus Driver</i>	<i>Castle Valley Center</i>
<i>Todd Jeffs:</i>	<i>Athletic Director</i>	<i>Emery High</i>

Mr. Sitterud also mentioned that Nancy Martinez had resigned from the position of Athletic Director at Emery High School. After consideration, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve all hiring recommendations as presented by the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud explained that there are four upcoming events to be held at District facilities:

<i>Canyon View Junior High</i>	<i>September 9th</i>	<i>Multi-Denominational Memorial Service (Football Field)</i>
<i>Huntington Elementary</i>	<i>September 10th</i>	<i>Red Cross Blood Drive (Gymnasium)</i>
<i>Canyon View Junior High</i>	<i>September 15th</i>	<i>Benefit Concert and Entertainment (Football Field)</i>
<i>Emery High</i>	<i>September 24th</i>	<i>Utah Symphony Concert</i>

The Superintendent then recommended that the Board waive all fees associated with these facility rentals because they are all for humanitarian purposes. Rental contracts and liability waivers would still need to be signed. Royd Hatt made a motion to waive all fees associated with these four facility rentals. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Business Administrator Black recommended that the Board declare Bus # 962 as a surplus vehicle so that it can be sold. The bus has high mileage and has not been used for over a year. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the recommendation as presented and Royd Hatt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that the current enrollment number is 2262. He also invited the Board to attend the USBA regional meeting on October 11th at the Carbon District office.

Business Administrator Black invited Board Members to attend a meeting about a proposed Children's Justice Center in Castle Dale which will be held on September 19th at the DCFS office in Castle Dale.

Rue Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Marie Johnson and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.