

The November 2008 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Green River High School, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson and Sam Singleton. Board member Rue Ware was absent. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

Board Action Item #1: After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the Board first considered the warrants, minutes for the October 2008 Board meeting, and monthly financial reports for October 2008. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the minutes, as well as the warrants and the October financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item #2: Superintendent Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following persons be approved for the extracurricular positions indicated:

<i>Steven Gordon:</i>	<i>Head Baseball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Dean Stilson:</i>	<i>Assistant Baseball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>

After consideration, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item #3: The next item was a request from the Emery High School Automotive program to attend a competition held in Farmington, New Mexico on November 20th. Mr. Sitterud explained that the request is for one teacher and six students, and that they would be traveling via CEU transportation. The automotive program has historically been very successful in this competition and would like to attend again this year. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the travel request. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reports Item #1: Principal Nolan Johnson expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support of education in Green River, particularly with the unique challenges faced by the schools in Green River. Board President Johansen thanked Principal Johnson for his work.

Reports Item #2: Superintendent Sitterud reported to the Board on multiple items. He first recognized the passing of District employee Ruth Pollaehne, who has worked for almost 20 years as a library aide at Emery High School. Mr. Sitterud and members of the Board extended sympathies to her family. Mr. Sitterud then explained that the District has recently been working with County officials to secure additional funding through the Federal Secure Rural Schools Act. This funding will be critical for the District, especially considering the potential cuts in State funding that are being anticipated for the 2009-10 school year.

Superintendent Sitterud informed members of the Board that they are eligible to run for a position on the UHSAA Board of Trustees at the upcoming USBA convention, if they are interested. There is an opening in the 3-A region that represents Emery High School. Mr. Sitterud also presented to the Board a summary input from the USSA/USBA/UASBO joint legislative committee regarding budget cuts.

Reports Item #3: Mr. Black reminded the Board that the USBA convention will be January 9th and 10th in Salt Lake City. He will contact Board members in the next few days to make arrangements for attendance. The auditor's report is typically in the November meeting, but due to some changes this year in the financial report, it will be given in the December meeting. Mr. Black also reported that the District has reached an agreement with the Huntington Cattleman's Association and Huntington City for the purchase and exchange of land near Canyon View Junior High School. Paperwork should be finalized over the next couple of weeks.

At 5:30 pm, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.