

The December 2009 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Ferron Elementary School, 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 Nanette Tanner. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Action Item (B1): Members of the Board considered the warrants as well as the minutes for the November 2009 Board meeting. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Nanette Tanner and carried by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B2): Superintendent Sitterud presented the Utah Consolidated Application for Board approval. He explained that the plan is part of No Child Left Behind and includes the District's major goals for the coming year. It is based on data from State core tests as well as perceived needs with regard to other priority issues including school climate, english language learners, highly qualified teachers, etc. The plan also includes budget details for several programs. Members of the Board asked questions and Mr. Sitterud provided clarification. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the plan. Royd Hatt seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B3): Superintendent Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated, beginning their responsibilities on the dates indicated:

<i>Alan Lemons:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, 5th Grade, 3 hr</i>	<i>Cottonwood Elementary</i>	<i>December 1st</i>
<i>Pauline Jensen:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Resource, 2 hr</i>	<i>Ferron Elementary</i>	<i>December 2nd</i>

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

Board Action Item (B4): A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Nanette Tanner to approve the monthly meeting calendar for School Board Meetings in 2010. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this calendar is attached as part of the official minutes.

Reports Item (C1): Principal Garth Johnson thanked the Board for their support of education in the District. He complimented all of the faculty and staff at his school and expressed appreciation to employees in the District who assist at San Rafael, including maintenance, transportation and technology. His faculty and staff have responded to many challenges this year and continue to do a great job. President Johansen thanked Principal Johnson for his enthusiasm and positive attitude.

Reports Item (C2): Superintendent Sitterud recognized the recent passing of former District teacher Joyce Larsen. He also commented on the upcoming budget environment. After recent conversations with CEU, the

District is not anticipating cuts to vocational programs at Emery High that are funded through the Applied Technology College. Discussions with members of the Legislature have resulted in the District anticipating

between a 3% and 7% reduction in State funding for the next fiscal year and it is still possible that a current year funding reduction may happen. All of this is preliminary and the District will wait for the Legislative session to conclude before making any plans.

Reports Item (C3): Mr. Black reported that another item that will be discussed by the Legislature is that of making alterations to the pension plans offered by Utah Retirement Systems. Many possibilities have been discussed but nothing will be finalized prior to the Legislative session. He then discussed two options for the purchases of buses this year. He will bring a bid to the January meeting for approval.

Public Comments (D): Corinne Dalton presented information about a potential trip to Denver for the agricultural program at Emery High School. She will work on finalizing plans and present the trip for approval at the January meeting.

At 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.