

The January 2009 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Canyon View Junior High 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 member-elect Nanette Tanner. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

President Johansen welcomed all attending the meeting and recognized and welcomed Mrs. Tanner as a new member of the Board. She then led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Action Item #1: Business Administrator Black administered the Oath of Office to member-elect Nanette Tanner as well as newly re-elected members Laurel Johansen and Sam Singleton.

Board Action Item #2: Laurel Johansen was re-elected to a two year term as Board President by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Sam Singleton. Royd Hatt was re-elected to a two year term as Board Vice-President by unanimous vote following a motion by Sam Singleton and a second by Marie Johnson.

Board Action Item #3: Sam Singleton made a motion to reappoint Jared Black as the Business Administrator of the School District for a two year term. Marie Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board Action Item #4: Members of the Board first considered the warrants, minutes for the December 2008 Board meeting, and monthly financial reports for November and December 2008. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the minutes, as well as the warrants and the November and December financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item #5: Mr. Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following persons be approved for the positions indicated, beginning employment on the day indicated:

<i>Trudi Cox:</i>	<i>Library Educational Assistant, 2-Hr</i>	<i>Emery High School</i>	<i>December 8th</i>
<i>Gillian Wandell:</i>	<i>Kindergarten Teacher, Half-Day</i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary</i>	<i>January 5th</i>
<i>Kacie Crawford:</i>	<i>LandTrust Educational Assistant, 3-Hr</i>	<i>Ferron Elementary</i>	<i>January 5th</i>
<i>Hallie Jo Horton:</i>	<i>Preschool Educational Assistant, 3-Hr</i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary</i>	<i>December 9th</i>

After consideration, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve all hiring recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item #6: Superintendent Sitterud explained that Mr. Kava is requesting to take 5 students to the 2nd annual competition in Hobbs, New Mexico from February 3rd – 7th. All fees would be paid for by CEU, including transportation. He added that the automotive program has had excellent success at this competition in the past, even though it is a Junior College level competition. Sam Sitterud motioned to approve the travel as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item #7: Superintendent Sitterud next recommended approval of an overnight trip for the Junior High Honor Choir on January 24th and 25th. The trip would involve 9 students from San Rafael and 8 from Canyon View. At least three adult chaperones would be attending. The trip is to perform in the Honor Choir competition at Jordan High School. Royd Hatt moved to approve the trip and Sam Singleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Board Action Item #8: Principal Larry Davis was invited to present an Academic Probation and Remediation Plan to the Board. Principal Davis explained that Emery High needs a plan to address probation and remediation. He developed this plan with input from the faculty and community council. It is also modeled on the plan he used at Canyon View Junior High School. Mr. Sitterud explained that approval of the plan would also require approval to change the fee schedule to include fees for remediation. Members of the Board asked questions to clarify aspects of the plan and Mr. Davis responded to these questions. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the plan, adding that she believes it is an excellent plan. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item #9: Mr. Black presented a policy revision to the Board:

 GBJC/JR: Records Management and Access

Mr. Black explained that the District has need to update this policy to be current with the current G.R.A.M.A. law in Utah. The updated policy includes an application that must be filled out for any G.R.A.M.A. request in the future. It also consolidates some of the language of the previous policy and further classifies District records. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the revised policy as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Reports Item #1: Principal Jimmy Jones welcomed the Board of Education to Canyon View Junior High and thanked them for their support of the school. He mentioned several good news items including successful results in the math, science and language arts programs at Canyon View. He reported that 15 students passed the skills test for computers, which is a very good number according to the teacher. The band and chorus programs are doing well and the school continues to motivate students through the Tickets for Treasures program and the quarterly Top Cat parties. The school is looking to try out a new Tune into Reading program.

President Johansen thanked Principal Jones for his report, mentioning her appreciation for his enthusiasm and for carrying on the tradition of excellence at Canyon View.

Reports Item #2: Superintendent Sitterud reported some of the budget challenges that may be facing the District in the upcoming year due to cuts in State funding. The District will certainly face a State budget cut for the 2009-10 year, and may see a cut in the current year. The District would like to get through this year without reducing staff, then look at what the reduced budget will allow next year. He explained that everything will depend on the Legislature and traditionally, they have been kinder to education than to other State agencies, but we will have to wait until the session to find out exactly what the reductions will be.

Reports Item #3: Mr. Black had nothing to report.

At 7:55 p.m., a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to move to a closed meeting for a personnel-related discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:55 p.m., upon reconvening to open meeting, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Nanette Tanner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.