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The January 2010 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Cottonwood Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice-President Royd Hatt. Other Board members present were Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner. Board President Laurel Johansen was absent. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

Mr. Hatt welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Superintendent Sitterud presented an award plaque to member Marie Johnson for 20 years of service as a Board member. The award was originally presented to Mrs. Johnson at the Utah School Boards Association convention and she was one of less than a handful of Board members statewide to receive the 20 year award this year. Other members of the Board congratulated Mrs. Johnson on her years of service.

Board Action Item (B1): Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the December 2009 Board meeting and financial reports for November and December 2009. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Nanette Tanner and carried by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B2): Superintendent Sitterud presented a revision of policy JJIB—Interscholastic Athletics. Mr. Sitterud explained that the revision is intended to clarify that Elementary students are not allowed to participate in secondary athletics unless Board approval is given. For example, several years ago, a team from Green River needed 6th grade students to participate in order to field a full team and the Board gave approval. The main policy revision is changing the word “compete” to “participate” to clarify that even practicing with secondary teams is not allowed. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the policy revision as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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 listed:

<i>Jill Anderson:</i>	<i>Secondary Resource Teacher</i>	<i>San Rafael Junior High</i>	<i>December 7th</i>
<i>Marlene Fausett:</i>	<i>Student Tracker Tutor 4 Hr/Wk</i>	<i>Canyon View Junior High</i>	<i>January 4th</i>

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

Board Action Item (B4): Mr. Sitterud reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the Federal Race to the Top program. The State Office of Education is preparing an application for Utah and if Emery School District wants to participate in the program if the State is awarded funding, the Board needs to approve the memorandum. He then discussed various aspects of the Race to the Top program, giving an overview of what it would mean to participate. Each State can apply for funding, but it is anticipated that only 6-10 states will receive the funding. He recommended Board approval of the memorandum. Members of the Board asked questions to clarify aspects of the program and Mr. Sitterud responded to the questions. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the memorandum as explained. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (B5): Superintendent Sitterud explained that Mr. Kava is requesting to take 6 students to the 3rd annual competition in Hobbs, New Mexico from February 2nd – 6th. Most fees would be paid for by CEU,

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however the group is doing some fundraising for the trip. 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. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B6): Principal Jim Jones of Canyon View Junior High requested approval of an overnight trip for the Junior High Honor Choir on January 22nd and 23rd. The trip would involve 10 students from San Rafael and 8 from Canyon View. At least three adult chaperones would be attending, including two music instructors from the District. The trip is to participate in the Honor Choir competition at Cottonwood High School. Marie Johnson moved to approve the trip and Nanette Tanner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B7): Mr. Black presented a proposal for the purchase of two school buses. Two options had been discussed in the prior month meeting and he recommended that the Board approve the purchase of two of the 2007 engine buses. The quote this year came in at \$117,148 per bus. He explained that \$3,000 per bus will be refunded because it is for delivery expenses and the District instead has employees pick up the buses and drive them to Emery County. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the purchase of two buses as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Johnson also requested a report of all buses owned by the District with year purchased and current mileage.

Reports Item (C1): Principal Dennis Jones welcomed the Board to Cottonwood Elementary School. He reported on several school improvement initiatives, emphasizing that improvement is an ongoing process at his school. The school is emphasizing the use of data to assist individual students. The PTA has been a great help to the school, organizing an at-home reading program as well as the Reflections contest. The student action team continues to operate, giving many students the opportunity to be assigned a teacher and help with any needs the teacher has, including tutoring younger students. Some members of the student action team were able to attend a training at BYU this year.

Principal Jones thanked and recognized his faculty and staff as well as the Board of Education for their continued support of Cottonwood Elementary. Mr. Hatt and other Board members thanked Principal Jones for his report, noting his enthusiasm for school improvement. Superintendent Sitterud added that Principal Jones is the chair of the Elementary Language Arts committee and does a great job with this assignment.

Reports Item (C2): Superintendent Sitterud recognized the recent passing of former District teacher, administrator and Board member Rue Ware. He also recognized the passing of former Ferron Elementary secretary Sharon Jensen. He invited Board members to attend the USBA legislative Day on the Hill on February 5th. He also reviewed the Governor's budget recommendations and gave Board members a handout with information about the counselor to student ratio.

Reports Item (C3): Mr. Black briefly reported on recent data about the group medical insurance plan.

Public Comments (D): No comments were given

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Nanette Tanner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.