

Emery County School District | Board of Education

The January 2011 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Huntington Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 PM 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 also 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): Business Administrator Black administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected members Royd Hatt and Marie Johnson.

Board Action Item (B2): 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 Nanette Tanner. 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 (B3): Sam Singleton made a motion to reappoint Jared Black as the Business Administrator of the School District for a two year term. Royd Hatt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B4): Members of the Board considered the warrants as well as the minutes for the December 2010 Board meeting and the financial reports for November and December 2010. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B5): Mr. Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

<i>Melinda Durrant:</i>	<i>Teaching Principal</i>	<i>Book Cliff Elementary</i>
<i>Brandee Stoddard:</i>	<i>Preschool Educational Assistant, 3 hr</i>	<i>Cottonwood Elementary</i>

Marie Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendation as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (B4): Mr. Black explained that the only change in the water share status was the use of 2 shares of water from the Cottonwood Creek for the new building construction home in Castle Dale. Everything else remained the same as the previous year. It is the recommendation of the Business Administrator that the shares be leased in the same manner as they have been in the last several years. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to renew all water share lease agreements for the 2011 season with the same arrangements that were made in the 2010 season. The motion was seconded by Nanette Tanner and carried by unanimous vote.

Report Item (C1): Principal Tom Baltzer reported that Huntington Elementary was recently recognized as a High Performing Title I school. This is a tremendous recognition for the administration, faculty, staff and students at Huntington Elementary. The school has had great success with a new “treasure tower” program, which rewards students for good behavior. Mrs. McElprang is currently in the administrative program and has been assisting with administrative duties. Mr. Baltzer expressed his appreciation for each member of his faculty and staff, for the excellent work they do each day. Mrs. Johansen thanked Mr. Baltzer for his report and for his efforts as Principal of Huntington Elementary.

Report Item (C2): Superintendent Sitterud updated the Board on implementation of the common core curriculum. This will begin next school year and will be phased in over four years. This curriculum will be for Math and Language Arts, grades K-12. He gave an overview of Governor Herbert's budget recommendations, which are encouraging for public education. The Legislature will ultimately approve the budget, and indications from the Legislature are that no additional funding will be provided next year. Mr. Sitterud also shared that Darrell Gardner was recently recognized posthumously as the 3A Coach of the Year for 2009-10 by the Utah High School Activities Association.

Report Item (C3): Mr. Black had nothing additional to report on.

Public Comments (D): No public comments were made.

Adjournment (F): At 7:40 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.