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The March 2011 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Castle Dale Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner (attending electronically). Vice-President Royd Hatt was absent. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

Board Action Item (B1): Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the February 2011 Board meeting and financial reports for January 2011. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (B2): Mr. Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

<i>Kristel Lee:</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary</i>
<i>Dustin Service:</i>	<i>Custodian</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Jeri Dixon:</i>	<i>Child Nutrition Worker, 2 hr</i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary</i>
<i>Debbie Murray:</i>	<i>Child Nutrition Worker, 2 hr</i>	<i>Canyon View Junior High</i>

Sam Singleton motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (B3): Principal Larry Davis presented a proposal to revise policy JJIB: Interscholastic Athletics. Mr. Davis explained that he would like a 2 word amendment to the policy which would exclude 9th grade students from participating in non-UHSAA sanctioned sports. Emery High had ninth grade students on the cheer squad for the first time this school year and the inclusion of these students resulted in a variety of issues and concerns, including time commitment, maturity level, separation from peers and school, transportation and governance. Due to these concerns, Mr. Davis recommended that the Board approve the policy revision. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the revision as explained. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B4): Board Member Johnson added that she also has a concern with 9th grade students participating in drill team because they are missing school due to their participation. Comments on this issue were given by members of the Board and Superintendent Sitterud as well as Principal Davis and Principal Jones from Canyon View Junior High. Following these comments, Mrs. Johnson proposed that the Board amend policy JJIB to include language stating that 9th grade students can only participate in UHSAA sanctioned sports if their participation does not require practice time during school hours. Sam Singleton seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (B5): The next item was the appointment of negotiation team members for upcoming meetings. Board President Johansen appointed herself and Marie Johnson to the Classified team and Royd Hatt and Sam Singleton to the Licensed team. Business Administrator Black will participate on both teams. She also extended authority to Superintendent Sitterud to appoint District Office personnel to chair negotiations meetings. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the appointments with Laurel Johansen seconding the motion. It carried by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B6): Mr. Black presented a list of proposed capital projects to be completed in 2011, either through a bidding process or by the Maintenance Department. Members asked various questions to clarify the

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purpose of some of the projects. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the list of projects. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report Item (C1): Principal Ralph Worthen was invited to share a report of his school with the Board. Mr. Worthen expressed his appreciation for the support he receives from both the School Board and District staff. He noted that the enrollment at Castle Dale Elementary has grown from 165 to 215 over the last several years. He mentioned his respect for the great faculty and staff at Castle Dale Elementary—adding that they are dedicated to their professions and to the kids attending school. He also noted that teacher Tanie Worthen will be retiring at the end of this school year. President Johansen thanked Principal Worthen for his report and indicated her appreciation for all that Mr. Worthen and his staff accomplish.

Report Item (C2): Superintendent Sitterud recognized the Emery High girls basketball team for recently winning the 3A state championship. He also expressed congratulations to the Green River High girls basketball team which finished 6th at the 1A state tournament, capturing the consolation bracket championship. He then reviewed several education related bills currently being considered by the Utah Legislature.

Report Item (C3): Mr. Black mentioned a recent statewide audit emphasis on school level funds. Emery High and Green River High were audited back in October and there were no major findings. He will be reviewing the results of the audit with Principals at the next administrative council meeting and with Secretaries at the secretaries training to be held on March 16th.

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

Closed Meeting (E): At 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to move to a closed meeting to discuss the character and professional competence of individuals. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Laurel Johansen Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Sam Singleton Aye
- Nanette Tanner Aye (Electronically)

Certification of Closed Executive Session (Utah Code 52-4-206)

I, Laurel Johansen, President of the Emery County School District Board of Education, certify and swear that the sole purpose of the above closed executive session was to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals. Under the code referenced above, a closed executive session discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual is exempt from recording requirements and therefore, this closed executive session was not recorded.

Laurel Johansen

Adjournment (F): At 8:25 p.m., upon reconvening to open meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.