

Emery County School District | Board of Education

The February 2016 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Green River High School, was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Julie Wilson. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was also present. Business Administrator Jared Black was absent.

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

Presentation (B1): A letter was read, recognizing Sonia Torres, teacher at Huntington Elementary School, as the recipient of the February Apples for Teachers award. Ms. Torres was unable to be in attendance, so a presentation of the award will be made in her classroom at a later date. Members of the Board of Education expressed their appreciation and congratulations to Ms. Torres.

Presentation (B2): This presentation was tabled.

Board Action Item (C1): Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the January 2016 meeting, and financial reports for January 2016. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Julie Wilson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C2): There were no personnel actions needing approval.

Board Action Item (C3): Superintendent Sitterud presented the following policy actions to the Board of Education for consideration and approval:

- **IKF—Graduation Requirements / Acceptance of High School Credit:** Revision bringing the District graduation and credit policy in line with new graduation requirements in State board rule. Major changes include moving Financial Literacy to a stand-alone course while still requiring 3.0 credits of Social Studies. This will remove 0.5 credit of electives for students. Revision also adds a math competency requirement for students whose SEOP indicates that they plan to go to college.
- **GCC/GDC—Staff Leaves and Absences:** Revision clarifying the length of time allowed for a Sabbatical leave, how Sabbatical leave can be used and what benefits will continue to be paid.

Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the policy action as recommended. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (C4): A revision to the Landtrust plan for Cottonwood Elementary School was presented for approval. The revision would allow for the hiring of a math tutor to work with struggling students to help them get to proficiency levels. Superintendent Sitterud recommended approval of the amendment. Julie Wilson motioned to approve the amended plan as explained. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C5): As a follow-up to a request made by Principal Doug Mecham at San Rafael Junior High School at the previous Board meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve an Honorary Veteran's Diploma for Mr. Melvin Gilbert of Lawrence. The motion also included a waiver of District policy so that the diploma could be presented to Mr. Gilbert at the San Rafael Junior High closing program. Marie Johnson

seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. Board Members also discussed that one of the Board should attend the closing program at San Rafael to assist in the diploma presentation.

Report Item (D1): Acting Principal Kayce Fluckey of Green River High School welcomed members of the Board of Education to Green River High School and thanked them for their support. She discussed several new initiatives or programs being implemented at Green River High, including: participation in National History Day, a Dinner Theater, Quiz Bowl, and FCCLA competitions. She is also hoping to increase STEM course offerings and provide a forensics and debate program for students. Members of the Board of Education thanked Ms. Fluckey for her report, and for the initiative she is showing in implementing these new programs and opportunities for students.

Report Item (D2): Principal JR Jones of Book Cliff Elementary School thanked the Board of Education for their support. He commented on the need to emphasize and improve early intervention programs and initiatives in Green River. He mentioned that the school is in discussions with the Headstart program to house a program at the school for preschool students. He discussed the importance of helping more of the preschool age students be academically prepared for Kindergarten. Members of the Board thanked Principal Jones for his report.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Sitterud presented preliminary figures for costs associated with a grade reconfiguration. He also gave an update on current legislative bills with a potential impact on public education.

Public Comments (E): No public comments were given.

Closed Meeting (E): At 5:45 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Julie Wilson to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion related to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Laurel Johansen Aye
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Sam Singleton Aye
- Julie Wilson Aye

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

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Green River High School on Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016, beginning at approximately 5:50 pm. All Board members were in attendance.

Adjournment (F): Upon reconvening to the regular meeting, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.