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The November 2016 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Emery High School, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Julie Wilson. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

WORKING SESSION

(B) Independent Auditor's Report: Rick Roberts of Kimball & Roberts presented, via video conference, the auditor's report for fiscal year 2016. Mr. Roberts mentioned his appreciation to the staff of the School District for their cooperation in preparing for and completing the audit. He then reviewed selections from the basic statements, notes and compliance sections of the financial report. He reported that the opinion of the audit firm is that revenues and expenditures for the District are fairly stated and reliable. He also reviewed the management letter. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Roberts for his report.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:00 pm, Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations (B1 & B2) & Board Action Item (C1): Counselors Dayna Terry and Ashley Jensen jointly presented the comprehensive guidance program plan for the 2016-17 school year. They noted some of the highlights and challenges of the program and outlined how the program is structured to meet State of Utah requirements. Ms. Terry also shared details of the concurrent enrollment offerings and Ms. Jensen discussed the progress of the Robotics program. Members of the Board thanked them for their presentation. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Julie Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C2): Chandler Peacock, Automotive teacher at Emery High, requested to take 5-6 auto students to the annual competition in Farmington, New Mexico, on November 17th-18th. All costs, including hotels and transportation are paid for by USU Eastern. The automotive program has had excellent success at this competition in the past, even though it is a Junior College level competition. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the travel as presented. Julie Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C3): Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the October 2016 meeting, and financial reports for October 2016. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C4): Board President Johansen mentioned that Rick Roberts had presented the Independent Auditor's Report for 2016 to the Board of Education during a work session prior to the regular meeting. Marie Johnson motioned to accept the report. Royd Hatt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C5): Superintendent Davis recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

<i>Alan McArthur:</i>	<i>Head Custodian</i>	<i>Canyon View Junior High School</i>
<i>JoAnne Taylor:</i>	<i>Custodian, Part-Time</i>	<i>Canyon View Junior High School</i>
<i>Howard Shorthill:</i>	<i>Assistant Baseball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High School</i>

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Sam Singleton motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Wilson and passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (C6): Superintendent Davis presented athletic schedules for most of the winter sports and some of the spring sports. He indicated that not all schedules have been received, but recommended approval of those that we have. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the schedules as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C7): A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the monthly meeting calendar for School Board Meetings in 2017. The motion passed unanimously. The approved calendar will be advertised in the local newspaper for two weeks. A copy of this calendar is attached as part of the official minutes.

Board Action Item (C8): Superintendent Davis presented the proposed 3 year calendar (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20) for the District. The proposed calendar was developed by a committee with representation from the employee associations and other stakeholders. Major changes from previous calendars include: professional development days for teachers on the last day of each term, removal of PTS days, and a full week for spring break. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the 3 year calendar as presented. Julie Wilson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Report Item (D1): Principal Steven Gordon thanked the Board of Education for coming to Emery High School for their monthly meeting. He briefly discussed his transition of moving into the position of Principal and expressed his gratitude for the excellent faculty and staff at EHS. He reviewed several recent or upcoming events, including a blood drive, aerospace exploration tour, domestic violence awareness campaign, and the youth protection seminar. He also discussed some of the significant programs and initiatives taking place at EHS. The homework class and A+ credit recovery program have been very successful. Recent capital outlay projects included additional football bleachers and a new soccer field. The faculty and staff have been receiving training on Google docs & classroom software.

Principal Gordon talked about the Nuestra Casa and school integrity programs which are designed to reward student achievement in academics, attendance and/or citizenship. He reported that the student-athlete drug testing program continues to be successful. He also briefly reviewed SAGE test scores for EHS and the plans in place to improve in needed areas. President Johansen thanked Principal Gordon for his report and expressed her enthusiasm for the many good things taking place at Emery High School.

Report Item (D2): Mr. Black asked the Board to encourage support of Necessarily Existent Small Schools funding in their upcoming visits with local legislators. He also mentioned that he is looking into a funding source through USBE for school districts that have lost 4% or higher enrollment over the previous 3-5 years.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Larry Davis reported several items of recognition and good news. Olive McArthur recently retired and an open house was held for her at Canyon View Junior High School. He added that Olive will be missed after working for so many years in the District. He mentioned a letter that was recently received from Southeast Utah Health Department, congratulating the District on efforts to reduce tobacco use and prevention. He congratulated the EHS boys cross country team on recently placing second in the State meet. He also recognized several students who were given Academic All-State recognition for fall sports: Daryl Guymon,

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Allyson Woolsey, and Erin Hurst in cross-country; Kabri Butler in volleyball; Aubreyona Migliori and Teren Miller in tennis; and Ty Mecham in football.

Superintendent Davis reminded those in attendance about the upcoming Youth Protection Seminar at EHS. He also reminded Board members about the SESC legislative luncheon on November 17th. He updated the Board on the progress of the technology grant application, indicating that once it is completed, the focus of the technology committee will shift to creating a five year technology plan. President Johansen thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

Public Comments (E): Julie Johansen asked about the policy for classwork makeup for students who miss school due to extracurricular assignments. Principal Gordon responded that it is handled by each teacher. There is no uniform school-wide or district-wide policy. Erik Nielsen mentioned that he believes Principal Gordon is doing a great job and that Chandler Peacock is doing excellent as the automotive teacher as well.

Closed Meeting (F): At approximately 7:45 pm., a motion was made by Julie Wilson and seconded by Sam Singleton to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of holding a strategy session related to pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and to hold a 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

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Emery High School on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016, beginning at 7:55 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. The closed meeting finished at approximately 8:40 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

Adjournment (G): Upon reconvening to 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 8:40 pm.