

## Emery County School District | Board of Education

The December 2017 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at San Rafael Middle School, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Vice-President Tracey Johnson. Other Board members present were Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Marie Johnson. Board President Laurel Johansen was absent. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

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

**Presentations & Recognitions (B1&2):** The Emery High School boys cross-country team was recognized for the recent accomplishment of becoming 3A state champions. Superintendent Davis and members of the Board expressed their congratulations to the coaches and student-athletes. Mr. Davis presented flowers to the coaches and Certificates of Achievement to each of the young men on the team. Coaches Kristi Guymon and Talina Labrum shared brief remarks about the team.

Superintendent Davis presented retiring employees Irene Allred and Dianne Butler with retirement clocks. He gave a brief summary of the work accomplishments of each and expressed his personal gratitude for their service to students of the District. Members of the Board also expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Allred and Mrs. Butler. Mrs. Allred has worked for 35 years as a secretary in the Maintenance and Transportation departments. She mentioned her thanks for the opportunities she has had, and the friendships she has made. Mrs. Butler spent 32 years as the library aide at San Rafael. She also commented on the appreciation she feels for the faculty, staff and students she was able to work with.

**Board Action Item (C1):** Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the November 2017 meeting, and financial reports for November 2017. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (C2):** Superintendent Davis recommended to the Board that the following individual be approved for the position indicated:

*Megan Durrant: Secretary, Full-Time Maintenance Department*

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

**Board Action Item (C3):** Rob Murray, director of the Robotics Club, requested permission to take students on three upcoming overnight trips for competitions. The trips are to Park City on December 16<sup>th</sup>, to Cedar City on January 27<sup>th</sup>, and to Ogden on February 10<sup>th</sup>. All costs, including facilitator stipends, hotels and transportation are paid for by the robotics grant through the STEM action center. Appropriate numbers of chaperones will accompany the students on each trip. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the travel as presented. Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (C4):** Principal Mecham presented an amendment to the Landtrust plan for San Rafael Middle School. The amendment, necessary in order to allocate additional carry-over funds, would allow for the purchase of additional ALEKS licenses, math textbooks, and library books to be used in the Reading Olympics program at the school. Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the plan amendment as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (C5):** Counselor Luci Robinson presented the College & Career Readiness K-12 plan for the 2017-18 school year. She noted some of the highlights and challenges of the comprehensive guidance program and outlined how the program is structured to meet State of Utah requirements. She also discussed counselor preparations for an upcoming state performance review. Members of the Board thanked her for the presentation.

Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (C6):** Mr. Black presented bids for the purchase of school buses, recommending that one bus be purchased this year. One bid, based on State purchasing contract MA812, was received from Bryson's Sales & Service. The price per bus is \$115,387 and is nearly identical to the price of our buses purchased a year ago. Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the purchase of one bus. The motion was seconded by Marie Johnson and passed by unanimous vote.

**Report Item (D1):** Doug Mecham, Principal of San Rafael Middle School welcomed the Board of Education to the school and thanked them for their support. He briefly commented on the transition to middle school, noting that there have been many adjustments, but overall things have gone well. He highlighted the new "Freedom Wall" that can be seen in the main hallway of the school, mentioning that it is a welcome and important addition. He also reported that the school recently had a career day for students. The student incentive program BARK (Behavior, Attitude, Responsibility, Kindness) recognizes students for many of the good things they are doing. The intramural program is a big success with recent competitions including indoor soccer and checkers.

Principal Mecham mentioned that the teachers are doing well with the PLC focus and are consistently implementing more and more technology into their teaching. He wanted to express how much he appreciates the great staff at San Rafael and the family feeling that is in the school. He feels the staff are always looking for ways to help individual students. Mrs. Johnson thanked Principal Mecham for his report.

**Report Item (D2):** Mr. Black reported that many employees had asked him to thank the Board of Education for the recent salary supplement.

**Report Item (D3):** Superintendent Davis mentioned that he, President Johansen, and Mr. Black recently attended an SESC legislative luncheon and had the opportunity to share priorities and concerns with our local legislators. The event was well attended in general and very successful. Mr. Davis also noted that Senator David Hinkins will be recognized by SITLA for his work with public lands in Utah. The ceremony will be held at Emery High School on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Davis presented the Board with preliminary plans from each school on how additional funds may be allocated if the "Our Schools Now" initiative passes. He also congratulated the faculty and staff at Book Cliff elementary for their turnaround efforts. The school has officially been taken off the list of State Turnaround schools.

Mr. Davis added that he would like to have more opportunities in Board meetings to recognize students for the various achievements made throughout each school year. The Board was very receptive to this plan. He also briefly reviewed the recent meeting of the teacher evaluation committee, noting that their goal is to provide recommendations for adjustments to the evaluation program by the end of the school year. Superintendent Davis finished his report by commenting on how excited he is with the progress being made in technology services in the District. The technology committee has moved this effort forward very quickly and it is having a big impact in education and student offerings. Vice-President Johnson thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

**Public Comments (E):** No public comments were made.

**Closed Meeting (F):** At 8:05 pm., a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to move to a closed meeting for the purposes of: discussion related to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; holding a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and to discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Laurel Johansen          Absent
- Tracey Johnson          Aye
- Kenzi Guymon          Aye
- Royd Hatt                  Aye
- Marie Johnson          Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at San Rafael Middle School on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, beginning at 8:10 pm. Four Board members were present for the closed meeting (President Johansen was absent), as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. County Commissioners Lynn Sitterud and Kent Wilson were in attendance for a portion of the closed meeting discussion, as were District employees Ralph Worthen, Neal Peacock and John Hughes (for a separate portion of the discussion). The closed meeting finished at 9:40 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 Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.