

The January 8, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education, held at Huntington Elementary School, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Jessy Johansen were also present. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were in attendance.

Work Session (A)

- 1) Discussion was held regarding a school board handbook. A draft has been reviewed by board members. Several minor adjustments were suggested, which President Johnson will implement. The handbook will be published on the school board website.
- 2) President Johnson reviewed the items discussed at the recent Superintendent / Board / Association meeting. One matter involves an individual and the Board will be updated about this in a closed session.
- 3) Board members discussed if it would be beneficial for each to give a summary of the community councils each has attended. It was agreed that when there is something noteworthy, it would be good to share this information with other board members in future work sessions.
- 4) Upcoming school events and announcements were summarized in a handout.

Regular Session (B)

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

Board Action Item (C1): Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the December 2019 Board meetings and financial reports for December 2019. A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes, and financial reports as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (C2): Superintendent Davis recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

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| • Emily Huntington | Resource Aide, 29.5 hr/week | Emery High School |
| • Bethany Gardner | Resource Aide, 29.5 hr/week | Book Cliff Elementary |
| • Bailey Johnson | Preschool Aide, 29.5 hr/week | Book Cliff Elementary |

Jessy Johansen motioned to approve the above hiring recommendations as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (C3): Superintendent Davis presented an amendment of policy JICG for approval. This policy was first reviewed in the December 2019 board meeting.

- **JICG—Smoking, Vaping, & Tobacco Use by Students (Amended Policy):** Adds wording related to vaping, search & seizure, & confiscation of vaping paraphernalia.

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Member Kenzi Guymon recommended that the policy wording reflect the legal tobacco age of 21. A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the proposed amendment of policy JICG, with the recommended wording change. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C4): Members of the Board reviewed extracurricular schedules for the Emery High baseball and boys soccer teams. The baseball schedule includes an out-of-state trip to Mesquite, NV. Following brief discussion, Kenzi Guymon made a motion to approve the proposed schedules as presented. Jessy Johansen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (C5): Chandler Peacock, automotive teacher at Emery High, requested to take six students to the annual competition in Hobbs, New Mexico, on February 3-8, 2020. Similar to past years, transportation would be provided by USU-Eastern. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the travel as requested. Jessy Johansen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C6): Principal Jody Carter requested approval of an amendment to the Huntington Elementary School Landtrust plan & budget. The amended proposal would allow for carryover funds from the prior year, in addition to a small amount of unallocated funds for this year, to be used toward the cost of four new smart touch TV's for classrooms needing a smartboard replacement. Following a review of the proposal and brief discussion, board members indicated agreement with the proposal.

Board Action Item (C7): Mr. Black presented bids for school buses, recommending that two buses be purchased this year. Bids were acquired from Bryson's Sales & Service and come from State purchasing contract MA812. Transportation Supervisor Roger Swenson explained that he has been looking into the possibility of adding a propane fueling station to the bus compound, allowing the District to operate propane buses. To this point, the cost is too prohibitive. He recommended that the District purchase one forward-engine bus and one rear-engine bus. The quote for the front-engine bus is \$130,982. The quote for the rear-engine bus is \$139,017. Mr. Black mentioned that bus purchases are included in State transportation reimbursement amounts, so a significant portion of these costs will be reimbursed. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of two buses as recommended. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt and passed by unanimous vote.

Principal's Report (D1): Principal Jody Carter welcomed all in attendance to Huntington Elementary. She recognized the new teachers and staff members at her school and expressed appreciation for the dedicated volunteers who are so important to students. The school is using Lexia for language arts this year and it has made a huge difference in providing intensive student help.

Principal Carter reviewed a variety of programs and initiatives in place at Huntington Elementary. The Bronco Pride program continues to be successful in recognizing students for good behavior, acts of kindness, and academic progress. A new social/emotional program is also in place and character education is provided via monthly "me-to-we" themes that are presented at assemblies.

The school had an emergency gas leak in October and this provided a good opportunity for a real-life reunification drill. Principal Carter reported that staff, students, and parents responded well to the emergency. Professional development training has been ongoing this year. A guest presenter taught classroom management techniques to teachers. Principal Carter and teachers Emily Mills & Dani Tuttle attended the Solution Tree PLC conference in October.

Principal Carter complimented all of her faculty and staff for their dedication to student improvement. She then invited teacher Tiffany Cowley and student Cameron Hansen to discuss their experiences with the robotics program. Both talked about the benefits of participating in robotics. Vice-President Johnson expressed her appreciation for the culture of positivity at the school. President Johnson thanked Principal Carter for her report and for all she does.

Superintendent’s Report (D2): Superintendent Larry Davis mentioned that our district is eligible to have a board member apply for the current UHSAA opening for a 1A representative. He also discussed the county library system, outlining information he discussed with the library director. He provided an update on tax reform legislation and mentioned some of the important topics to be addressed in the upcoming legislative session. He also updated board members on the progress of a variety of District committees.

Public Comments (F): Steven Gordon asked board members to consider a district athletic director position to cover all four secondary schools. He provided a handout with relevant information to board members.

Closed Meeting (G): At 8:05 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Marie Johnson to move to a closed meeting for discussion related to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Tracey Johnson Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Kenzi Guymon Aye
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Jessy Johansen Aye

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

I, Tracey Johnson, 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.

Tracey Johnson

The closed meeting was held in the room 22 at Huntington Elementary School on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020, beginning at 8:15 pm. All board members were in attendance, as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. The closed meeting finished at 9:20 pm.

Adjournment (H): A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Jessy Johansen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.