

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2021

**WORK SESSION (6:30 pm):**

- A1. Tracey Johnson sent questions for the Board Review survey. The survey went to all supervisors/directors for question selections. Discussion was based on the stakeholders that would be sent the actual survey.
- A2. The USBA Training and Day on the Hill will be February 19<sup>th</sup>
- A3. Steven Gordon presented a proposed medical contract for certified medical personnel to attend sport activities for possible student injuries. This will be revisited next month.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

The February 3, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education, held at Ferron Elementary, 110 West Mill Road, Ferron, UT, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Todd Huntington were also present. Superintendent Jared Black and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were in attendance.

**B1/B2:** President Johnson welcomed all in attendance. Without a flag available, the pledge was not performed.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- C1: The representatives from each committee gave their report on the recent activities. The Technology committee is addressing Green River’s ability to connect with distance learning. The CRA committee met with Huntington City with their RV project and other potential projects.
- C2: This item was postponed for additional discussions and will be addressed next month.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

- D1: Royd Hatt motioned to approve the Consent Items a) January Warrants b) Minutes from January 6, 2021 meeting and c) Monthly financial reports for January 2021. Marie Johnson seconded the motion with all approving.
- D2: Superintendent Black recommended the following individuals for board approval:
 

• Brandy Powell	Custodian	Castle Dale Elementary
• Kara Bigelow	Resource Aide	Bookcliff Elementary
• Kranessa Anderson	Resource Aide	San Rafael Middle School
• Bailie Mortensen	Softball Asst Coach	Emery High
• Katelyn Magnuson	Speech Aide	Cottonwood Elementary

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

D3: Cottonwood Elementary presented their TSSA budget revision reflecting changes made because the planned professional development was not available. John Hughes, principal, was unable to attend because of being quarantined. The plan was motioned by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson with all approving.

**D4:** The LandTrust budget revision for Ferron Elementary was discussed but not needed as all the goals and budgets are in place.

**D5:** Jody Carter, principal at Huntington Elementary, presented the budget revision for their LandTrust plan. Leftover funds from PD and software not being used will be switched to supplies for musical program and salary for a hired half time teacher. Supplies for reading books will also be purchased. Marie Johnson proposed to approve the amendment with Todd Huntington making a second motion. All members approved.

**D6:** The extracurricular schedules for the Spring Activities were motioned to be approved by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Todd Huntington. Marie Johnson would like her vote to be affirmative with coaches aware of scheduling several games in the same week is difficult for student athletes missing school. Motion passed unanimously.

**D7:** Kerry Lake, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the bidding results for the asbestos removal for portions of Ferron Elementary and Emery High that will be eventually demolished in 2021 and 2022. Eagle Environmental was the low bidder with all specifications required. Carli O'Neil commented that maintenance is always fabulous with fixing immediate and long term needs while working around children. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the bid and Marie Johnson seconded the motion. All other members agreed with an Aye vote.

**D8:** The revision for Policy GBAA: Sexual Discrimination and Harassment was presented by Jared Black. Title IX has been expanded to cover equality along with Sexual Harassment. Kenzi Guymon moved to approve with a second by Royd Hatt. Motion passed unanimously.

**D9:** The Capital Outlay Projects for 2021 was motioned for approval by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt. All voted in favor.

#### **REPORTS:**

**E1.** Principal report was given by Heather Behling, principal at Ferron Elementary. Ferron Elementary has started a new reading incentive program this year with a lot of positive feedback on this. They have also started a 'Good Deed' ticket to reward all students at different academical levels to be rewarded for great behavior. With the soft closure last Spring, weekly tutoring is given by school aides targeting students in areas that are lacking from the closure. The Robotics team won the regional robot performance award and will be going to state competitions. Major changes with the new school project have been started.

**E2.** The Superintendent Report was given by Jared Black. Jared wanted to express condolences to our Adult Ed teacher, Sandra Oveson, with her husband passing away with covid. Sofia Chimaras, an aide at Huntington Elementary, passed away last week suddenly and we would like to express our condolences as well. Friday is our bond presentation to Moody's for our ability to finance the building projects. Kindergarten registration is from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and will be a large part of the planning for staff in FY22. Green River schools are on a 10-day online protocol based on a huge surge of covid cases at the schools. The First round of vaccinations has been completed for all employees that wanted them. Second round will be finished next month. Jared expressed much appreciation to our Health Department for all their hard work. Legislative session has begun and there are bills that would try to reduce reporting requirements, mental health days for students, give \$3,809 funding for WPU which is roughly 6% higher than this year. Approximately 80 education bills are filed or expected to be filed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (F):** There were no comments made from attendees.

**CLOSED MEETING (G):** At 7:51 pm., a motion was made Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson 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:

- Tracey Johnson           Aye
- Marie Johnson           Aye
- Kenzi Guymon           Aye
- Royd Hatt                Aye
- Todd Huntington       Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Ferron Elementary School on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, beginning at 7:55 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Supt Black and Business Administrator Allred were also present. Business Administrator Allred was given leave for a portion based on family relations.

**ADJOURNMENT (H):** A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

**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.

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Tracey Johnson