

MINUTES FOR JUNE 16, 2021

**REGULAR SESSION:**

The June 16, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the District Office, 120 N Main, Huntington, 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.

**A1/A2:** President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**B1:** A motion to go into a public hearing was made by Royd Hatt, seconded by Todd Huntington with all approving. The proposed budget for FY22 and the Final Year budget for FY21 was presented by Jackie Allred. The largest changes are bond revenues/expenditures and Federal funding for COVID pandemic. The FY21 end of year budget is \$86,209,446. FY22 original budget will be \$77,237,442. Marie Johnson made the motion to return to regular meeting with Royd Hatt seconding. All members voted aye.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**C1:** A motion from Marie Johnson for the a) May warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for 7 board meetings held since the last regular meeting was made and seconded by Royd Hatt with all approving.

**C2:** Superintendent Black recommended the following individuals for board approval:

- Kara Bigelow                      Teacher                      Bookcliff Elementary
- Jenny Gagon                      Principal                      Canyon View Middle School
- Amanda West                      Teacher ½                      Huntington Elementary
- Katelynn Cosby                      Teacher                      Castle Dale Elementary
- Cresta Winter                      Resource Teacher                      Cleveland Elementary
- Dave Justice                      Head Basketball Coach                      Emery High
- Rebecca Norton                      Kindergarten Aide                      Huntington Elementary
- Thomas Burr                      Recovery/ISS                      Emery High
- Ethan Migliori                      Head Tennis Coach                      Emery High
- Amber Stilson                      Asst Volleyball Coach                      Emery High
- Janet Ewell                      Principal                      Cleveland Elementary
- Sara Bradbury                      Teacher ½                      Bookcliff Elementary

Royd Hatt motioned to approve the 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.

**C3:** A motion for the Adoption for the Final Budget for FY21 was made by Marie Johnson. This was seconded by member Todd Huntington and voted unanimously with approval.

**C4:** The motion for adopting a Tentative Budget for FY22 based on the need for Truth in Taxation in August for a proposed Judgment Levy was made by Todd Huntington. The second to the motion was made by Royd Hatt. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

**C5:** Policy KE – Public Complaints was presented by Jared Black. This is a new policy that will be in effect July 1, 2021 for complaint procedures. Motion to pass was made by Marie Johnson seconded by Royd Hatt with all members voting in affirmation.

**C6:** The PLC School Schedule was presented by Ryan Maughan based on survey results from all schools. The proposal is for teachers to stay late on Mondays in a planning meeting with an early out on Friday to offset contract time. Motion to approve was made by Marie Johnson with a second from Royd Hatt. All members agreed and passed the new schedule.

**REPORTS:**

**D1.** Emery High Counselors gave the report on Comprehensive Guidance data. Dayna Terry focused on CTE Skills test with automotive passing rate that was very good. Darline Deby explained that the College and Career Readiness meetings were held with the seniors, but only 50% attended based on covid restrictions. So, a survey was placed on canvas with four lessons. It has been difficult to get scholarship information to parents. Adaptive plans were made to use Canvas and the website for information. The counselors attended classes to teach Science of Brain and Depression lessons along with ‘Let’s Make a Deal’ with the juniors after two weeks of classes. Graduation was back to traditional ceremony. They also introduced Jason Foundation suicide prevention program with a video to the seniors. Ryan Maughan also added that the automotive scores show that we are meeting the students’ needs. CTE test results across all pathways were very impressive with the percentage of students achieving Mastery level. Scholarships available to our schools are being taken advantage of and awarded to many of our students.

**D2.** The Superintendent Report was presented by Jared Black. In May we recognized employees of the year at their designated schools. We also want to recognize them here at board meeting. Darline Deby (counselor at Emery High) as Secondary teacher, the Classified employee is Tyler Bastian (custodian at Bookcliff Elementary), Elementary teacher is Jamie Huggard (Castle Dale Elementary), volunteers Lindsay Oman (Cottonwood) and Randi Mecham (Huntington), and Teacher of the Year is Carli O’Neil (Cleveland Elementary) who will be participating in the Utah Teacher of the year process. Three new grants that we have received are Early Learning coach grant through SESC that allows Emery to have an Early Learning Coach, Grow Your Own Teacher program with SESC allowing two spots with classified employees to help them pursue a teacher licensure, Elementary Counselor Grant would allow us to hire extra time there. Doug Johnson has been awarded the Administrator of the Year Award at the Rural School Conference and will be presented at the July conference. We hope our employees are enjoying summer and recovering from this pandemic year we’ve just been through. He expressed gratitude to all those who were able to make in-person school possible.

**D3.** Business Administrator Jackie Allred announced negotiations for both associations have been ongoing. All construction projects have continued to progress rapidly and staying on schedule. Bookcliff’s addition started this week with demo to the adjoining wall. The District is planning to adjust sod plans based on the water outlook available at the end of June considering the water restrictions this year. Many capital outlay summer projects have been completed or are in progress. Summer School Food Services will be continuing through July. Wash bay remodel will start early August.

**D4.** No Board Member Committee reports were given. There were not meetings held in May to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (E):** Darline asked about the football schedule if it was going to be in the new stadium. The schedule is around the first of October for the stadium to be finished.

**CLOSED MEETING (F):** At 7:51 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt 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 Board Room at the District Office, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, beginning at 7:55 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Black and Business Administrator Allred were also present.

**ADJOURNMENT (G):** A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:41 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