

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2022

REGULAR SESSION:

The December 7, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Cottonwood Elementary, 55 East 200 South, Orangeville, UT, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Royd Hatt and Kenzi Guymon were also present. Todd Huntington was absent. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance.

WORK SESSION:

A1. Data was reviewed on the history of judgment levies for the school district. During evaluations of available funding for subsequent years, judgment levy concerns will be part of the budgeting process.

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B1/B2: President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. A presentation to give sincere thanks to Marie Guymon Johnson for her 32 years of service as a dedicated board member was made by the board and administration. A video from Huntington Elementary was also shown with students giving ‘Nana Marie’ heart felt thanks for the many volunteer hours spent there teaching students academics and providing accompaniment for musical activities and shows.

PRESENTATIONS:

C1: Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board the monthly update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High construction projects. EHS Phase 2 (building): The current schedule still reflects the anticipated finish of the first Phase to be July of 2024. Area A which represents the shop rooms has started masonry which is currently under tents with the low temperatures. Area B covers the administration rooms. Area C represents the new aux gym and weight rooms which are directly west of the Spartan Center. Cement footings are still being installed in Areas B and C with some engineering clarifications being made in Area B. Steel trusses and deck have been arriving on site. Masonry has had manufacturing issues and may cause delays in the project. Deep plumbing will continue in Areas B and C throughout the remainder of this month.

Ferron Elementary: The Playground arrived at the school today and installers were on site to start setting up the equipment. Wood chips will arrive within a couple of days.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Kenzi Guymon for the a) November warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the November 2nd meeting was made and seconded by Royd Hatt with all approving.

D2: Superintendent Maughan recommended the following individuals for board approval:

- Diane Jensen Paraprofessional 3-hour Castle Dale Elementary
- Dalen Johnson Head Softball Coach Emery High
- Joni Edgehouse Asst Softball Coach Emery High
- Mackell Cowley Asst Softball Coach Emery High
- Kerry Lake Asst Softball Coach Emery High
- Mike Taylor Asst Softball Coach Emery High
- Matt Bunnell Asst Softball Coach Emery High
- Tylee Norton Asst Softball Coach Emery High

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

D3: Chandler Peacock, auto instructor for Emery High, requested Out of State Travel for the automotive competition team to travel to Hobbs, New Mexico. Mr. Peacock reported this competition has been going on for years, even when he was a student at Emery. The itinerary was discussed and funding will come from the district CTE program. Students Braxton Ward, Tryston Alton, and Canyon Allred expressed their desire and advantages for being involved in the competitions. Marie Johnson moved to approve with a second from Kenzi Guymon. All approved.

D4: Jackie Allred introduced the policy DKC – Employee Travel Reimbursement. With the inflation rates rising, the current allowable rates for per diem are below average state costs. This adjustment will bring the policy to reflect current Utah approved rates. Supt included remarks regarding an audit from other districts with recommendations on employee travel. Royd Hatt motioned to approve with a second from Marie Johnson. Motion passed with all ayes.

D5: The purchase of a delivery truck for the Child Nutrition Program was given approval from the Utah State Board of Education CNP after two prior Requests for Proposals and state bids were reviewed. There were ultimately two bids received from Rush Trucking and Mack Trucking. The proposal was accepted for Rush Trucking at \$125,705 for an International Food Delivery Truck with Cummins engine and Allison 2500 transmission. Motion to approve was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Marie Johnson with all in favor.

REPORTS:

E1: Principal, John Hughes, presented Cottonwood’s Vision and Mission that was created by the faculty. Academic success was recognized with 85% of students on grade level on last year’s core tests. Areas of Focus include staff training, student ownership of their own learning, attendance (92% currently), and meeting the social/emotional learning needs of our students. Areas of Success: Cottonwood received an ‘A’ Grade from USBE for the 21-22 school year. The school has a strong library program and has been pioneering math and phonics blocks. Student engagement has been an intentional focus for the past four years. The school-wide efficacy between all staff members has been very productive.

E2: The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, recognized several individuals passing who were long—term employees of the district: Reba Hansen, bus driver; Bruce Fish, elementary teacher; Richard Fairbanks, CTE teacher, and Mary Jo Gravley, lunch worker. The Superintendent also gave praise for Cottonwood’s staff and the ownership they take to provide all students a flexible learning environment.

E3: For the Business report: Jackie Allred expressed appreciation to the board for the dedication and help with financial issues this month.

E4: Committee reports: Board President Johnson remarked that the CTE committee is growing and expressed appreciation and need for programs to help students continue their education and provide skills for future employment in many areas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): Yvonne Jensen recognized the academic supervisors who make the effort and take the time to fill any role that is required and to help students and staff. She also recognized the Superintendent as he has dedicated his time reviewing data and cares about the future of the district.

CLOSED MEETING (G): No items

As her final motion, Marie Johnson motioned and was seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.