

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2, 2022

REGULAR SESSION:

The February 2, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Ferron Elementary, 125 West Mill Rd, Ferron, UT, was called to order at 5:00 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Royd Hatt, Kenzi Guymon, and Todd Huntington were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance.

WORK SESSION:

- A1.** With the board meeting being held at Ferron Elementary, the board was able to take a tour with KMA Architects to view the new Ferron building. At this point, the masonry is almost completely finished and contractors are working on finishing the roofing to enclose the facility.
- A2.** Legislative priorities discussion was led by Ryan Maughan and reviewed the possible legislative changes from this year’s session.
- A3.** A class-size ratio was discussed for ongoing staffing considerations. This would change for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-12.

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B1/B2: President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

- C1:** Jessica Dahl from Westland Construction gave the board an update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High Field construction projects. Details included the timeline and upcoming tasks. Both projects are pushing deadlines - baseball and softball for the Emery High fields and enclosing the building by the end of the month for Ferron Elementary.
- C2:** The school fees policy was presented with two minor changes to the high school spend plan. This will also be presented in the next board meeting before action.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- D1:** A motion from Kenzi Guymon for the a) January warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the January 4th and 19th meetings were made and seconded by Royd Hatt with all approving.
- D2:** Superintendent Maughan recommended the following individuals for board approval:

• Casey Jo Reid	School Foods Lead Cook	Emery High
• Rilee Alvarado	SpEd Aide	Bookcliff
• Heidi McArthur	Preschool Asst	Cottonwood

Kenzi Guymon 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.
- D3:** The bond preliminary statement was approved last month with nothing additional needed on this month. No action necessary. Bond issuance is moving ahead with scheduled events for February and March.

D4: Out of State Travel for the Emery High Automotive team was presented for a competition in Pocatello, Idaho at Idaho State University. Transportation is expected to be arranged with USU Eastern. This motion for approval was made by Royd Hatt. After a second from Todd Huntington, all voted in favor.

D5: The Final Reviews for the FY21 School LandTrust Plans were previously reviewed by the board. A motion to approve all plans was made by Marie Johnson with a second from Royd Hatt. All members voted unanimously.

D6: Green River High School presented their FY21 LandTrust Plan Amendment. This request would move funds from assemblies and professional development planning to funding College and Career Readiness through CTE programs. The motion to approve the amendment was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

D7: Extra-Curricular Spring schedules were presented to the board for the secondary schools. With no discussion, the motion for approval was made by Kenzi Guymon. A second was given by Todd Huntington and all voted in favor.

D8: Water Lease agreements for the 2022 watering season with local entities was presented by Jackie Allred with a motion to approve made by Marie Johnson and a second from Todd Huntington. All members voted to approve.

D9: Policy GCFC – Educator Licensing was presented by Ryan Maughan. This policy change addresses LEA-specific licenses and the duration for a teaching contract without being licensed. After discussion, the motion to approve was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Marie Johnson. All members were affirmative.

D10: Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements was also presented by Superintendent Maughan. Currently ECSD graduation requirements are higher than the state requirements. The amendment presents an Alternate Diploma for individualized students that have extenuating circumstances. Each application would be approved by the Board. The motion to approve the policy changes was made by Kenzi Guymon. The second followed by Royd Hatt and all members voted aye.

REPORTS:

E1: The Principal Report was given by Heather Behling, principal, from Ferron Elementary School. Ms. Behling stated that the school has a goal to come together and bring focus to providing intentional instruction through meaningful data reviews. Last year they piloted the Really Great Reading program and have expanded that this year. Ferron staff has also started implementing a math block to have All Hands On Deck for small groups to work on math deficit skills. Some of the programs that support staff is overseeing are: STEM program under Darshan Bennett, Digital citizenship curriculum with Brenda Thomas, and Social Emotional Learning with the extra counseling support from the District. A large percentage of students participate in skill deficit group sessions. Attendance is always a hard issue and Ferron's staff is consistently trying to improve this area. They would love to reintroduce the robotics program again. Heather Behling asked for continued support of the teachers while they're being asked to do more every year and recognition really does boost their morale.

JR Jones, elementary supervisor, took the opportunity to recognize Ms. Behling as administrator at the building. She is always seen facilitating whatever is needed even providing custodial duties. She is a huge proponent for students and is great input on the elementary team.

F2: The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, recognized Dr. Jamie Cano and Zak Konakis who were in attendance from USU Eastern with their local support with the community and school needs.

F3: Jackie Allred gave the Business Report stating that the Capital Outlay projects are underway for the summer projects. The final bond issuance for the 2020 authorization will be issued next month. The furniture purchasing bid for Ferron and Bookcliff Elementaries has been completed and will be awarded soon to get the furniture ordered to maneuver the long-lead shipping times.

F4: Committee reports: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (E): Doug Mecham commented on the past career fair at Emery High. It was very successful and some of the reason was because of the expertise with USU Eastern and many other community leaders along with the District’s technology team.

CLOSED MEETING (F): At 7:05 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 Library at the Ferron Elementary School, February 2nd, 2022, beginning at 7:10 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance.

A motion from Marie Johnson to return to Open meeting was made with Todd Huntington following with a second. All approved. Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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.

Tracey Johnson