

MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2022

**REGULAR SESSION:**

The March 2, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Huntington Elementary, 70 East 100 North, Huntington, UT, was called to order at 6:30 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.** The following board members were assigned to the negotiation committees:  
Certified: Todd Huntington and Marie Johnson  
Classified: Royd Hatt and Kenzi Guymon

**A2.** Legislative priorities discussion was led by Ryan Maughan and reviewed the possible legislative changes from this year’s session.

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**C1:** Trent Huntsman 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. At Emery High, they are installing the net in the fieldhouse right now which is a big milestone for the project. The painting is finished on the inside portion in the fieldhouse. Tile is completed in all restrooms and team rooms. Floors are to be polished and sealed next week. Inside turf will begin to be installed next week, also. Weather has delayed concrete, so the ball fields are targeted to be finished on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ferron’s structural masonry is 98% finished. Decking will be complete by March 8<sup>th</sup> allowing the roofing to be done on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**C2:** The school fees policy was presented with one minor change to the high school spend plan. This review is the second time for public to comment. No comment from audience was received.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

- Lisa McArthur                      Preschool Aide                              Cottonwood
- Autumn Huntsman                Speech/Hearing Aide                      District
- Ashley Mills                        Speech/Hearing Aide                      District
- Brayci Sitterud                    Aide to SpEd Teacher                    Cleveland
- Cole Hunt                            Golf Coach                                 Green River High
- Autumn Behling                    Secretary                                    San Rafael
- Brooke Green                       Secretary                                    Canyon View
- Breezie McElprang                Secretary                                    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:** Policy JQB School Fees as presented in the February and March presentation portions was motioned to be approved by Royd Hatt with a second from Todd Huntington. All approved.

**D4:** The furniture bid for Ferron and Bookcliff Elementaries was awarded to Edutek Corp. Even though Edutek is under Utah State Contract for School furniture, a competitive bid was received and awarded to them to furnish the new portions at Bookcliff and the new building at Ferron. Motion to approve the award was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon with all in agreement.

**D5:** The Framework for the TSSA FY23 funding was explained by Supt Maughan. The portion of STEAM was added to allow principals to possibly fund that program if needed. Motion to pass the TSSA framework for FY23 was made by Kenzi Guymon with the understanding that it would be reviewed in November when testing data will be available. The motion was seconded by Todd Huntington and all approved.

#### REPORTS:

**E1:** The Principal Report was given by Jody Carter. The first concern is attendance – not just covid reasons but other health reasons. With federal ESSER funding, HE was able to extend 3-hour positions to the afternoon allowing catch-up time to help students after absents. This has been a great help. With the Progress Monitoring in the master schedule, it allows monitoring time with aides for reading and math to use data to find the gaps of learning. Intervention meetings are scheduled every 6 weeks to meet with resource teachers and review at-risk students. One of the most positive things that are happening at HE is the music/art time helping teachers with scheduled planning time. It's the students' favorite time of the week. The Community Council is hoping to provide a PE specialist next year. With the donations from JN Auto and the Wilson family, funds were split up between teachers to use on their specific curriculum materials. To incentivize students with their reading goals, HE has devised its own reading program using steps to reward students.

JR Jones, elementary supervisor, took the opportunity to recognize Ms. Carter as administrator at the building. She is devoted to her school, staff and students. With the few years as a principal, she's been able to get her faculty on point with the same goals. She does a fabulous job with a large school and many things to facilitate.

**F2:** The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, thanked Kevin Hurst from USUE for attending the meeting. As an item of notice, March 14<sup>th</sup> is a District Professional Development day and is loaded with many presenters; he welcomed the board to attend. The District also shares sympathies with the families of Vicki Nielsen and LaRae Majors with their recent passing away. Many children have benefited from them in our communities.

**F3:** Jackie Allred gave the Business Report stating that Moody's gave the district a complimentary A1 rating. This is the same rating as last year with the previous bond issuance. The strengths were items that the district can control, such as budget and staffing. The weaknesses were based on the county economy primarily with coal. The bonds will be sold on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The pre-bid walk through for the EHS building bid is also March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**F4:** Committee reports: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (E):** Kevin Hurst, Director of Students, from Utah State University Eastern addressed the board with appreciation for the conversations to date that better align goals with both the university and district. The University is focused on integral pieces and committed to be an invaluable partner to the district.

**CLOSED MEETING (F):** At 7:40 pm., a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon 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 Room #22 at the Huntington Elementary School, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, beginning at 8:10 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 8:45 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