

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2022

REGULAR SESSION:

The November 2, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Green River High School, 745 West Pirate Ave, Green River, 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.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:30 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Todd Huntington to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. 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 Green River High School, November 2, 2022, beginning at 6:30 pm. All Board members were in attendance for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance along with the following: Commissioners Kent Wilson and Lynn Sitterrud, County Attorney Mike Olsen. Mike Olsen made a special appearance representing the school district as legal counsel.

A motion from Kenzi Guymon to return to Open meeting was made with Royd Hatt following with a second. The motion passed unanimously and returned to open meeting at 7:20 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 pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Tracey Johnson

REGULAR SESSION:

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 the monthly update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High construction projects. EHS Phase 2 (building): Most of area A which is the shop areas has the concrete slabs poured. Area B is the office/counseling/cafeteria area. There have been sewer and storm drain issues found in this area and those have since been worked through with engineers. Area C consists of the auxiliary gym and weight room which is also starting to have slabs poured. Because of unknown roof drains from the Spartan Center, this area has been in review. The

permanent storm drain lines have now been installed. The west parking lot has now been paved and striped and open for use tomorrow. Steel and masonry supplies have started to arrive. The honed masonry is still being produced at the factory, so the traditional gray will start first. Based on the health of the current superintendent, there will be a replacement sent from Westland while that issue is pending.

Ferron Elementary: There is only one big item left on the milestones which is the playgrounds. Those are expected to be available in December.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Marie Johnson for the a) October warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the October 5th meeting was made and seconded by Royd Hatt with all approving.

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

- Krysta Whitmore, Preschool Assistant Cottonwood
- Jane Heiniger Custodian Part-time Canyon View
- Chase Julian Baseball Head Coach Emery High
- Kacey Edgehouse Girls Golf Head Coach Emery High
- Travis Olsen Tennis Head Coach Emery High
- Ethan Migliori Tennis Asst Coach Emery High
- Brittany Julian Secretary Emery High

Kenzi Guymon 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: James Gilbert, external auditor from Gilbert and Stewart, reported to the school board as by law for the FY22 audit that was completed this month. An external auditor is required by state law and also the Utah State Auditor’s office to comply with many government accounting rules. The federal single audit requires a deeper audit into federal programs over \$750,000. State compliance requires certain items to be reviewed and requirements rotate from year to year. The district received the highest opinion on all audit requirements. Emery School District submitted the FY21 financials to be reviewed by both GFOA and ASBO and has received the excellence awards from both organizations for the fourteenth year in a row.

The acceptance for the FY22 ACFR report was motioned by Royd Hatt with a second from Marie Johnson. All approved.

D4: Tracy Rowley, Transportation Director, presented the quotes received for new school buses. This request is earlier than usual with the year-long delivery estimates. Marie Johnson motioned to table this item pending the decision made with school realignment. Todd Huntington seconded with all approved. After the voting of action item D6 had taken place, Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of one bus this year based on the purchase of three buses last year. Royd Hatt seconded with all in agreement.

D5: The Emery High automotive competition team has been invited again to participate in the competition held in New Mexico. Chandler Peacock, advisor, presented to the board in October with the information and itinerary. An official motion to approve was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt. A confirmation vote for all.

D6: The realignment discussion for declining enrollment was continued from the previous months and town hall meetings. This potentially could move students into K-2 and 3-5 schools rather than the current K-5 for four elementaries. A potential cohort with many other districts in the state to review grade alignment is being started. Todd Huntington made a motion to remain with the current alignment for this year and use another year for further review with the cohort and district data for next year's October 1 count. Along with this, the current ratio staffing would need to be suspended to fit with current enrollment and funding received. Kenzi Guymon made a second with all voting in favor.

REPORTS:

E1: Principal, Kayce Fluckey, reported on the status for Green River High. The theme this year for the Pirates is "Cruising into 2022". Kayce introduced several students from the newly chartered FFA club. Most of the student council is also in the FFA club who presented to the board and in many other activities at the school. The students who presented were Jo Vollmer, President; Abby Erwin, Historian; and Ryker Meadows, Treasurer. The designated farm ground was cleared from shrubbery and students have been welding H braces for the fences. They are currently waiting for the ground to dry out from the recent rains to install the braces. With last year as the first year with an FFA Chapter, they were able to attend state competitions along with four other meets judging livestock, sheep and horses. They are working on several fundraisers for additional projects. Kayce expressed gratitude for the support from the board and her staff for covering all the duties of a high school.

E2: The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, stated that earlier in the closed session Mike Olsen represented the district for the purpose of pending or reasonably imminent litigation for this meeting.

Multiple winners for Fall Academic All-state this quarter are:

- Emily Roundy, Cross Country
- Carter Huntington, Golf
- Danika Farley, Tennis
- Aubrey Guymon, Volleyball
- Brielle Rowley, Volleyball
- Haidyn Roper, Volleyball
- Tylee Perkins, Volleyball
- Alexia Mortensen, Soccer
- Ashlyn Durant, Soccer
- Makaila Peacock, Soccer

E3: For the Business report: A comprehensive CTE audit was just completed with minimal suggestions and many compliments to the number of offerings for Emery's size of student enrollment. The financial criteria for CTE Add-on funds and Perkins had no findings.

E4: Committee reports: A schedule with dates will be sent to the board to work with the Superintendent and Business Administrator to contact legislators regarding the possible state funding for rural school districts who have capital needs. Community council meetings are continuing. The CTE committee has been scheduled. Assignments for board members on other committees will wait until January when elections are final.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): Suzette Roberts asked the board about the staffing at the schools based on the decision to remain as aligned. Supt Maughan replied that there will be minimal change based on enrollment at this particular school because the school applies their LandTrust and TSSA funding to staffing.

CLOSED MEETING (G): At 8:35 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon 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

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A motion from Marie Johnson to return to Open meeting was made with Royd Hatt following with a second. All approved. Marie Johnson motioned and was seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 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