

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

REGULAR SESSION:

The September 7, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the San Rafael Middle School, 390 West 500 South, Ferron, 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. Thomas Peters, counsel for Emery County, presented information on the Pacificorp Assessed Value appeal for years 2016-2021. Pacificorp’s holdings are 40% in Utah out of the 8 western states. That amount also gets apportioned to 28 counties throughout Utah with Pacificorp holdings. Emery County has roughly 23% of Pacificorp’s Utah value which equates to 1.5 Billion. The judgment for Utah is roughly \$25 million with Emery County’s portion about \$5.4 million. Of that, the school district will be held accountable for about \$2.7 Million. This is still in final litigation with an expected refund date of December 2023.

A2. Discussion for a construction manager was presented by Kerry Lake, Maintenance Supervisor. The Maintenance department is proposing to use their skills and certification to review building construction progress.

A3. Supt Maughan reviewed with the board what they would like to present at the Town Hall meetings scheduled for next week regarding declining enrollment.

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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 the monthly update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High construction projects. Phase 1 of EHS (fields): Work being completed is finalizing the punch list created from KMA architects. Phase 2 (building): Underground infrastructure is nearing completion in a portion of the north parking lot and asphalt is expected by the end of September to alleviate parking issues. Footers and stem walls are continuing about the perimeter of Phase 2 area with addition of interior footers. Deep electrical and plumbing will continue for several months. Ferron Elementary: The public opening was held this evening prior to board meeting. Workers are finalizing the architect’s punch list which includes audio visual, sound, landscaping sod and rock. Students are using full function of the school except the fenced playground areas which are waiting for delivery of the large playground units.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Todd Huntington for the a) August warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the August 10th, August 24th, and August 29th meetings was made and seconded by Marie Johnson with all approving.

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

- Destri Gray Elementary Counselor Huntington
- Tami Rowley Sp/Ed Aide Canyon View Middle
- Beth Lyons Preschool Lead Cleveland
- Samantha Weihing, Preschool Lead Huntington
- Kylee Prince Preschool Asst Cottonwood
- Jordan Prows Preschool Aide Ferron
- Angelique Cordingley Kindergarten Aide Bookcliff
- Brittany Hunsberger SpEd / Speech Aide Bookcliff
- Mackell Cowley SpEd/ LandTrust Aide Cleveland
- Misty Stilson Custodian Part-Time Cottonwood
- Shyler Griffin Title One / Library Huntington
- Amanda Lake SpEd Aide Cottonwood
- Erin Payne Choral Accompanist San Rafael Middle
- Abigail Mack TSSA Reading Aide Huntington
- Lisa McArthur School Foods worker Emery High
- Andrea Fox K-3 Classroom Aide Ferron

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: Yvonne Jensen, District Supervisor, presented the information on Emery’s LEA Specific Licenses. The list includes names of teachers that were hired without a current teaching license, but have been approved by the USBE and are on a plan to achieve their licenses. A motion to approve these individuals and their plans was made by Marie Johnson with a second from Royd Hatt. All voted to approve.

REPORTS:

E1: Principal, Jarett Gilbert, reported on the status for San Rafael Middle School. The BARK program is still in place and teaching students about what it means to have respect and kindness each day. Bravery, Achievement, Resilience, and Knowledge. There are many activities initiated to incentivize student growth. The robotics program has been funded by Landtrust monies and a new art teacher, Angela Huntington, has joined the San Rafael staff. Their motto this year is: Be Better – which also means Better Readers. The greatest success for their students has stemmed from their learning strategies class which helps students to practice reading daily out loud. The after-school homework help has also been successful in helping students catch up on their learning. “We want students to feel safe, wanted, and appreciated.”

E2: Ryan Maughan, Superintendent, recognized the school year is now fully functioning with Kindergarten starting a week ago and preschool students starting classes today.

E3: For the Business report: Kerry Lake, Maintenance Supervisor, gave the board an update on the capital outlay projects that were completed this summer. Megan Durrant created a video showing the projects that have been completed district-wide.

E4: Committee reports: None reported.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): No comments.

CLOSED MEETING (G): No items were held for closed session.

Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.