

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2022

REGULAR SESSION:

The August 10, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Castle Dale Elementary, 195 East 600 North, Castle Dale, UT, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Royd Hatt, and Todd Huntington were also present. Kenzi Guymon was absent for regular session. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance.

WORK SESSION:

A1. A discussion regarding Declining enrollment was held looking at the different options previously discussed. It was decided to continue with the town meetings scheduled in September.

A2. Kayce Fluckey, Green River High Principal, presented information to increase the cheer stipend which reflects a higher demand in time with the UHSAA newly sanctioned sport.

Other items: Beverly Taylor Sorensen Art Program has been approved by USBE for art classes. Covid Leave policy that allows employees to use 3 days without being charged to accrued leave will continue.

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. Phase 1 of EHS (fields): the tennis courts are now finished, small parking lot and hydroseeding in detention pond is also finished. Phase 2 (building): work has continued with site utilities on exterior, storm drain, electrical, under slab for CTE area, and Kitchen/commons area. Currently, the project is on schedule and still moving ahead with concrete. Structural fill is being brought in for the West parking lot – scheduled for partial completion first or second week of September. Deep plumbing and electrical will continue and scheduled to be finished at the end of the month. Fire loop to be finished for fiber connectivity which blends into Phase 1 is almost complete. Ferron Elementary: Workers are pouring the last of landscape concrete, the parking lot and playground is now paved and striped. Vestibule and gymnasium floor now in except the hardwood floor finishing. Painter is touching up and teachers have been allowed in the building to set up classrooms. Conditional occupancy was granted on Monday. Landscaping sod will come on August 20th. Grand opening is scheduled for the 22nd with school starting on the 23rd.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Royd Hatt for the a) July warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the July 13th meeting was made and seconded by Marie Johnson with all approving.

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

- Mandi Potter Library Assistant Canyon View
- Kaitlynn Lake LandTrust Aide Huntington
- Heather Moulton Kindergarten Aide Castle Dale
- Tricia Erickson LandTrust / TSSA Aide Castle Dale
- Jodi Larsen LT / Title / TSSA Aide Ferron

- Yory Allred Volleyball Asst Coach Emery High
- Antonio Herrera Music Teacher 25% Green River High
- Tammy Payne ARTS Teacher Huntington/CD/BCE
- Angela Huntington ARTS Teacher Ferron
- Lysie Pentico ARTS teacher CV / Cleveland

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

D3: The Early Learning Plan was presented by JR Jones. The district is currently using Wonders as the base software and looking to update the language arts program to adopt for next year. Preschool is also in the process to get a new curriculum this year. Lexia software is now focused on K-3 for Early Literacy. Goals #1 is to increase the Literacy percentage Kindergarten at or above benchmark. Goal #2 is to reduce the percent of second grade below benchmark. Goal #3 for is to reduce the math percentage of second graders below benchmark which will be measured by Acadience scores from the first of year to the end of year. Marie Johnson moved to approve and Todd Huntington seconded. All agreed.

D4: The Policy *DI Fiscal Accounting and Reporting* was presented with additional language that is now required with the new State Audit Compliance Guide. Royd Hatt presented the motion with a second from Todd Huntington and all approving.

D5: The Policy GBKA – *Fraud, Waste, Abuse Hotline Policy* was introduced as a new policy also required with the new State Audit Compliance Guide. Royd Hatt motioned to approve. Todd Huntington Seconded. Remaining board members passed policy unanimously.

D6: The Policy IJL – *Library Materials Selection and Adoption* was also introduced as a new policy required by USBE. This sets the procedure for selection of library materials along with appeal process. A committee is required to address the process. Marie Johnson motioned to approve with a second from Royd Hatt. All voted aye.

REPORTS:

E1: Principal, Melinda Durrant, reported on the status for Castle Dale Elementary. Some staffing changes occurred for this new school year. Instructional coaches were a great benefit last year and they plan to work with the new building-based coaches this year. Two teachers have completed their LETRS (literacy) training. All teachers have appreciated this training although it has required an investment of time. The school theme this year is “Shine Your Way” allowing students to be the amazing individuals they are. School will focus on one word a week and acknowledge examples. The Back-to-School night will continue which allows parents to communicate with their student’s class teacher and discuss curriculum. The staff will continue to work with students struggling with phonic skills using their applied reading program. School counselors are using the ‘ruler’ training to help students with social-emotional skills.

E2: The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, acknowledged the effort given by everyone to get the school year ready to begin. He recognized the fatigue caused but is masked by the excitement.

E3: For the Business report: Kerry Lake, Maintenance Supervisor, gave the board the annual Asbestos report indicating that there is a management plan in each school and buildings. We have great employees with the responsibility to inspect all schools regularly and taking samples when projects are being done if samples are older than three years. Even new schools with certified non-asbestos still require a management plan.

E4: Committee reports: The strategic planning committee met on July 18th with discussion only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): A presentation was given by Tracey Johnson on the timeline of the decisions for the bond-funded capital projects. Following was a financial presentation given by Jackie Allred on the judgment levy and capital levy. The history of the capital and bond levies was given with construction dates of all district buildings to explain the age and larger maintenance costs. The rate for the capital levy is specifically set to allow the district to apply for one-time state capital funding that was offered this year to rural counties, but we currently do not qualify for because of the current rate. The intent is to use the increased capital funding for three years for current projects and then fund the many improvements needed for the other district buildings.

CLOSED MEETING (G): At 8:50 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Todd Huntington 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 Absent
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Todd Huntington Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at the Castle Dale Elementary, August 10, 2022, beginning at 9:10 pm. All Board members were in attendance for the closed meeting with Kenzi Guymon attending virtually. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance along with supervisors: Yvonne Jensen, Doug Johnson, JR Jones, and Doug Mecham.

A motion from Marie Johnson to return to Open meeting was made with Royd Hatt following with a second. All approved. Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Todd Huntington to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 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