

School Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 1998
Emery High School, Castle Dale, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Royd Hatt, Roger Swenson, Laurel Johansen and Sharman Seamons. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator. Marilyn Shields the state school board representative from Region 3 was also in attendance.

It was moved by Roger Swenson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that the consent items including the warrants and minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Employee of the month awards were presented to Toshiko Gregerson, classified employee of the month, and Jimmie Jones teacher of the month. The Board thanked them for the excellent work they are doing and for all the help they are giving to kids at Emery High.

Superintendent Sitterud explained to the Board about the new statewide Schools for the 21st Century program. Schools are to submit applications to the Board by May 25th. Thirty schools statewide will be selected this year. Successful applicants will receive grant monies which will be administered by the school's board of directors.

The Superintendent recommended that Todd Burke and Brian Dawes be approved as cheerleader advisors at Emery High for the next school year. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reminded the Board that Governor Leavitt will be visiting Ferron Elementary on May 14th in recognition of the National Blue Ribbon School award. He will set aside a few minutes in the afternoon to meet with the Board, school administrators and teachers.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the Emery School District had been awarded a Technology Literacy Challenge Grant to be used for technology professional development in the amount of \$54,965.

Utah Education Law Institute Day is May 15th at Brigham Young University. Anyone interested in attending should let the Superintendent know.

The Superintendent advised the Board that the State had formed an Interim Study Committee which is looking at the possibility of eliminating all non-refundable textbook fees and asking the legislature for a line item appropriation to replace the lost funds.

Brent Arnold, Principal at Emery High, reported on this years activities. The FFA Ag. Issues team won the National Championship at the National Convention. The math team finished third at Snow College among 2A and 3A schools with Daniel Dorsch finishing 2nd in the individual placements. Emery High hosted the Region Large Group Music Festival where the band and

chorus qualified for the State Music Festival. Emery High hosted the State 3A Music and Drama Meet on April 17th and 18th. Twenty schools attended. Emery finished 9th overall. Amanda Huntsman placed 1st in humorous reading and Nora Israelson placed 1st in dramatic interpretation.

Fifty one students are registered to take 93 Advanced Placement Tests in May. There are currently 206 students receiving concurrent enrollment with CEU in Advanced Placement and Honors classes. The Technology Student Association, under the direction of Mr. Keele took a group to the State TSA Conference in March where Emery High finished 1st in the state. Ten of the students qualified for the National Convention.

The Southeastern Utah Sterling Scholar competition was held in March with Kyle Day winning in General Scholarship. Runners-up were Jake Hinkins in science, Lizzette Oman in technology, and Gessica Stevenson in foreign language.

Teacher Duane Merrell has been selected to receive the Governor's Medal for Science. The award will be presented on May 27th at the Governor's Mansion.

Emery Jones received the UHSAA award for chemical work in the State.

Emery High won Region Championships in volleyball, football, girl's basketball and boy's basketball. Emery High also finished 2nd in the State in volleyball and boy's basketball. Emery high students were also recognized in the following areas: Adrienne Bradley, 3A MVP in volleyball; Brock Fox and Benny Grimm, All-State in football; Adrienne Bradley, All-State in basketball; Matt Nelson and Clint Pitchforth, All-State in basketball; Lyndsey Johansen, Academic All-State in volleyball and softball; Tara Allred, Academic All-State in softball; Jake Hinkins, Academic All-State in wrestling; Andrea Larsen has the best throw in the discus and in the shot put for the entire state and Daymon Visser has the best time in the state in the 110 meter hurdles.

Rick Frost, teacher and coach at San Rafael Jr. High School expressed concern to the Board about the lack of conditioning of the football players and the resulting number of injuries. He would like to have the practice time increased by one-half hour each day. This would require the activity bus to run later. The Board decided to consider the request, taking into consideration all students who ride the activity bus and the effect it has on the bussing schedule.

Larry Davis, tennis coach at Emery High reported on the success of the tennis team over the past four years. The first year there were seven girls on the team. The second year there were twelve girls, and the third year there were fifteen. In the third year, they were successful in capturing 2nd place in their region. Last summer there were twenty-five girls that participated in a summer recreation league. Larry expressed concern over the lack of adequate facilities. It takes five courts to run matches. In the past visiting teams have had to travel from Clawson, to Orangeville, to Emery High to have matches. Most of the teams who have come to Emery for matches will not return because of the limited facilities and the extra travel involved. Ross reported that Southwest Recreational Industries had quoted construction costs of \$138,000 for

four courts and \$192,000 for six courts. Larry said he had talked with the coach of North Sanpete, John Erickson, who had been able to construct courts for about \$18,000 per court. It was the consensus of the Board that further research into the matter was needed before a decision could be made.

Gayleen Conder from the Ferron Elementary PTA was welcomed to the meeting. She said they are in the process of raising funds for playground equipment. The new equipment will replace some of the home made equipment which does not have product liability. They have about \$2500 now and hope to raise an additional \$7500. They are asking that the District match their money because the cost of playground equipment is very expensive. Ross said the state had awarded the District \$3500 for each of the elementary schools for playground equipment replacement. The Board will study the matter further, noting that consideration needs to be given to all the elementary schools playground equipment needs.

Merlin Weber, Principal of San Rafael Jr. High School was welcomed to the meeting to discuss renovation at his school. The majority of the staff would like to remove lockers from the school.

The price quoted to repair the existing lockers is \$8,155. Replacing them would cost \$36,000. Replacement of carpet in the halls with stain proof carpet would cost \$30,842, 26 oz. carpet would cost \$24,375 and ceramic tile would cost \$54,657. Carpeting the ramps and the commons area would cost an additional \$6375. Removal of carpet will cost about \$4500 and removal of tile in the restrooms will cost an additional \$4500. Motion by Roger Swenson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to replace the floor coverings with ceramic tile pending a favorable asbestos review report from the district maintenance department and to delay other items on the proposed renovation list for further review. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel issues. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening from executive session it was moved by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.