

School Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 5, 1998
District Office, Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present were Royd Hatt, Roger Swenson, Marie Johnson, Laurel Johansen and Sharman Seamons. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

It was moved by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that the consent items, including the warrants and the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Jamie Jensen, representing the PTO of Cleveland was welcomed to the meeting. Jamie expressed support for the decision of the Board to hire an additional third grade teacher for Cleveland Elementary.

Sarah Cook was welcomed to the meeting. Sarah presented information to the Board about the "It's An Up Thing To Read" program, sponsored by Seven-Up and the Utah Education Association. The program is designed to provide children rewards for working to become better readers. The Board thanked Sarah for her efforts in helping implement the program and expressed their support.

Jeneane Warren, Food Services Director, presented the Board with three bids for booths and tables to be purchased for the lunch room at Emery High School. A1 Booth had two bids; one for \$46,377 and a second bid for \$40,596. Edutech had a bid of \$31,000. The Board directed Jeneane to review the bids with the Business Administrator and prepare a list of the needed furniture. They will decide on a budget amount after the review is completed. Jeneane requested the Board waive all reduced meals so that their be only free or paid meals. Other Districts in the State have increased participation a great deal by eliminating the reduced meal pricing. The Board directed Jeneane to meet with the Business Administrator and prepare a financial analysis and then report to them as soon as possible so that a decision could be made before school starts.

After careful consideration, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to officially name the new building at Emery High School "Spartan Center". Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following staff changes to the Board for approval: Alison Burdick, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Green River High School (GRHS); Daryll Littlefield, In-School-Suspension Coordinator, Emery High School (EHS); Tom Hansen, Tennis Coach, EHS; Mark Hansen, Assistant Wrestling Coach, EHS; Darrell Gardner, Cross Country Coach, EHS; Lisa Bowden, Assistant Cross Country Coach, EHS and Art Hughes, Girls Basketball Coach, GRHS. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the list as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended to the Board that they approve the hiring of one additional third grade teacher at Cleveland Elementary for one year only. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reported to the Board that nearly 100 employees of the District had just completed Stephen Covey training “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People”. The Superintendent reported that the 5 year Strategic Plan is nearly complete and a draft copy will soon be available. He also reported on the three year playground equipment upgrade program. After State inspection of the playgrounds, we will have three years to bring them into compliance with Consumer Product Safety Commission standards.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Utah State University, College of Eastern Utah and the Emery County School District on the use of “Spartan Center” and to authorize the Superintendent to sign the document. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reported that 28 schools statewide had just been approved as “21st Century Schools” and that three of the schools were from the Emery district. Ferron Elementary, Castle Dale Elementary, and San Rafael Junior High Schools were all approved for first year status. The Board expressed appreciation to the principals for their efforts in preparing the applications.

A letter from the Utah State Office of Education to Kirk Johansen was presented to the Board for informational purposes. The letter was congratulating the Emery High FFA Chapter for winning the Agriculture Issues Career Development Event. The Board extended their congratulations to the FFA for winning the event for the second straight year. They also expressed their appreciation to Mr. Johansen for all the help he gives kids.

Superintendent Sitterud reported that the Emery district had recently been notified of three separate grant approvals: Carl Perkins and State Set Aside Applied Technology, \$54,492; Classified Employee Productivity, \$4950; and Character Education Phase II, \$8,500.

Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the class size reduction plans for Canyon View Jr. High School and San Rafael Jr. High Schools as presented by the Superintendent. Motion passed unanimously.

A brief report on construction progress of “Spartan Center” and other projects was presented by the Business Administrator.

Motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Sharman Seamons to adjourn to executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

