

School Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 7, 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 Sharman Seamons that the consent items including the warrants and the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry Rowley, Principal at Green River High School (GRHS) was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Rowley requested the District provide financial assistance to GRHS to help pay for last years yearbook. Because of the small number of students, yearbook sales are insufficient to generate enough revenue to cover expenses. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to reimburse GRHS \$687.21. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rowley also requested District support for the GRHS track program. They would like to purchase additional equipment to help build the program. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve equipment purchases, as presented, up to a maximum of \$8,650.

The Emery High School Improvement Committee, represented by Brent Arnold, Principal, Kelly Alton, Vice Principal, Adele Huntington and Neal Peacock were welcomed to the meeting. Neal Peacock, spokesperson for the committee, presented the Board a list of five recommendations approved by the 24 teachers who had attended the last committee meeting. The five recommendations are:

1. Parents must excuse absences prior to the absence.
2. Parents cannot excuse tardies. (Each student has three tardies per class per term now.)
3. A minimum GPA be required for high school students to enroll in Ed Net classes and the student be required to pay tuition up front which would be reimbursed if the student passed the class.
4. All seniors and parents be required to sign a contract at the beginning of the school year concerning attendance at graduation practice and successful completion of credits for graduation.
5. The District set a limit on the number of days a parent can excuse a student. (Covered in truancy policy)

Motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve items 1,2,4, and 5 and to further study item 3. Motion passes unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the In-School- Suspension Program at San Rafael Jr High School be approved for the next school year and that Tiffany McCourt be hired at the certified

substitute pay rate to fill the position with the funding to come from the class size reduction money for grades 7 & 8. Motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The superintendent recommended the Board approve Huntington City's request for District participation in the new sprinkler system at the ball field, noting that it constitutes the biggest part of the playground at Huntington Elementary. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the District pay for the labor portion of the installation, \$4,500. Motion passed unanimously.

Ralph Ison, Transportation Director for the District, presented the Board with his annual report. The Board thanked Mr. Ison for the excellent report, for the work he is doing and for all the help he and his staff provide to kids.

Ross Huntington presented the Board with a check from Pepsi-Cola for \$1,500 to be used towards the purchase of a score clock in the new gym. Pepsi has pledged an additional \$1,700 for next year, which would complete the purchase of one of the clocks. The Board thanked Pepsi for their generous contribution.

The Superintendent recommended the following staff be hired:

Layne Justice - Head Custodian at San Rafael Jr. High School

Eric Williams - Temporary/part-time warehouseman

Jackie Behling - Temporary/part-time trainee for Accounts Payable

John Van Wagoner - Chorus/Math teacher at Canyon View Jr. High School

Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to accept these recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Elrain Thompson, lunch worker at Emery High School; the transfer of Christy Bingham, teacher, from Cleveland Elementary to Huntington Elementary; the application for family medical leave of Shellee Allred, accounts payable clerk; and the contract extension of Jerry Mangum, Maintenance, to March 31, 1999. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. J. J. Grant, Secondary Supervisor, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Grant presented the Board with information about the construction and cost of tennis courts. After considering the information, it was the consensus of the Board to study the matter further and to seek a parent who would serve as an advocate for the project.

The Board considered all the names for the new gym that had been entered in the contest. It was the consensus of the Board to take additional time to study the matter.

Motion by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to adjourn to executive session to

discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening from executive session, it was moved by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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