

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 1999
Canyon View Jr. High School

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

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Gwen Callahan, Principal at Canyon View Jr. High School was welcomed to the meeting. She reported on the successful activities and accomplishments of the students. The school is using the pride attained by success in athletics to spill over into academics and citizenship. The number of students on citizenship probation is at an all time low. Students are participating in three major service learning projects which is helping them to catch the vision of serving and is having a very positive effect on their behavior. Each academic department has made a concentrated effort to address areas of weakness and make recommendations for improvement. As a result, the eighth graders have made impressive gains in test scores. The Board thanked Mrs. Callahan and her staff for their efforts and for the all they do to help kids.

The Superintendent recommended that Todd Burke and Irene Allred be approved to serve on the district insurance committee. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended that Randy Winn, Irene Allred and Ross Huntington be approved to serve on the insurance sub-advisory committee to the Utah School Boards Association Insurance Pool. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Kerry Lake, President of the Classified Employees Association was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Lake presented information comparing personal leave benefits with other districts. He also presented salary information, comparing local rates to statewide averages. The Board thanked Mr. Lake for the information and told him they would take the request for an additional personal leave day for classified employees under consideration.

Jon Crawford, Director of Student Services was welcomed to the meeting for his presentation on the results of this Fall's Stanford Achievement Test and last Spring's Core Curriculum Test. SAT results show that students in grades 5,8, and 11 scored at the same level as last year on some subtests while scoring slightly lower on others. Off level testing of grades 4,7,9, and 10 showed the district above the national norm in most areas of the test. CORE test results show our elementary school students scoring above the state average at all grade levels.

Following discussion, a motion by Marie Johnson, a second by Royd Hatt and unanimous vote of the Board, the following meeting schedule for the year 2000 was adopted:

January 11	Cottonwood Elementary	7:00 p.m.
February 2	Huntington Elementary	7:00 p.m.
March 1	Cleveland Elementary	7:00 p.m.
April 5	Castle Valley Center	1:00 p.m.

May 3	Emery High School	7:00 p.m.
May 24	Green River High	5:00 p.m.
June 21	District Office	7:00 p.m.
July 11	District Office	7:00 p.m.
August 9	District Office	7:00 p.m.
September 6	San Rafael Jr High	7:00 p.m.
October 4	Ferron Elementary	7:00 p.m.
November 1	Book Cliff Elementary	5:00 p.m.
November 15	Castle Dale Elementary	7:00 p.m.
December 6	Canyon View Jr High	7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that Jacki Behling's request for transfer from the district office to the secretary position at Huntington Elementary be approved. He also recommended that Duane Merrell be approved as the Assistant Softball Coach at Emery High and that Andrea Larsen be approved as the Assistant Girl's Track Coach at Emery High. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion and the recommendation of Superintendent Sitterud a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to authorize the superintendent to sign a business partnership contract with KSL, NXTV and the Steve Young Forever Young Foundation. The agreement provides for rebates to schools for purchases made over the internet. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent presented information to the Board about Governor Leavitt's budget proposal and the USBA annual conference in Salt Lake City on January 14th and 15th.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Business Administrator, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve playground equipment purchases for each of the elementary schools and directed the Business Administrator to move forward with the bidding process. Motion passed unanimously.

Following lengthy debate, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to allow eighth graders to accompany ninth graders as they travel with high school teams, provided they are on an athletic varsity team or are an active participant in any other activity, with a maximum limit of three times per activity per school year. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel issues. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session, the board took no action with regard to the Classified Employee Association's request for an additional day of personal leave.

San Rafael Jr. High School's request for remodeling of a classroom to house their counseling center and in-school suspension program was discussed. The project was not approved and died to the lack of a motion.

A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.