

School Board meeting  
Wednesday, February 3, 1999  
Huntington Elementary School

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

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

Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Baltzer presented a report on activities and programs at his school. He believes they are having great success with the CLIP Reading Program and the Peer Tutoring Reading Program. He requested that the Board consider replacing the lights in the gymnasium, installing swamp coolers, carpeting some classrooms and addressing the roof drainage problem on the north side of the building. The Board thanked Mr. Baltzer for the excellent job he and his staff are doing at Huntington Elementary.

Geniel Huntington, Principal at Castle Dale Elementary School reported to the Board on the progress the elementary principals have made with the Playground Equipment Project. They have obtained quotes on several structures and from two suppliers. In order to provide equipment to serve the needs of the children additional funding will be necessary. The principals have approached the County Commissioners who were not able to provide financial assistance. The Commissioners then approached the various Mayors from across the County at a Council of Governments meeting for funding and they too are unable to provide financial assistance. The Board thanked Mrs. Huntington and the other elementary principals for their efforts and indicated that they will study their financial situation and look at possible sources of funding for the project.

Karla Gunderson, Huntington Elementary PTA President, spoke to the Board about her concern for a safe loading and unloading zone for the kids. She suggested that an area east of the school be designated, signed, and painted to accommodate both bus loading/unloading and automobile loading/unloading. It was recommended that this be reviewed with Ralph Ison, Director of Transportation and Huntington City. The Board thanked Mrs. Gunderson for all the work she does to help kids at her school.

Ross Huntington reported to the Board on Huntington City's request for School District participation in a road project near Canyon View Jr. High School. They are concerned about the safety of the children on the streets in that area and would like to provide an additional roadway to and from the school. No action was taken on the matter as it will require further study.

A discussion was held with regard to an error made in the fee schedule exhibit (JN-E) of the policy manual. At the March 13, 1996 board meeting, it was approved by the board that the fee for student or parent initiated changes in class schedules be raised from \$4 to \$10 and that the fee

be assessed any time a request occurred. The fee amount in the policy manual was changed but the wording with reference to a five-day allowance for changes at the beginning of each semester was inadvertently left in the fee schedule. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson that the fee schedule exhibit(JN-E) in the policy manual be corrected to reflect the intent of the Board as passed by unanimous vote in the March 13, 1996 meeting. Motion passed with Board member Sharman Seamons voting nay and all others voting aye.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that the State Superintendent had recently provided the District with \$50,000 to help offset the loss of funding in transportation. Representative Keele Johnson is also working on legislation that would provide funding to help offset the loss.

A motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the following policies: AD, BCA, CBA, GCIA, GDG, GDI, GCJ, GDL, GDN, GDP, and IGAA. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Classified Evaluation and Improvement Program. While formal action is not required of the Board for this document it was the consensus of the Board that the document as presented was excellent.

A letter from William H. Dellos, requesting participation in the District's Early Retirement Program was presented. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and second by Laurel Johansen to approve Mr. Dellos' retirement and allow him to participate in the program. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning the Educator Evaluation Program document. The Board expressed a desire to have a change in the wording about punctuality to refer specifically to the one half hour required of educators before and after regular school hours. Superintendent Sitterud indicated that the program will be used to evaluate teachers next year.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the Three Year District Calendar as presented with the understanding that changes may be made in the future if they are needed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the 1999 Emery High School softball and baseball schedules and the associated travel in excess of 150 miles (one way). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the contract with Utah Power and Light Company to provide power to Lots 1-5 of the Castle Heights Subdivision in Castle Dale. Contract amount is \$6400, all except \$400 of which will be refunded to the District over the next five years as new homes are completed and tied into the power line. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Arnold, Principal of Emery High School presented the Board with a list of committee

recommendations for improving the main building. After discussion on the matter, Mr. Arnold was requested to return to the Board next month with cost estimates. Counselors presented their proposal for renovation of the new Counseling Center. It was the consensus of the Board that they approved of the project in concept but would like cost estimates before proceeding.

Discussion was held concerning the need for additional custodial hours at Spartan Center and the Auditorium. Motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to allow Mr. Arnold to temporarily increase the daily work hours of Mavreen Anderson, by 3 hours, up to a maximum of 8 per day (40 per week), with the authorization to expire at the end of the home court basketball season (approximately three weeks). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation and some 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.