

School Board Meeting  
Wednesday March 3, 1999  
Cleveland Elementary School

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

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

Royd Hatt and Marie Johnson, who were re-elected to the Board were sworn in for a four year term by the Business Administrator.

Dan Wells, Principal at Cleveland Elementary, gave the Board information about the Artist in Residence program at his school. This year the children have been working on puppets. They will present their show to the public on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Wells also reported on the "Brain Gym" training by Sharon Ward. Teachers are using the program to stimulate learning in many areas with great success. The Board thanked Mr. Wells and his staff for all the help they give to kids.

Bill Wright, teacher at Canyon View Jr. High School was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Wright requested permission to alter his hours for the 1999-2000 school year so that he can pursue coaching at Carbon High School. He would like to come to school one hour early rather than one half hour early and stay one half hour late as contractually required. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to deny the request. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Mecham representing the coaches at both Canyon View and San Rafael Jr. High Schools requested permission for an additional out of area trip, each year, for the Jr. High teams. After lengthy discussion on the matter it was moved by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to table the request pending research and clarification of Board policies and a review of transportation costs. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent Arnold, Principal at Emery High School (EHS) was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Arnold presented information on the renovation project at EHS. After discussion on the matter is was moved by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson that the project be approved in concept and that the Business Administrator and Building and Grounds Supervisor begin the bidding process. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Petersen, Principal at Ferron Elementary requested Board permission for Stewart Behling and Wendy Hodson to travel to San Diego, California to accept the Exemplary Reading Program Award to be presented to Ferron Elementary by the International Reading Association sometime in May. Permission was not given at this time. The matter will be revisited when cost information is made available to the Board.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that one quarter credit per season be given for each sport beginning with next school year. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt that the recommendation be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Royd Hatt to allow Orangeville City to survey students from San Rafael Jr. High and Emery High for the City's master plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that the Board approve the revisions to policy GCPA, Reduction in Professional Staff Work Force as sent for review and requested changing the Early Retirement Policy to require application be made by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year rather than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that, in view of the projected 25.1% increase in insurance premiums from Educators Mutual the Board approve the formation of a committee, consisting of three teachers, three classified employees, two from the district office and one Board Member to study the insurance problem and recommend options. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously whereupon Marie Johnson volunteered to serve as the representative from the Board.

Superintendent Sitterud presented a letter from Margo Jones requesting participation in the district's early retirement program. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the use of a couple of buses by District Scout leaders to transport cub scouts to Scofield Reservoir on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that they are required to provide proof of one million dollars in liability coverage and agree to pay the standard per mile charge for fuel.

Superintendent Sitterud reported on recent actions by the legislature. It appears that the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) will be increased by 2.5% for next fiscal year. Overall, the legislature was not very friendly towards education. Many of the funding bills will not be passed.

A School Board Work Meeting was set for Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the district office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss enrollment, staffing, insurance and other challenges facing the district.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn to executive session to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to adjourn. Motion passed.