

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 17, 1999
Castle Dale Elementary

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Roger Swenson, Marie Johnson, Royd Hatt and Sharman Seamons. Also present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

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

Geniel Huntington, Principal at Castle Dale Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs. Huntington told the Board about this years school motto, " Learning Something New Each Day". Through the newsletter parents are asked to inquire of their children what they learned new each day. Parents are encouraged through this and other means to be more involved in their child's education. Mid term reports on student progress are sent home to every parent. New this year, is the formation of the Apple Club (Active Parents Participating in Learning Experiences) which also encourages parental involvement in the education of their child. Mrs. Huntington presented board members with copies of the newly created student handbook. Laurel Johansen, Board President, complimented Mrs. Huntington for her highly organized school and for the effort she and her staff and Board of Directors have put forth to involve parents.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that in the upcoming meeting with legislators, we would be focusing on four topics for discussion; the weighted pupil unit, necessarily existent small schools, standards and accountability, and the possibility of a local applied technology center.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the retirement request of Rose Ungerman, Secretary at Huntington Elementary, effective January 3, 2000. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the wrestling schedule of Emery High School. A motion to approve the schedule and its corresponding travel was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion on community councils a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sharman Seamons affirming the Board's commitment to looking into the formation of community councils at all schools throughout the district and to having the guidelines creating the committees in place by the year 2000. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to amend the motion and change the deadline date to the board meeting in February. Amendment passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the Trust Land Fund Planning Guide was distributed to the Board. Each of the school committees is to use the guide in determining their academic areas of greatest need.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that principals, other administrators, and maintenance department workers had attended a bomb threat and physical facilities security training on November 16th and that schools are working to update their emergency preparedness plans including crisis response planning.

Nancy Karpowitz, Counselor at Canyon View Jr. High School and Emery High School updated the Board on the current status of the Comprehensive Guidance Program. She reported that Green River High School, Canyon View Jr. High School and San Rafael Jr. High School had all recently passed state reviews. Mrs. Karpowitz expressed gratitude to the Board for their support.

Based on the recommendation of the Business Administrator, a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the sale of the student build house, located on lot 1 plus the west half of lot 2 to Ken and Jeneane Chynoweth and to authorize Ross Huntington, Business Administrator to sign all necessary legal documents. Motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing the employee computer loan program and in an effort to promote technology education a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to allow employees more flexibility in their purchases by authorizing purchases out of the area. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a presentation of the Annual Auditor's Report and a question and answer period a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud presented estimated cost information on the proposed counseling center renovation at San Rafael Jr. High School. After discussion a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to postpone approval pending more specific information and encourage the school to seek a less expensive alternative. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.