

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
January 11, 2000
Cottonwood Elementary, Orangeville, Utah

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

Dennis Jones, Principal at Cottonwood Elementary, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Jones reported to the Board on the many successful programs currently under way at his school. One of the programs is to teach kids about character and values such as trustworthiness and respect. Another very successful program is the "Action Teams". Instead of student body officers, students were asked to volunteer to be on an Action Team. Team members assist faculty and students in a variety of areas. The Peer Tutoring program is also achieving success. Fifth graders are matched up with second graders and help them with their reading skills. Reading scores for both grades have been raised because of the program. The emphasis at Cottonwood Elementary is to build a community of learners where everyone feels good about themselves and feels good about being at school. The Board thanked Mr. Jones and his staff for all they do to help kids and for their extra efforts to provide a good learning environment.

The Board recognized two retirees; Rose Ungerman, who is retiring after 30 years as a school secretary and Leona Lynn, who has almost 11 years as a counselor with the district. The Board thanked them for the many years of devoted service. Gifts were presented to both ladies as tokens of appreciation.

Ross Huntington, Business Administrator, updated the Board on the latest funding allocation from the State Office of Education. Following the fall enrollment report, the state revised allocations and because of declining enrollment the Emery District will receive approximately \$155,000 less than had been budgeted when this years budget was approved.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following be approved for hire with the district; Sherie Fausett as a 3 hour per day educational assistant at San Rafael Jr. High School, Lisa Ariotti, as a 6 hour per day educational assistant at Emery High School, Lisa Seager, as a 3 hour educational assistant at Book Cliff Elementary and Jackie Allred as the new district accounts payable specialist. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve travel to Park City for 50 students from Castle Dale Elementary School. They were selected as one of only four schools in the state to participate in a program called "Street-to-Sport". Students will be provided skiing equipment, a ski lesson and lunch, all free of charge. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the field trip as outlined. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board that the legislature opens on the 17th of this month. He also informed them of a proposed change in graduation requirements that would increase the language arts requirement from 3 to 4 credits and reduce the number of elective credits from 9.5 to 8.5. This issue will need to be studied to determine the impact on staffing.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve Emery High's request to add Geology and Astronomy to the list of approved courses. A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The principal evaluation document is nearly complete and will be presented to the Evaluation Committee within the next few weeks.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to appoint Ross Huntington as the Business Administrator for the next two years. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no other business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.