

Minutes of School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2000
Cleveland Elementary School, Cleveland, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Sharman Seamons, Marie Johnson, Royd Hatt and Roger Swenson. 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.

Dan Wells, Principal of Cleveland Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Wells spoke to the board about the many successful programs at his school. All of the faculty is involved in trying to better their techniques and expertise in teaching reading. Several of the staff have made a personal commitment of time and money to obtain the reading endorsement offered by the state. This year Cleveland Elementary had their fourth Artist in Residence. This years artist was Debra Bonner, a vocalist. As a result of the residency, there are about twenty kids who have started taking vocal lessons on Saturdays. Mr. Wells expressed appreciation to the many businesses and individuals who donated \$1,070 towards this years program.

Sharon Ward, teacher at Cleveland Elementary presented information about "Brain Gym", a very successful program they use to stimulate learning. Brain Gym covers all subjects and all grade levels and therefore benefits all kids.

Pam Hansen, who is one of the teachers in the district undergoing CLIP training this year, told the board about her positive experiences with the program and about how it benefits both teachers and students.

Kirk Johansen, FFA instructor, requested Board approval for five eighth-grade girls to attend the state convention. After verification of proper chaperone coverage, a motion to approve the request was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Ruschelle Mortensen, representing the Cleveland PTO, expressed concern over the possibility of losing two teachers next year. Superintendent Sitterud explained that staffing decisions will be made by the administration after all kindergarten enrollments are in and retirements finalized.

The following resolution, number 03-01-2000, was introduced in writing, was fully discussed, and pursuant to a motion duly made by board member Royd Hatt and seconded by Board member Marie Johnson, and then adopted by unanimous vote.

The resolution was then signed by the President in open meeting and recorded by the Business Administrator in the official records of the Emery County School District, Emery County, Utah. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION 03-01-2000

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (THE "BOARD") OF THE EMERY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, EMERY COUNTY, UTAH, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BOARD APPROVED LEEWAY AS AUTHORIZED BY UTAH CODE 53A-17a-134; AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to maintain class sizes at or near current levels; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the benefits to kids of smaller class sizes, especially in the primary grades; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to increase funding in the maintenance and operation fund to accomplish this:

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of the Emery County School District, Emery County, Utah as follows;

Section 1. To levy a tax rate of .0004 per dollar of taxable value.

Section 2. That said levy shall apply to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000 and all following years.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March 2000.

Laurel Johansen, President

Attest:

Ross C. Huntington, Business Administrator

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that Kelly Bayles be hired as the boys and girls track coach at Green River High School. Motion by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the early retirement requests of Sharon Ward, a teacher at Cleveland Elementary; Brent Arnold, Principal at Emery High School and Kirk Johansen, the Vo-Ag Instructor. Motion to approve the recommendation by Roger Swenson and seconded by Marie Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing the proposed policy (IKFBA), Graduation Exercises - Certificate of Progress, Students with Disabilities, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the policy as written. Motion passed unanimously.

After reviewing Baseball/ Softball schedules for Emery High School, Superintendent Sitterud recommended approval by the Board. A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve Canyon View Jr. High School's request to have parent teacher conferences on the evenings of March 21st and 22nd rather than all on March 22nd. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the legislature and the potential impact of legislation. It now appears the WPU will be increased by 5.5% with an additional 1.9% funding increase going to other education programs.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt 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 a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to expel one disruptive, 18 year old, female student from Emery High School. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to deny expulsion of one fourteen year old male student from San Rafael Jr. High School and to grant the request of the DCFS case worker, allowing the student to enroll in Canyon View Jr. High School, providing a contract with the parent, the case worker, the student and the principal can be agreed upon. Motion passed with board members Laurel Johansen, Marie Johnson, Roger Swenson and Royd Hatt voting "aye" and board member Sharman Seamons voting "nay".

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.