

Minutes of the School Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2000
Ferron Elementary, Ferron, Utah

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

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

Kathy Petersen, Principal at Ferron Elementary was excused from the meeting. She had prepared a handout which was presented to the Board thanking them for their support. The handout also explained what steps are being taken to improve student performance. In addition, the Board was favored with a seven minute video prepared by Mrs. Stephanie Roper's class depicting the best practices in technology education.

Larry Davis, Principal at Canyon View Jr. High School was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Davis requested Board approval of a number of changes to some areas of the school policy manual. Following discussion, and a suggestion that the language about dress code be clarified with examples as to what might be objectionable, a motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve all changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that Kade Jones be approved as the auto mechanics teacher at Emery High School. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board about a recent court ruling that disallows the practice of having one student correct another students work. The ruling also impacts things such as displaying student assignments if a score is attached. The district is waiting for guidelines on this issue.

Following a brief explanation of the progress being made on the make up of the Safety Committee, a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to establish the committee. Motion passed unanimously. Sharm Seamons then volunteered to be the Board's representative on the committee. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to accept Mr. Seamons as the Board's representative. Motion passed unanimously.

Noting that UEA has changed their convention date in 2001 from October 11-12 to September 27-28, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to make the change on the District calendar as well. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board of their meeting with legislators on the 15th of November at Castle Dale Elementary, however, the meeting date may have to be changed to either the 14th or the 16th to accommodate the legislators. He also reminded them that the Green

River annexation issue will be on the ballot this November.

Two Emery School District educators are spotlighted in this months state science newsletter the “Utah Science Teacher”. Congratulations to Eric Mortensen and Carrie Jean Jones!

The Superintendent submitted the following policies to the Board for their review; GBA, GCB, GCD, GCDA/GDDA, GCI, GCP, GCPA, GDP and GDPA. Approval of revisions will be requested at the November 1 board meeting.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that the Governor has designated October 11th as Utah School Lunch Worker Appreciation Day and October 18th as Utah School Bus Driver appreciation day.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.