

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
Wednesday, August 15, 2001  
District Office, Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Sam Singleton, Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson and Rue Ware. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

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

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn from general session to a public hearing, to receive input on the proposed tax increase, due to the judgement levy. Motion passed unanimously.

Following the public hearing, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 as presented together with the following tax rates:

State Basic Levy	0.001785
Voted Leeway	0.000400
Board Leeway	0.000400
Transportation	0.000151
Tort Liability	0.000022
Judgement Recovery	0.000569
Recreation	0.000372
General Obligation Debt	0.001785
Capital Outlay	0.001495
10% of Basic	0.000667

Motion passed unanimously.

A 6% increase in base salary, which equals a 5.5% increase in overall salary, was approved for classified personnel following a motion by Royd Hatt, a second by Marie Johnson and a unanimous vote.

A copy of a legal notice informing the public about district efforts to comply with asbestos laws was read. District activities are recorded in the "Management Plan" which is available for public inspection at the Maintenance Shop. The legal notice is also required to be published in the local newspaper. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the notice as read. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve policy JN-E, the annual fee schedule for secondary schools (copy attached and is a part of these minutes). A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The employee assistance contract with Four Corners Mental Health was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the contract and authorize the Board President to sign the document. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the board that Trent Nielsen, Math Teacher at San Rafael Jr. High School (SRJHS), was resigning. He recommended Yory Allred be hired as a math teacher at SRJHS to replace Mr. Nielsen for next school year. He also recommended the following personnel for hire for the

next school year: Daniel Roden, English teacher at Green River High School (GRHS); Desirae Roden, Family and Consumer Science teacher at GRHS. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the Southeast Applied Technology College (SATC) to use our auto facilities at Emery High School to offer auto mechanics classes. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously. The Superintendent then explained that the SATC had hired Mr. Mike Kava as their teacher. Mr. Kava has been teaching at a junior college in North Platte, Nebraska and comes to us with excellent qualifications.

Mr. David Bird, Chorus teacher, requested Board approval for students to travel to Hawaii in June to participate in a choral festival and educational travel. After some discussion on the matter, it was the opinion of the Board that the trip presented too much of a liability issue. A motion was then made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to disapprove the request as a school district sponsored project and suggested Mr. Bird attempt to put the project together on an individual basis. Motion passed unanimously.

A group of concerned parents from Ferron Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. They voiced concern over the size of the second grade and there being only one teacher. The Superintendent explained to them that there are other options available. One would be to split the third and fourth grades which would free up an additional teacher for the second grade. He also told them that if we hired an additional teacher at Ferron, we would need to hire an additional teacher at all other elementary schools, except Book Cliff, to keep teacher/student ratios comparable. The Board referred them to the school Board of Directors meeting which will be held the night of August 16<sup>th</sup> for possible resolution.

Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Baltzer presented a discipline policy for his school. Following review and consideration a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Citing a conflict in schedules, the Superintendent recommended the board change the date of their next meeting date from the 5<sup>th</sup> of September to the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was then made by Sam Singleton 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 Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to declare the west one-half of lot #6 Castle Heights subdivision as surplus property and offer it for sale to adjacent landowners, also to combine the east one-half of lot #6 with lot # 7 and sell it to the Utah Housing Authority as a site for the construction of the next student built house. In addition, the motion authorized the school district to deed 30 feet of property along the north boundary of the Castle Dale Elementary School property boundary to Castle Dale City and they in turn to pave all unpaved streets within Castle Heights Subdivision. The motion then passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was acted upon quickly and passed by unanimous vote.