

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
December 5, 2001
Canyon View Jr. High School, Huntington, Utah

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

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants and minutes as present. Motion passed unanimously.

Canyon View Jr. High School Principal Larry Davis welcomed the board to the school and presented an overview of the school's demographics, programs, capital improvements and needs. The principal placed emphasis on the need to remodel the girls' locker room and bring it up to acceptable standards. Mr. Davis thanked the board and district staff for their efforts in making Canyon View the best school it can be.

A motion was then made by Royd Hatt to approve the renovation of the girls' locker room at an estimated cost of \$17,000. The lockers and benches will be installed by an outside contractor. Plumbing and additional work will be performed by the Maintenance Department Personnel. Following a second by Marie Johnson the motion passed unanimously.

The next item discussed was the need to upgrade the teacher computers in the secondary schools with the exception of Green River High School, which was upgraded this year. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve this upgrade for Canyon View and San Rafael Jr. High Schools and for Emery High School with a maximum expenditure amount of \$50,000. The motion was then passed by unanimous vote.

Carol Ediger, President of the Emery Education Association, appeared before the board on behalf of the teachers. Mrs. Ediger thanked the board for allowing the one-half day at the end of each term for teachers to prepare grades. She has received a lot of positive feedback from teachers who appreciate the time to work in their schools.

Corrine Dalton, FFA Advisor, and Cierra Jones, a student were welcomed to the meeting. They thanked the board for allowing them to attend the national convention in Kentucky where they had a great learning experience.

Next on the agenda were counselors Adele Huntington and Nancy Karpowitz. They presented an update on the Comprehensive Guidance Program and requested a letter of support from the board. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to have the Superintendent write a letter in support the program as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

A board meeting calender, as below, for 2002 was considered and approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Sam Singleton.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Location</u>
January	9	7:00pm	Wed	Cottonwood Elementary
February	6	7:00pm	Wed	Huntington Elementary
March	6	7:00pm	Wed	Cleveland Elementary
April	3	7:00pm	Wed	Castle Dale Elementary
May	1	7:00pm	Wed	Emery High School
May	22	5:00pm	Wed	Green River High School
June	17	7:00pm	Mon	District Office
July	9	1:00pm	Tue	Castle Valley Center
August	21	7:00pm	Wed	District Office
September	11	7:00pm	Wed	San Rafael Jr High
October	2	7:00pm	Wed	Ferron Elementary
November	6	7:00pm	Wed	Book Cliff Elementary
December	4	7:00pm	Wed	Canyon View Jr High

Following consideration and discussion about the purchase of two new buses, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the purchase from Bryson Sales and Service of two Blue Bird American buses at the quoted price of \$69,992 less the spare tire and wheel cost of \$456, for a net cost per each bus of \$69,536, F.O.B. Georgia. Delivery to Salt Lake City will be contingent upon the availability of Mr. Ison and Mr. Guymon to drive the buses home. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent then asked the board to pass a resolution requesting the Utah Legislature to oppose any attempt to adopt tuition tax credits for private or religious school tuition. Sam Singleton made a motion to pass the resolution. Following a second of the motion by Marie Johnson, the board voted unanimously in favor of its adoption. *(A copy of the motion is attached to and is a part of these minutes.)*

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the board approve the hiring of a new three hour per day special education assistant to work with a child who will be attending Huntington Elementary and Cleveland Elementary Schools. The child will also require transportation from one school to the other each day which will be provided by the assistant in a district owned vehicle and is included in the three hour daily schedule. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the board accept the resignation of Denise Hoffman who has been working as an educational assistant with the guidance program at Green River High School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the board approve the release of a female student from Green River High School who is not attending school and does not have the credits to graduate. A motion was made by Rue Ware to approve the recommendation and convey to the principal appreciation for every effort he has made up to this point to help this student. The board then asked that the student be provided with information about the GED and be encouraged to continue with her education. Following a second by Marie Johnson the motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent then informed the board about a recent Utah Supreme Court decision with regard to waivers of liability and the need for caution when looking at activities. A second informational item was the USBA State Convention scheduled for January 11th and 12th in Salt Lake City. A third informational item was the Opportunity Awards Program which provides money for districts to recruit math, science, and technology teachers. It also provides money for math, science, and technology teachers who agree to stay in their districts for four years. Another aspect of the program provides funds for any secondary teacher who desires to pursue an advance degree in science, math, or technology.

Ross Huntington reported about the success of the surplus property sale which was held on November 16th. Many surplus items were sold to the general public including two surplus vehicles. All together \$5861 was generated from the sale.

A brief discussion was held about the need to upgrade vehicles at this time. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the purchase of two new Chevrolet Malibu 4 door sedans (\$15,863 each) and one new Chevrolet Silverado 2500 pickup truck (\$18,696) from Young Chevrolet in Layton who has the State contract on these vehicles. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel items and possible litigation.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve hiring or contracting with two individuals to assist with the district wide inventory. If hired, they would be on a part-time basis only, at minimum wage, without benefits, until the project was completed. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.