

Minutes of the School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2001  
Cottonwood Elementary, Orangeville, Utah

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

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

Newly elected Board Member Sam Singleton and re-elected Board Member Laurel Johansen were sworn in to office for a four year terms by Ross Huntington.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton that Laurel Johansen remain as Board President for another two years. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to elected Royd Hatt as the Board Vice President for the next two years. Motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Jones, Principal at Cottonwood Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that his staff is involved in a number of projects to help students be successful such as Reading in the Content Area and Strategies That Work, the Accelerated Reader Program, CLIP, Four Block, and the new State Science Core. Mr. Jones also reported that two students, Frankie and Trevor Komar were first place winners in the water poster contest this year.

Jon Crawford was welcomed to the meeting. He presented and discussed Core Assessment Test and Stanford Achievement Test results for 2000. District wide elementary scores on the Core Assessment Test are either at or above state averages at all grade levels. Secondary scores are above state averages in four of ten categories and below in the other six. Results of the Stanford Achievement Test show a trend of improvement in all grade levels at all schools with Emery students scoring above the expected range in many areas. The Board expressed their pleasure with the test results and wished to extend their appreciation to all personnel involved in this effort.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that Gayla Luke be approved as the new library aide at Cottonwood Elementary and Brad Giles be approved as the wrestling coach at San Rafael Jr. High School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to accept the Superintendent's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the early retirement application of Larry Rowley, Principal at Book Cliff Elementary and Green River High School. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion of the new purchasing card policy, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A hold harmless agreement with the North Emery Water User's Association was discussed. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the agreement and authorize the Business Administrator to sign the document. Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Allred, Accounts Payable Specialist for the District was welcomed to the meeting. She presented information about the implementation of GASB rule 34. Following discussion on district options, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the hiring of Valuations Advisory Group to complete a district wide fixed asset inventory. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the approval of an agreement with Utah Housing Finance Agency to construct a student built home in Green River. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorna Jensen a concerned parent from Elmo requested a change of the activity bus route in that community. Following lengthy discussion, the Board President thanked Mrs. Jensen for bringing the matter to the District's attention and told her that it needed to be studied on a district wide basis to insure uniformity in all communities.

Kathleen Truman, representing Emery County, requested use of the "Dykes Home" as a temporary office for the Emery County Historical Society. After considering the matter it was the consensus of the Board that Mrs. Truman supply them with a rental agreement, preferably drafted by the county attorney, for their review prior to approval. The Board will require Emery County to be responsible for all utilities, liability insurance and grounds maintenance.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn to executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.