

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
Wednesday, November 7, 2001
Book Cliff Elementary School, Green River, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Members present were Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Rue Ware. 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 presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Nolan Johnson, Principal at Book Cliff Elementary School was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Johnson thanked the Board for traveling to Green River to have one of their meetings. He reported on the poor condition of the plumbing at Book Cliff Elementary (BCE) and the need for regular repairs. He expressed appreciation to the Board for their support and the support of the District Office staff. He commented about how the excellent staff at BCE is constantly striving to improve. Under the "Reading Counts" Program, students had read 1180 books and had earned enough points to have a small carnival at the school on Halloween Day. The Board thanked Mr. Johnson for the fine job he is doing and asked him to extend their appreciation to his staff.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Donny Gilbert be approved as the new band teacher at Emery High School. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent reported on the recent \$8,000 donation received from Texaco to the district. He will cause the money to be distributed to the schools on per student basis. They must insure that the funds will be used to enhance student achievement.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that district policies JEDA and JEDB on truancy prevention and excessive absences be combined into one new policy, JEDA, to make it more effective and eliminate confusion concerning truancy and absences in our schools. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the policy revisions as recommended with the changes that had been discussed in the work meeting. A second was then made by Sam Singleton. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reported on three legislative issues; Tuition Tax Credits, WPU Increase, and Block Granting. Indications are that a bill will not be introduced but a task force to study tuition tax credits will be requested. The WPU increase this next year is expected to be 1%-2%. Block granting will be looked at for restructuring.

The Superintendent reported that the district has been given 339 tickets for students and

chaperones for the Winter Olympics and 360 tickets for the Winter Para-Olympics. Mr. Grant will report to you at the next Board meeting on the allocation of those tickets.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the Annual Financial Report and the Annual Program Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommended revisions to Early Retirement Policies GCPA/GDPCA and GCPCAA. The revisions are intended to eliminate confusion in the two policies, establish a minimum number of years of service with the District to qualify for benefits and make the benefit period consistent with the Social Security Full Retirement Age. Motion passed unanimously.

Following a review of proposals a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve Marshall Industries as the vendor for new intercom systems. Motion passed unanimously.

David Bird, Chorus Teacher at Emery High School was then welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Bird requested Board approval to take some chorus students on an out of state trip. Following considerable discussion it was the consensus of the Board to delay a decision on the matter until the next meeting on December 5th, at which time they would like more specific information concerning the educational value of the trip, what the performances will be, and to receive parental input.

Other items discussed were the surplus property sale scheduled for Friday, November 16th, The need for an adequate warehousing facility and the recent sale of lots 6 and 7 of the Castle Heights Subdivision. It was recommended by the Business Administrator and the Superintendent that a portion of the money received from the sale of those lots be invested in new equipment for the woodworking shop at Emery High School. The Board expressed support for allowing Emery High's wood working shop to purchase additional equipment.

A motion was then made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn.