

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
Wednesday, September 12, 2001  
San Rafael Jr. High School, Ferron, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Laurel Johnansen, Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton, 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 Marie Johnson to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Garth Johnson, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School (SRJHS) was welcomed to the meeting. He expressed appreciation for his staff and faculty. He also thanked the District Office for their support. He explained to the Board that SRJHS is considering doing away with part of their large grassy area. This would help to reduce labor costs, time and effort. Another item they are considering, and looking for a funding source, is a new science lab. Mr. Johnson expressed concern about the cooling system being inadequate. He reported on a successful UPASS training, student testing, and the reading program where students read 10-15 minutes at the beginning of each school day. The Board thanked Mr. Johnson for all the good things that are happening at his school.

Mike Huntsman, Building and Grounds Supervisor, presented information on several proposed capital projects. The first project was the needed repairs to Green River High School (GRHS). After discussion about alternatives and costs a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve jacking up the southwest corner of the building, the placement of pilings underneath, reinforcing the footings, removing some grass and replacing it with concrete. Motion passed unanimously.

Renovation of the girls shower room at Canyon View Jr. High School was the next project considered. It was decided that the usage needed to be evaluated and input received from Larry Davis, the Principal, before a decision could be made. The heating system at Castle Dale Elementary was then discussed. It was decided that Mr. Huntsman should gather cost information and report to the Board at a later date. Some discussion was held on the cooling system at SRJHS. Mr. Huntsman will meet with Principal Johnson and his custodians to see if repairs can be made and the custodians trained to maintain the cooling units.

Following discussion of the need for handicap accessible doors at Book Cliff Elementary, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the purchase and installation of two doors, one for the front entry and one for the north entry. Estimated cost of the project is \$5700. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the purchase and installation of carpet for three classrooms in each of the schools. Estimated cost of the project is \$30-35,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington reported on the status of new intercom systems for several of the schools. Superintendent Sitterud has assigned Willie Frisbie the task of assessing the intercom needs of all ten schools and then reporting back. When that report is completed, two or perhaps three different

systems will be evaluated. The District would like to standardize intercom systems throughout and then have a technician trained to maintain them.

Corrine Dalton, FFA Advisor and five students, Mike Jewkes, Rachel Staley, Pennie Christiansen, Cierra Jones and Brain McMullin were present to thank the Board for allowing them to attend the educational and fun trip to Wyoming this past summer. Each of the students gave a brief report and thanked the Board. They then requested permission to attend the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky during the last week of October. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the trip provided proper supervision goes with them. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Jennifer Parkins be hired as an Educational Assistant in the preschool program to replace Lori Gordon and Shannon Richards be hired as an Education Assistant at Green River High School to replace Misti Sweeten. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to accept the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reported that opening enrollment this year was 2509 students. That is down 205 students from last year's October 1 enrollment of 2714. He also reported on the success of the two days of U-PASS training held before school started throughout the district.

Following a brief review of the wrestling, girls basketball, boys basketball, volleyball, golf, cross country, football, and tennis athletic schedules from Emery High School (EHS), a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to approve them and the associated travel. Motion passed unanimously.

After viewing a video about Tuition Tax Credits, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen that the Board go on record as being opposed to Tuition Tax Credits. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that the Board declare all public schools in Emery County as open enrollment schools for next school year (2002-2003). A motion was then made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the charging of fees and their usage. It was the consensus of the Board that fees should be used in the program they are charged for and not transferred to other areas. It was also decided that costs for tuning the new grand piano at EHS should be paid by EHS, although they could pass part of those costs on to other users.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to general session a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.