

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
April 3, 2002
Castle Dale Elementary, Castle Dale, Utah

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

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

Principal Geniel Huntington welcomed the Emery County School Board to Castle Dale Elementary. She thanked the present Board and the Superintendent as well as all Boards and Superintendents during her 12 years as principal for their encouragement and support. She also expressed her appreciation and thanks to the teachers, staff members, students, and parents who have collaboratively worked with her to create a school that makes us all proud.

She reported that a few weeks ago the state inspector visited the school. At the end of his visit he indicated that Castle Dale Elementary was one of the nicest, well kept schools he'd been in during the year — especially considering its age is 25 years. For that Mrs. Huntington thanked the Board, the Superintendent, the custodians, the staff and students.

Mrs. Huntington then announced that she would like to demonstrate for the Board and those present a supplemental English program that the school had piloted during the second quarter of school. She introduced Mr. Ralph Worthen, Miss Tanie Worthen, and their students. The students demonstrated the Shurley English program that is used daily in the classroom. At the end of the demonstration, Mrs. Huntington said, “Shurley English gives students the concrete steps necessary to relate a definition to a concept, the concept to an application, and an application to writing and editing. The consistent teaching method at every level helps students gain a solid foundation as additional skills are added at each level. On top of that it produces two important ingredients for success: 1) a love of English and 2) the ability to use the English language correctly with ease and confidence.”

Corinne Dalton, FFA Advisor, and a student, Cierra Jones, were welcomed to the meeting. They requested Board permission to travel to Washington D.C. on an all expense paid trip. Cierra was selected as one of ten national winners in an essay contest. Her prize is the trip for her and her advisor to the nation's capitol. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to authorize the trip. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by Monte Beardall from the National Fitness Foundation (NSFF) and two gentlemen requesting district involvement in obtaining a grant through the Physical Education for Progress Act. Grant approval would allow expansion of the program to the junior highs and the elementary schools. There having been approval of the NSFF program in a previous Board meeting no action was taken. It was the consensus of the

Board that the details of any involvement with PEP be worked out with Mr. JJ Grant. Board Member Marie Johnson requested a summary of the PEP program be sent to her and other board members for their review.

The following bids for the heating retrofit jobs at Cottonwood Elementary, Huntington Elementary, and Ferron Elementary schools was presented: Western States Mechanical; \$719,731; SR Mechanical, \$840,460; and, Mechanical Service and Systems, \$968,000. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the bid of Western States Mechanical. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve Benjamin Carrol as the new band teacher at Emery High School beginning next school year. He also recommended Ralph Worthen be approved as the new principal at Castle Dale Elementary beginning August 1, 2002. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the Superintendent's recommendation, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the early retirement request of Richard Childs, Warehouseman. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval for Sharon Hughes and her first grade class at Book Cliff Elementary School to go on a field trip to the Fruita Colorado Dinosaur Center was given by unanimous vote following a motion by Royd Hatt and a second by Sam Singleton.

A wording change and clarification to district policy GDPA, Reduction in Support Staff Work Force, was approved by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Sam Singleton.

Chad Bingham, a student at Emery High, was recognized as being one of ten students in Utah who was awarded a scholarship at the Novell Brainshare 2002 conference. Sterling Scholar Winners Kimberly Sitterud (Business), Melinda Nelson (Foreign Language), Kody Powell (Math) and Ashlee Allred (General Scholarship) were recognized as well as runners-up Nathan Allred (Science) and Mary Farrer (English).

Superintendent Sitterud announced that Mr. Ed Clark had recently applied for and received a \$100,000 grant to expand the auto program at Emery High. The expansion will result in a comprehensive auto-tech program for our students.

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

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.