

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
February 12, 2002  
Huntington Elementary School, Huntington, Utah

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

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the warrants and minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

FFA students from Emery High School (EHS) Cierra Jones, Kortnie Anderson, Roger Anderson, Mike Jewkes, Trista Beagley and Samantha Rudman favored the Board with a demonstration of their winning parliamentary procedure skills. Their demonstration was followed by a public speaking presentation by Kortnie Anderson. The Board thanked the students and their advisor, Corinne Dalton, for coming to the meeting and making such entertaining presentations.

Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Baltzer thanked the Board for their support. He informed the Board he would be presenting a proposed change to his school's in-school- suspension policy sometime during the summer. Huntington Elementary has recently purchased an on-line testing program, Edutest, to assist in teaching core curriculum and to assist in evaluating the results of that teaching. In addition, students are making great strides forward under the "I Can Read" program administered by Wendy Hodson. Mr. Baltzer reported that Brett Mecham, a student at HE, had recently won the district spelling bee and had also won the geography bee. The Board complimented Mr. Baltzer and his staff for the excellent test scores their students had recently received.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve District Policy ECB, Water System Safety, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeneane Warren, Director of the Child Nutrition Program requested the Board approve district participation in a co-operative purchasing program. Ten districts in the state have joined together to form the co-operative. The goal of which is to improve food quality and purchase products at favorable prices. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve Emery District's participation in the program provided some language in the agreement and by-laws is modified. Mr. Ware and Mr. Huntington will get together and make the necessary changes. The motion then passed unanimously.

Mike Huntsman, Director of Buildings and Grounds was then welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Huntsman presented information on the approximate costs of renovations to the heating systems of Huntington Elementary (HE), Cottonwood Elementary (CE), Ferron Elementary (FE), Castle Dale Elementary (CDE) and San Rafael Jr. High (SRJH) schools. Following discussion a

motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to proceed with the bidding process for work at HE, CE, and FE. Work at CDE and SRJH will be done by our maintenance crews this summer. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was then held concerning the construction of a new warehouse. It was the consensus of the Board that additional information is needed before a final decision can be made. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to table any action on the warehouse until the next board meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

Darrell Gardner, teacher at EHS, briefly spoke about participating with the National School Fitness Foundation Program. Having received a copy of our attorney's comments on the agreements the district is required to sign to participate in the program, Mr. Gardner recommended that he obtain copies of the contracts used by the Sevier and Alpine School Districts and forward them to Board Members for their review. This would eliminate the cost of having our attorney draft copies of the contracts. It was the consensus of the Board that that would be the best way to proceed on the matter.

Next item on the agenda was the appointment of negotiating team members for this year. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to appoint Royd Hatt, J.J. Grant and Ross Huntington to the certified negotiating team and Laurel Johansen, Jon Crawford and Ross Huntington to the classified negotiating team. The motion then passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept requests from David Thompson, a teacher at SRJH and LaVar Leonhardt, a resource teacher at EHS, to participate in the district's early retirement program beginning with the conclusion of the current school year. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent next recommended the Board approve the request of Sheriff Lamar Guymon for the district to donate \$2,500 towards the purchase of a new drug dog, noting that the sheriff's department is very supportive of our programs and the dog a tremendous asset to our schools. A motion was then made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following personnel for hire with the district; Brenda Jensen as an educational assistant at Cleveland Elementary and Kathy Brady as a counselor assistant at Green River High School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to allow Liza Roberts and Joy Lynn Humphrey to attend the Alternative Augmentative Communications Conference in California in March. Expenses are covered by UAAACT. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of renovation and construction of a new commons area at EHS was given by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Royd Hatt. It was noted

that in a previous board meeting it was explained that all costs including labor would be paid by the school.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that Lee Moss, a science teacher at Canyon View Jr. High School was recently featured in Utah Science Portfolio an exemplary science teacher in Utah.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board that the Supreme Court hearing on the annexation of part of Grand County into Emery County is scheduled for March 12 at 9:00 AM. Board members are encouraged to attend along with the Superintendent and the Business Administrator.

Applications for Grand County students to attend school in Emery County next year have been completed. There were 39 students that applied for admission. We now look forward to billing Grand County for partial reimbursement of costs associated with educating those students.

Kindergarten registrations have been scheduled. Indications from health records are that we may be up by as much as 50 students over this year's beginning count.

Nadine Hinkins, Drill Team Advisor at EHS, requested Board permission for the drill team to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada for an educational and recreational trip, March 23-26. They would use private vehicles and all expenses would be paid by the drill team members. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the request, provided no less than 85% of the parents are willing to allow their daughters to go. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.