

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
May 22, 2002
Green River High School, Green River, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Rue Ware and Marie Johnson. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent, and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

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

Nolan Johnson, Principal at Green River High School was welcomed to the meeting. He spoke about the students who had recently taken the ACT and SAT. He reported that he was very proud of all the students who had taken the tests and their ability to score well. The boys basketball team had won the consolation championship at state. Students had done very well in state drama competition also. Mr. Johnson thanked the Board for their support this past year, especially for the track and the new parking lot.

Mr. Johnson told the Board about USU's desire to provide ed-net services to the community of Green River. They would require the dedication of two rooms in order to provide those services. Mr. Johnson expressed the need for additional educational opportunities for adults in the community.

Mrs. Johansen expressed appreciation to Mr. Johnson for his efforts.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to change the date of the August board meeting from August 21st to August 13th. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Steven Gordon be hired as the new Resouce/Special Ed Teacher at Emery High School beginning with the new school year. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following Superintendent Sitterud's recommendation, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the early retirement request of Mervin Day as per policy number GCPCA (50% of the difference between step one and the step that he is on now). Mr. Day will be retiring February 1, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

Trust land plans for Huntington Elementary, Cottonwood Elementary, Castle Dale Elementary, Book Cliff Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Emery High School, Green River High School, and San Rafael Jr. High School were accepted by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Laurel Johansen.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve Charter School Policy (IGBHA) as presented with one change, i.e., move the deadline for application from April 1 to March 1 of each year. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to accept the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion by Marie Johnson, a second by Rue Ware, and unanimous vote the Board approved a revision to policy ABCD/KCA, School Community Councils. The revision is necessary to match the new law passed by the legislature.

A request by the Emery District Scout Council for use of two or three buses was discussed. A motion was made to approve the request provided they furnish the district with proof of insurance. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board support Castle Dale City in passing a parking ordinance. The ordinance must be in place before the Emery County Sheriff's Office can enforce parking violations at Emery High School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware in support of Castle Dale City passing such an ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent informed the Board about funding difficulties encountered statewide this year and next for school year. Other informational items discussed were the closing social, which will be held on May 30th at the Trail Mountain Resort; the June Regional Board meeting on June 12th at Spanish Fork; and the need for the Board to approve Quality Teaching and Student Intervention Block Grant Plans which should be ready by the next board meeting.

Kayce Fluckey representing the Utah School Employees Association (USEA) presented information to the Board to make them aware of the program put together by USEA and Salt Lake Community College. The program provides unique training opportunities for classified personnel that adds to their knowledge and will enhance employee's value. USEA is attempting to assist classified employees with training and certifications as required under new federal legislation "No Child Left Behind".

Superintendent Sitterud assured Mrs. Fluckey that the Emery School District is committed to help classified employees with this endeavor.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.