

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
January 8, 2003  
Canyon View Jr. High School, Huntington, Utah

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

Re-elected board members Marie Johnson and Royd Hatt were sworn into office for four year terms by Ross Huntington.

Laurel Johansen was re-elected to a two year term as board president by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Royd Hatt. Rue Ware was unanimously elected to a two year term as the board vice president following a motion by Sam Singleton and a second by Marie Johnson.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Quotes for two new buses from Bryson Sales and Service, which has a state contract for buses, was presented and reviewed. An 84 passenger bus was quoted at \$72,397 and a 72 passenger bus with a wheelchair lift and door was quoted at \$75,121. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the purchase of both buses from Bryson Sales and Service at the prices quoted. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to move item number 7 on the agenda, a presentation and discussion on early retirement, up to item number 5 on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Ross Huntington then presented information about the early retirement policy. The information presented showed the cost of the program along with projections of estimated costs of continuing to provide the same program in the future. Some alternatives to the present program were discussed. Following the presentation and discussion Mr. Huntington was directed to make the presentation to as many employee groups as possible by the next board meeting which is February 5<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was then made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to extend the deadline for application to the early retirement program to April 1 from March 1 for this year only. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn to executive session for a hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a discussion ensued about hiring an architect for the new warehouse. Based on credentials, cost estimates and a recommendation of the business administrator a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the hiring of Kevin Madson & Associates, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the consideration of funding requests from the band instructors. After careful review and discussion of the requests, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the expenditure of \$45,000 for this school year, to be followed with \$45,000 in each of the next two succeeding years, providing funding is available in each of the succeeding years. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended that Sharon Johnson be hired as a three hour teaching assistant at Book Cliff Elementary to replace Amy Lemon who has resigned. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

A request from San Rafael Jr. High School for construction of a new science lab was then revisited, it previously having been considered but tabled for further study. Board member Ware reported that he had visited the site and recommended the Board approve the project at an estimated cost of \$22,620. A motion was then made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the project. The motion passed unanimously.

In response to questions raised about Field Trip Policy IICA-R, Superintendent Sitterud requested clarification from the Board. After some discussion concerning the number of chaperones required on field trips, the Board directed the Superintendent to draft a revision to the policy which differentiates the number of chaperones required on out-of-district trips versus school-to-school trips.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to fill out a Utah High School Activities Association poll vault survey in favor of dropping the event. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud reminded the Board that next week will be parent teacher conferences so there will be no school on Friday. He also reminded those Board members attending the USBA Convention that the Carbon School District would be hosting a breakfast on Friday morning.

Board member Singleton invited everyone to attend an assembly at San Rafael Jr. High School on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Woody James a World War II veteran who was aboard the USS Indianapolis that was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine will be there to tell of his experiences.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Laurel Johansen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

