

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
July 7, 2003  
Green River High School, Green River, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Sam Singleton and Rue Ware. Marie Johnson and Royd Hatt were excused because of family and medical problems respectively. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

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

Nolan Johnson , Principal at Green River High School, was excused from the meeting due to a family medical emergency. Stan Parsons, Vice Principal, was welcomed to the meeting. He reported on another very successful year. Enrollment was only 100 students, SAT scores were above the district average and the cumulative ACT score was 21. The school staff and administrators are very proud of the students' academic accomplishments. The students also did very well in extra curricular activities as well. Several students were selected to Academic All-State with their grade points being at the high end. Drama and music departments had another highly successful year under the careful guidance of Jessica Jenkins.

Mr. Parsons thanked the Board for their support over the years, especially for the weight room and equipment which is used by both the school and the community. He also expressed appreciation for the recently purchased baby grand piano and drum set. State Trust Land money has been used to purchase new books for the library. Mr. Parsons concluded his presentation by requesting the Board consider the possibility of a new gymnasium. The gym at the high school is the only gym in town and receives heavy use making it difficult to schedule practice times.

Recognition awards were presented to Jackie Nelson, an educational assistant, and Kayce Fluckey the school secretary. Both have provided exceptional service to the students and staff at Green River High. Jessica Jenkins, a great teacher, who was absent from the meeting, was recognized for the extra efforts she always makes for students.

A presentation on the extra-curricular pay schedule was presented by JJ Grant, Secondary Supervisor. After a brief discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to table any action until the next board meeting when all members will likely be present. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton to reappoint Kirk Sitterud as the Superintendent for the next two years. Laurel Johansen commented that Mr. Sitterud is a problem solver, listens to needs, and is highly trusted. Mrs. Johansen seconded the motion which then passed by

unanimous vote.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve Blake Butler be hired as the new social studies teacher at San Rafael Jr. High School. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board authorize the Castle Valley Pageant Committee to use buses during the next pageant. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the recommendation provided they provide proof of insurance, reimburse the District for mileage and follow all other necessary guidelines. The motion passed unanimously.

JJ Grant, Secondary Supervisor, presented a request from the Physical Education Teachers of the District. They are requesting that the District adopt a \$13-15 per student fee to be used to purchase a standardized physical education uniform. The uniform will be used by all secondary schools in their PE classes throughout the District. Teachers have suggested a black trunk and a heather grey top or t-shirt. They feel it will improve their program to have the kids dressed alike. Other schools which have adopted a similar plan have noticed a marked improvement in student attitudes. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to move forward with the proposal, stipulating that the fee charged be \$2 above the cost to the District of purchasing the trunks and the top. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a lengthy discussion about adding Martin Luther King Day as a school recess day, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Laurel Johansen to move the PTS Conference Day, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, to January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, provided the Emery Education Association is in agreement with the proposal, and to eliminate the U-PASS Day from the calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational items about Regional Summits on competency based graduation and Elementary Core Academy were given to the Board.

Christine Monroe, Director of the Green River Community Center, was welcomed to the meeting. She invited those present to attend their "Reading Roundup 2003 Performance" on July 22, 2003 at 3PM. She also presented the Board with a July calendar so they might gain a feel for what goes on at the center. In addition, she announced they had recently purchased a 42" screen TV for the high school audio visual department. The Board thanked Ms. Monroe for the acquisition.

A motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

