

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
March 12, 2003
Huntington Elementary School, Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton, Rue Ware and Marie Johnson. 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.

Tom Baltzer, Principal at Huntington Elementary, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Baltzer reported to the Board about the changing demographics at his school and the challenges it presents. He also reported about some of the programs that are helping kids to succeed.

The Board complimented Mr. Baltzer and his staff for the excellent test scores recently attained by students at Huntington Elementary.

Revisions to early retirement policies GCPCAA and GCPCA/GDPCA were considered and discussed.

It was noted that the revisions had undergone an extensive review and comment period by the employees of the district. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve policy GCPCAA with changes to the language in paragraph 1, delete paragraph 8, and change the language in paragraph 11 (which now becomes paragraph 10). The motion passed unanimously. (A copy of both policies is attached and is considered a part of these minutes.)

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve policy GCPCA/GDPCA as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A request to declare lot 14 of Castle Heights Subdivision surplus property was then considered and discussed. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to deny the request and keep the property as a future building site for the construction class as Emery High School. The motion passed unanimously.

Darrell Leamaster representing the Castle Valley Special Service District was next on the agenda. Mr. Leamaster presented information to the Board about the water situation this year. Because of the drought and the impact PacifiCorp's leasing program is having on the availability of water, he requested the Board make available the shares the District owns in each of the irrigation companies to the respective communities. Superintendent Sitterud recommended that the District assign its shares for this year only without charge to each of the communities as follows: Ferron City, 34 shares; Orangeville City, 4.45 shares; Castle Dale City, 30 shares; Huntington City 355 shares; and, Cleveland City 145 shares. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Madsen, Architect on the new food warehouse was then welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Madsen presented preliminary drawings and cost estimates on the project. Following a brief question and answer period, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to authorize Mr.

Madsen to proceed with drafting final plans and specifications. The motion passed unanimously. Dennis Dooley, a teacher at San Rafael Jr. High School was welcomed to the meeting. He asked the Board to consider extending the time for employees to apply for early retirement. No action was taken on the request.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended approval of participation in the early retirement program for Linda Fluckey, Lunch Manager at Book Cliff Elementary; Gordon Card, Applied Technology Teacher at Emery High School; Grace Weber, Education Assistant at Book Cliff Elementary; Beulah Oveson, Superintendent's Secretary at the District Office. He also recommended the Board approve Mark Hansen's request for the District to purchase five years of service credit under policy GCPCAB. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to accept the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept a letter of retirement from Myrna Watterson, Education Assistant at Book Cliff Elementary. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Jodi Wilson, instructor of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America at San Rafael Jr. High School appeared before the Board and requested permission to take nine ninth grade students on an overnight field trip to Ogden to compete in the State FCCLA competition. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the trip. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended removal of the requirement for 10th grade students to take the Life Skills Class at Emery High School but still keep the extra half credit for ATE. Life skills concepts will be infused into the regular ATE courses as they apply to that area of focus. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

A new Post-Retirement Employment Policy, GCDA/GDDA was presented by the Superintendent, was reviewed and discussed, after which a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of revisions to the Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy GCDA/GDDA; the Sexual Harassment Policy, GBAA (which is now changed to ACA); the Staff Leaves and Absences Policy, GCBD; the Field Trips and Excursions Policy, IICA-R; and the Admission of Non-resident Students Policy, JECA was recommended by the Superintendent. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent recommended the Board approve a field trip to Grand Junction, Colorado, for Book Cliff Elementary School third grade students. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the trip. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam

Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.