

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
September 3, 2003
Castle Valley Center, Price, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Rue Ware, Sam Singleton and Marie Johnson. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent, and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

Mike Keller, Principal at Castle Valley Center welcomed the board. Refreshments were offered along with a tour of the facility. The board opted to have the tour after their meeting.

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

Noting that the Governor's Summit on Competency-Measured Education is scheduled for October 1st, the same date as the next regularly scheduled board meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to change the date of the October board meeting to the 8th. The time and place will remain the same, 7:00 PM at San Rafael Jr. High School in Ferron. The motion passed unanimously.

Dorothy Carter, Employment Counselor with Vocational Rehabilitation was welcomed to the meeting. She explained two programs that the District might participate in to assist people with rehabilitation and obtain gainful employment. The first program, and the one the District participated in this past summer, provides for full reimbursement to the District for all expenses incurred while employing a Vocation Rehabilitation placed person. The second program provides for 50% reimbursement but allows significantly more hours of work. The Board thanked Mrs. Carter for providing them with this information.

After reviewing the fee schedule for the 2003-04 school year a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to approve revisions, which spell out the terms of the employee computer loan program, to District Policy GCBC (Staff Fringe Benefits). The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following personnel be hired by the District for the 2003-04 school year: Yvonne Davis, Special Education Assistant at Huntington Elementary; Danna Engleman, a Title One Education Assistant at Book Cliff Elementary; and, Kent Nelson, a Special Education Assistant also at Book Cliff Elementary. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended that the hours of Nicky Nielsen, the Spanish Language Development Educational assistant at Huntington Elementary, be increased to six hours per day on a temporary basis until a final determination of what the Spanish Language Development Program will be at Huntington Elementary. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the recommendation.

Superintendent Sitterud reported that this year's beginning enrollment was only down by 19 students from last year. Elementary enrollment is actually up by 21 students. We hope this will be a reversal of the previous trend where enrollments declined rapidly.

The Superintendent reminded the Board of the Governor's Summit on Competency-Measured Education scheduled for October 1 in Moab. He also informed the Board that work on the No Child Left Behind Consolidation Plan is proceeding. In addition, curriculum committees have been formed to address the needs of the district with regards to improved student achievement.

The following bids for the flat concrete work surrounding the new warehouse were then reviewed: B. Hansen Construction, Inc, \$63,286; Ernie Jensen Construction, \$86,500; Wall Contractors, Inc., \$64,400; and T.K.L. Construction, \$79,829.37. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the bid of B. Hansen Construction with the stipulation that the unit price for any possible additional concrete work be clarified. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other bidders it was decided to award a contract to Nielsen Construction for applying a two inch asphalt overlay to the parking lot north of the auditorium for \$23,000. The motion to approve was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton 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 Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.