

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
December 1, 2004
San Rafael Jr. High School, Ferron, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Laurel Johansen. Other board members present were Rue Ware, Sam Singleton and Marie Johnson. Also present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, and Business Administrator Ross Huntington.

Carol Ediger was present to represent the Emery Education Association. The press was represented by Cory Bluemel of the Emery County Progress.

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

Garth Johnson, Principal at San Rafael Jr High School was welcomed to the meeting by Board President Laurel Johansen. He reported that the school has three new teachers this year. Mr. Eldon Carbine is the new band teacher, Mr. Kirk Robinson is the new health and physical education teacher, and Mrs. Brandi Yates is the new art teacher. Principal Johnson also reported that Mrs. Barnett, one of the teachers at SRJHS, had given birth to a 9 lb. Baby girl yesterday. Mr. Johnson thanked the board for the new computers and Mr. Craig Cox the shop teacher for the building the new computer tables.

Mr. Johnson said the student council, currently being advised by Mrs. Rose Card, is very active in community and school affairs. At the present time they are involved in a fund raiser to help a needy family. Advisory class is reading period at SRJHS and Principal Johnson thanked the board for allowing his school to do that. Mrs. Butler, the school librarian, has taken on the task of reading with twenty students who do not like to read. So far this year they have read three books and all of the students have passed the accelerated reader test whereas last year none of them passed. Mr. Johnson then displayed a beautiful quilt made by students in the art classes and went on to tell about all the fun things Mrs. Yates has the students doing in her classes. He thanked the board for their support and expressed appreciation for his excellent staff.

Mrs. Johansen expressed appreciation to Mr. Johnson for recently conducting a "Reality Fair". A parent had approached her and told her what an impact the fair had had on her son. Mr. Johnson said that the fair, which was held this year for the first time, had been a real eye opener for many of the students.

The board meeting calendar for 2005 (*which is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes*) was unanimously approved following a motion to approve by Marie Johnson and a second by Rue Ware.

Bids for carpeting were then reviewed. Affordable Flooring's bid equates to \$2636.75 per classroom; Kevin's Carpet bid was \$2707.50; and Cloyd's Flooring bid was \$2650.00. A

motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to award the bid to Affordable Flooring. The motion passed unanimously.

The Business Administrator then recommended a second contract be awarded to Kevin's Carpet to replace carpet recently damaged when a sprinkler system malfunctioned at Ferron Elementary.

Due to the overall size of both projects and the apparent emergency it was the feeling that to get all the work completed in a timely manner it would be best to divide the work. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

LeRoy Maxfield from the Maintenance Department was then welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Maxfield updated the board on the current status of capital outlay projects.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the board accept the resignation of Cassie Jensen an Educational Assistant at Cleveland Elementary. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve Mrs. Jensen's resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the board approve a new policy (JHCF) Do Not Resuscitate. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recognized Gwen Callahan who has been named Secondary Principal of the Year by the Utah Reading Association for her work with literacy at Emery High School. She will be presented the award at Emery High's next faculty meeting on December 13th at 7:30am.

Other items discussed were the Reading Endorsement/Masters Program, the success of two local graduates--- Tracy and Troy Justesen, the success of the Emery High Automotive Competitive Team, and the Governor's Conference on Literacy and Reading.

Con Anderson and Loyette Holdaway representing the Community Theatre were then welcomed to the meeting. They expressed concern about the increased rent for the auditorium and their desire to see all rental proceeds to remain at the school. Mr. Huntington inquired about Community Theater providing the District with a certificate of liability insurance. Mrs. Holdaway stated that they come under the Emery County Recreation District policy.

After additional discussion on the matter the Board requested that they meet with officials from Emery High School and work out an agreement acceptable to both parties and then return to the Board for consideration and possible approval.

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

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam

Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00