

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
April 6, 2005
Huntington Elementary School, Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other board members present were Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton, Marie Johnson, and Rue Ware. Others present were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, and Business Administrator Ross Huntington.

Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, and JJ Grant, Secondary Supervisor were also present. The press was represented by Cory Bluemel of the Emery County Progress. Carol Ediger represented the Emery Education Association. Kayce Fluckey and Brian Christensen represented the Classified Employees Association. In addition, there were several citizens from the community in attendance.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the financial reports for February and March, and the warrants and minutes for March as they were presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Baltzer, Principal of Huntington Elementary, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Baltzer reported that several of the teachers had suffered very serious illnesses this year, including two back surgeries and one cancer case. On a brighter note, he was pleased to report that Huntington Elementary, which did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) last year, did make AYP this year. The improvement required a tremendous effort on the part of the staff. Mr. Baltzer indicated that the addition of Mrs. Sonja Torres as an English Language Learner teacher had helped immensely. Mrs. Torres works directly with those children who have difficulty with the English language. The Board thanked Mr. Baltzer and his staff for the excellent job they do to help kids succeed.

Neal Peacock, Mayor of Castle Dale City, was next on the agenda. Mayor Peacock presented the board with information about the proposed new swimming pool to be built and operated by the Emery County Recreation District. Mayor Peacock requested the Board of Education donate a parcel of land to the project and suggested several alternatives, all of which are located near Emery High School. After Mark Stilson of the Economic Development Council commented in favor of the pool, the Board advised Mr. Peacock that they would consider the potential impacts on the District.

The following roofing bids were considered:

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to award the bid to Clark's Quality Roofing, the apparent combined low bidder at \$128,190. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposals for waste collection services from City Sanitation and Emery Sanitation were then considered. After a recap of the proposals, and a determination that Emery Sanitation scored the highest overall rating, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to award the contract to Emery Sanitation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve hiring Kory Larsen as a custodian, grade 5, step 1, \$10.38 per hour, at Huntington Elementary, effective March 16, 2005. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept letters of resignation effective at the end of the school year, May 27th, from Jamie Olsen, an elementary teacher at Castle Dale Elementary; and Genet Orme, the Family and Consumer Science teacher at Green River High School. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to approve their resignations. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the early retirement application of Karon Williams, Child Nutrition Program worker at Castle Dale Elementary. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the application. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board appoint Marie Johnson, Ross Huntington, Jed Jensen and Tom Baltzer to meet with officials from Huntington city and the sheriff's department to investigate changes to the parking situation at Huntington Elementary. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy changes as required by HB 139 concerning board leadership and establishment of a quorum for business were recommended by the Superintendent. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the required changes to district policies BBAA and BCA. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent read a letter from the State Office of Education recognizing the Business Office for excellence in reporting. The Emery District is one of only five districts in the state to receive the Excellence Award for reporting in both categories of, Statistics and Finances.

Other non-action items mentioned by the Superintendent were the Touchstone Project, No Child Left Behind and the 2005 Legislature.

A motion was made by Rue Ware 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 Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to authorize the Business Administrator to negotiate the lease of water shares held in the Ferron Canal and Reservoir Company. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.