

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
August 10, 2005  
District Office, Huntington, Utah

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

Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, and Jeneane Warren, Director of the Child Nutrition Program were also present. Carol Ediger represented the Emery Education Association. The press was not represented.

Following a welcome by Laurel Johansen, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes, and the July monthly financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Huntington gave a brief explanation of the annual Asbestos Containing Material notification requirements. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the publication and notification process. The motion passed unanimously.

Negotiated items with certified personnel was the next item on the agenda. The District will pay a three percent (3%) cost-of-living-allowance, the District will fund the "Silver" plan for health insurance, the District will continue to fund sixty percent (60%) of the dental insurance premiums, and the District will pay a one and one-half percent (1.5%) of salary bonus to all qualified employees on December 15, 2005. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the negotiated items as listed. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton, and passed by unanimous vote, the following tax rates for 2005 were approved:

State Basic Levy	.001720
Voted Leeway	.000800
Board Leeway (Class size reduction)	.000419
Board Leeway (Reading Program	.000065
Transportation	.000300
Tort Liability	.000022
Recreation	.000444
General Obligation Debt	.000376
Capitol Outlay Foundation	.001234
Ten Percent of Basic	.000630

The total tax rate is .006012, which is slightly less than last year.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following people for hire: Sylvia Lofthouse, a six-hour per day educational assistant at Canyon View Jr High School (CVJHS); Melinda Morris, full-time custodian at Emery High School (EHS); Kevin Gordon, Applied Technology Teacher at EHS; and, Tina Ward, an Education Assistant at CVJHS. He also recommended approval of the coaching assignments for the 2005-2006 school year as contained on the attached list, which is a part of these minutes. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the request from Cindy Jones for a leave of absence. After careful consideration, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the leave of absence, without pay or benefits, for a period not to exceed two years beginning with the 2005-2006 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent also informed the Board of additional staffing needs. The anticipated date for the District to receive No Child Left Behind AYP reports is August 15<sup>th</sup>, after which there will be a 30 day period for review and appeal, with the final report to be release to the public on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Superintendent gave the Board a list of meeting and training dates in conjunction with the opening of school.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the sale of Lot #12 in the Castle Heights Subdivision of Castle Dale City to the Utah Housing Finance Agency for construction of a student built home this next school year and authorize Ross Huntington to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction. The motion passed unanimously.

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 Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.