

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
December 7, 2005  
Ferron Elementary, Ferron, Utah

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

J.J. Grant, Secondary Supervisor, Jed Jensen Elementary Supervisor, and Jon Crawford, Director of Student Services were present. Neal Peacock and Carol Ediger, representing the Emery Education Association were in attendance also. 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, the minutes and the October and November financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

After stating that the Board had reviewed a very favorable Independent Auditor's Report, Laurel Johansen made a motion to accept the report. Marie Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Johansen then expressed Board appreciation to the business office staff for the excellent audit report and work they do.

Brian Dawes, Principal at Ferron Elementary School, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Dawes reported on the school's success in meeting the requirements of "Annual Yearly Progress" as mandated under the federal law "No Child Left Behind". He indicated that because of a very committed staff all learning categories had been met or exceeded by all groups and/or subgroups. He went on to explain about some of the successful programs that are being used at Ferron Elementary. He then invited those present to tour the historical information now on display in the hallways. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Dawes and his staff for their efforts to help children succeed.

Carol Ediger and Neal Peacock were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Peacock gave a very informative power point presentation, prepared by the Utah Education Association, entitled "No Excuses - Invest In Public Schools". The presentation emphasizes the positives of public education and the rewards reaped by communities when investment is directed toward public schools. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mrs. Ediger asked all present to join with them in advancing the cause of public education by signing up for the Grass Roots Education Action Team. All those present indicated a willingness to do so.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the 2006 meeting calendar as presented with one change. The meeting in June will be scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> instead of the 21<sup>st</sup>. (*A copy of that schedule is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.*) The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve Misty Sweeten be hired as an Educational Assistant at Green River High School for a special needs student. He also recommended that Joan Brinkerhoff be hired as a district Bus Driver. 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 Valinda Roush's request to attend the Core Knowledge conference in San Antonio, Texas, February 21-25, 2006. Mrs. Roush will pay for all costs except her substitute. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Laurel Johansen to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-action items addressed by the Superintendent were Governor Huntsman's Education Agenda, a new state board rule on awarding high school credit, the new high school diplomas, and a resolution from the Utah High School Activities Association in support of more efficient transportation.

In addition the Superintendent notified the Board that Huntington Elementary School had recently been recognized as a Gold Medal School by the Utah Department of Health. Gold Medal Schools are schools that help kids make healthy food choices, get more physical activity, and stay tobacco free.

The Superintendent gave the Board a Certificate of Appreciation that had been given the District for their sponsorship and support of the recent Economic Development Summit.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.