

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
February 2, 2005
Canyon View Jr High School, Huntington, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM 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; JJ Grant, Secondary Supervisor; and, Roger Swenson, Transportation Director were also present. Carol Ediger represented the Emery Education Association. Cory Bluemel of the Emery County Progress represented the press. Several members of the community were also present.

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

Canyon View Jr. High School Principal Larry Davis presented an overview of programs and activities at the school while also offering information on school demographics, fee waivers, free and reduced lunch, faculty and staff, honors and awards, grants, capital improvements, academics, policy and procedures, health, safety and welfare, and school needs. Mr. Davis thanked the Board for working so well with the school and for helping to meet the educational needs of the students.

Mayor Jackie Wilson and Norm Dingman representing Huntington City were welcomed to the meeting. They explained the current traffic and safety issues surrounding Huntington Elementary School. They requested the Board consider partnering with Huntington City to move a City owned metal building located just south of Huntington Elementary. The City would then make the space available to faculty and staff for parking thereby helping to relieve the traffic congestion on 100 North between Main Street and 100 East. It was the consensus of the Board to consider the possibilities of such an arrangement.

Ross Huntington recommended the Board appoint LeRoy Maxfield as the Emery County School District representative for asbestos, a position now vacant due to the retirement of Mike Huntsman. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the appointment of Mr. Maxfield to that position. The motion passed unanimously.

Garth Johnson, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Johnson requested Board approval for a combined Valentine's Day dance for Canyon View and San Rafael Jr. High Schools. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the dance. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger Swenson, Transportation Director, presented the Board with information about proposed bus purchases and the many changes that have recently taken place in the manufacture of school buses. Based on his recommendation, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the purchase from Bryson Sales and Service of two Blue Bird All American heavy duty transit type "D" rear engine buses at \$86,197.80 each. The motion passed unanimously.

Nadine Hinkins, Drill Team Advisor at Emery High School, was next on the agenda. Mrs. Hinkins requested Board approval for a five day out-of-state trip for the eleven drill team girls. She presented an itinerary and estimate of costs. Following assurances of proper chaperones, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the trip. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Hinkins then requested the Board consider approval of student buses to travel to region drill team competitions and the addition of an assistant to the drill team advisor. The Board agreed to consider her requests.

Superintendent Sitterud explained pending legislation and distributed information on several of the more important bills. He expressed anticipation that the increase in the Weighted Pupil Unit, the basic funding mechanism for public schools, will be 4.5 to 5 %.

Ross Huntington reminded everyone that an open house will be held on Wednesday, February 16th from 3 until 5 PM for Mike Huntsman who recently retired from his position as the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. The open house will be at the new warehouse which is located in the bus and maintenance compound. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mike for his many years of service.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware 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 9:35PM.