

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
January 5, 2005
Castle Valley Center, Price, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other board members present were Rue Ware, Sam Singleton, and Marie Johnson. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent, and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

The press was represented by Cory Bluemel of the Emery County Progress.

After presenting re-elected Board Members with their Certificates of Election, Ross Huntington swore Laurel Johansen, Sam Singleton, and Rue Ware into office for four year terms.

Laurel Johansen was re-elected to a two year term as board president by unanimous vote following a motion by Marie Johnson and a second by Sam Singleton. Royd Hatt was elected to a two year term as board vice-president by unanimous vote following a motion by Rue Ware and a second by Marie Johnson.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants and minutes as presented and to approve the November and December financial reports pending clarification of the negative balance shown in "Revenue other State Agencies" on the Revenue Report. The motion was seconded by Sam Singleton. The motion then passed by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Christy Reed be hired as an Education Assistant at Cleveland Elementary to replace Cassie Jensen who recently resigned. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve a request from the junior high choirs to allow sixteen students, eight from each junior high school, together with the appropriate number of chaperones, to travel to Salt Lake City, stay overnight, and participate in the Annual Utah Music Educators Association Junior High School Honor Choir. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve a revision to District Policy JHCE (Speech and Hearing Screening). The revisions were necessary to reflect current terminology and bring it into compliance with current law. The motion passed unanimously.

A request of the Rodeo Club was received by the Superintendent and presented to the Board asking for financial assistance with postage costs. The Rodeo Club is not a school sponsored activity, therefore, the request was denied by unanimous vote following a motion by Rue Ware and a second by Marie Johnson.

The next item considered was a request for leave without pay from Robin Saupan, a sixth grade teacher at Cottonwood Elementary. The Superintendent stated that he had the authority to grant Mrs. Saupan five days of leave without pay which he had done. However, she was requesting two days in addition and that requires Board approval. The Superintendent recommended the Board grant Mrs. Saupan's request. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to grant her two days of leave without pay in addition to the five days authorized by the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recognized Nancy Martinez, a teacher at Emery High School, who was recently selected by the Utah High School Activities Association as the "Female Official of the Year".

Superintendent Sitterud also recognized Jessica Jenkins, a teacher at Green River High School, who was selected by the Utah High School Activities Association as the "1-A Drama Coach of the Year".

Other non-action items discussed were projected school trust land funding for 2006, the U-PASS Accountability Performance Report, the upcoming USBA Convention on January 14-15, and the legislative session which begins soon.

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

Upon reconvening to general session a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:10PM.