

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
March 2, 2005
Cottonwood Elementary School, Orangeville, 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, Rue Ware and Marie Johnson. 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 not represented. Carol Ediger represented the Emery Education Association and Kayce Fluckey 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 Sam Singleton to approve the warrants and the January financial report as presented and the minutes with one minor correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Jones, Principal at Cottonwood Elementary School, was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Jones summarized the various programs and activities, primarily in the reading and literacy areas, at the school. Mr. Jones concluded his presentation by complimenting his highly dedicated staff for their efforts in helping to create a community of learners. The Board thanked Mr. Jones for all he and his staff does to help kids be successful.

Mike Huntsman, who served as the Supervisor of Building and Grounds for 18 ½ years, was then recognized. Superintendent Sitterud presented Mike with a clock in recognition for those many years of service. Ross Huntington stated that Mike had been a very loyal, conscientious employee, who had dedicated his service to ensure a safe, clean environment for the children and employees of the district.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Laurel Johansen to appoint Marie Johnson, JJ Grant, and Ross Huntington to negotiate with certified employees and to appoint Sam Singleton, Jon Crawford, and Ross Huntington to negotiate with classified employees. The motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion about the proposed "Building Rental and Use" Policy, ECA, was then held. Superintendent Sitterud stated that agreements had been negotiated with both the Emery County Recreation District and the Community Theater. Copies of those agreements are incorporated into the final documents which were presented for Board approval. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the District Policy ECA, together with supporting documents as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Melanie Miera be approved for hire as a half-time custodian at Cleveland Elementary School effective February 16, 2005. Mrs. Miera will start on grade 5, step 1 at \$10.38 per hour. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the resignations of Dan Wise, a teacher at Emery High School and Canyon View Jr High School, effective February 25th, and Sharon Rasmussen, a custodian at Huntington Elementary School, effective February 23rd. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the early retirement requests of Janice Snow, a teacher at Ferron Elementary School; DeWayne Fowler, a teacher at Huntington Elementary School; Glenda Thomas, the secretary in the counselor's office at Emery High School; and, Donna Downard, the Computer Lab Educational Assistant at Ferron Elementary School, all effective at the end of the school year, which is May 27th. The Superintendent also recommended the Board accept the retirement letter of Arden Sherrill, custodian at Green River High School effective July 31st. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the Superintendent's recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent then provided the Board with an update on the 2005 Legislature. He also provided the Board with the latest enrollment projections for next school year. It is anticipated that declining enrollment will continue to plague the district for the next four years. Beginning enrollment for the Fall of 2005 is expected to be 2325, which is 41 students less than the beginning student population for the Fall of 2004.

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

After reconvening to general session the Board decided, by consensus, to enlist the services of an architect to determine the feasibility of constructing an auxiliary gymnasium at Green River High School.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware to adjourn. The motion passed without a dissenting vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.