

Minutes of the Board of Education  
Emery County School District  
October 5, 2005  
Emery High School, Castle Dale, 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.

J.J. Grant, Secondary Supervisor, Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, and LeRoy Maxfield, Director of Buildings and Grounds were present. Carol Ediger, represented the Emery Education Association. The press was not represented.

Mayor Neal Peacock of Castle Dale, Emery County Commissioner Gary Kofford, and Emery County Recreation Department Manager, Shannon Hiatt, were in attendance. There were a number of boy scouts and their parents also present.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes, and the September monthly financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Principal Kelly Alton delivered the Principal's report on behalf of Principal Gwen Callahan who was excused from the meeting. Mr. Alton explained some of the components of the School Improvement Plan. He also explained the Staff Development Plan and the positive impact it is having on student achievement. Additionally, he informed the Board about the program underway at Emery High where a car will be given away to some deserving student at the end of the year.

Neal Peacock, Mayor of Castle Dale City, Gary Kofford, Emery County Commissioner, and Shannon Hiatt, Manager of the Emery County Recreation Department, updated the Board on the proposed swimming pool project. Each expressed the need for school district involvement for the project to succeed. After discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve in concept the donation of land by the District for the project with the location to be determined by a committee made up of Superintendent, Kirk Sitterud, who will serve as the committee's chairman, Board Member Marie Johnson, the Director of Buildings and Grounds, LeRoy Maxfield, and representatives from Castle Dale City, the County Commission, the County Recreation Board and the architect. In addition, it is expected that a Memorandum of Understanding will be written and signed by all parties detailing their working relationship. The motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the proposed auxiliary gymnasium at Green River High School. Board member Royd Hatt showed other board members an architectural drawing that had been selected by coaches and staff as the most desirable. A motion was made by Rue Ware

and seconded by Marie Johnson to move forward with the project and hire an architect. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended approval of the addition of a “bullying” component to District Policy JFCF “Student Conduct”. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational items passed on to the Board were: the October 1 enrollment report, the State Board Budget Request, Tax Reform Committee Recommendations, a Utah State Board of Education resolution opposing the removal of earmarking income tax for education, the USBA/USSA Legislative Program, a national comparison of per pupil spending, a complimentary letter about some of the students in FFA, and an announcement fo Utah Principal’s Week which is designated as October 17-21.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt 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 Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.