

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
January 4, 2006
San Rafael Jr. High School, Ferron, Utah

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

J.J. Grant Secondary Supervisor, and Jed Jensen the Elementary Supervisor were present. Carol Ediger represented the Emery Education Association and Cory Bluemel represented the Emery County Progress. There were a number of parents and students in attendance as well.

A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants, minutes, and the December financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Garth Johnson, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School (SRJHS), was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Johnson reported on the excellent job being done by the staff at SRJHS especially by first year English teacher, Mr. Jarett Gilbert, and the new guidance counselor, Mrs. Christine Hunt. He also complimented second year teachers, Eldon Carbine, Kirk Robinson, and Brandy Yates on the fine job they are doing. Mr. Johnson extended appreciation to the Child Nutrition Program workers for the wonderful job they do in feeding 240 kids each day. Mr. Johnson reported on several successful programs at SRJHS including "The New Face of Drugs", "Reality Town", and "Breaking Down the Walls".

Mr. Johnson requested the Board approve an overnight field trip for the combined jr. high honor choir so that they might perform at Hillcrest High School in Midvale, Utah, on the 27th and 28th of January. The combined choir consists of eight students from SRJHS and eight from Canyon View Jr. High School (CVJHS). Mr. Johnson assured the Board that there would be three chaperones with the students. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson requested Board approval for the jr. high schools to have a combined Valentine Day Dance. This year the students from SRJHS will be traveling to CVJHS for the dance. A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the recommendation of Superintendent Sitterud, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to appoint Ross Huntington as the District's Business Administrator for the next two years. The motion passed unanimously. The Board asked Mr. Huntington to prepare a comparison of business administrator salaries and suggested salary schedule for their review at the next board meeting.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Board approval of technical and wording changes in the following District policies; GCBD (Leaves and Absences), BCB (Board Officers), and LBD (Home School). A motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommended revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent recommended approval of an additional head coach for cross-country at Emery High School beginning next school year, bringing the total number of cross-country head coaches to two (2). A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Rue Ware. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-action items covered by the Superintendent were the changing graduation requirements, the USBA Convention in Salt Lake City on January 13th and 14th, and the USBA “Day on the Hill” on January 19th.

Superintendent Sitterud gave a brief update on the proposed new swimming pool. He stated that Commissioner Sitterud had told him that due to a lack of funding the question would be placed before the voters this coming November. Voters would be asked to approve the sale of bonds to help finance construction. If the voters approve the bond issue then construction on the new pool would begin in the Spring of 2007. Castle Dale City officials have indicated a willingness to operate the existing pool for one more year.

A motion was mad by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. 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 9:00 p.m.