

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
September 6, 2006
Cleveland Elementary School, Cleveland, 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. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was the Business Administrator Ross Huntington.

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

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, the minutes, and the August monthly financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Clark, Principal at Cleveland Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Clark thanked the Board for visiting his school. He commented about the tremendous faculty and staff at Cleveland Elementary, including the new personnel, Jodi Sitterud the second grade teacher, Bandi Olsen, Tami Rowley, and Jon Wright, all new teaching assistants. He thanked the Board for the new carpet in several rooms and for the investment in new technology. He concluded his remarks by informing the Board that enrollment had increased by seventeen (17) students since last year's October 1 count.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Board approval of a request from the Economic Development Council for use of a school bus on Thursday, September 21, to transport business and civic leaders to the Castle Valley Ranch for the annual Economic Summit. In exchange, the Council would recognize the District with a sponsorship of the event. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.

Jed Jensen, Elementary Supervisor, requested Board approval to conduct the Student Health And Risk Prevention survey. Results of the survey are used to target and evaluate prevention services for the next two years. As a result of District participation in the last survey, we received a fairly substantial grant for tobacco prevention. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton. The motion passed unanimously.

Tonia Worthen, a teacher from Castle Dale Elementary was next on the agenda. She reported on the success of her sixth grade ballroom dancing class. She informed the Board that she is working with Darrell Gardner, the social dance instructor at Emery High School, to expand the program throughout the District. Mr. Gardner will in-service teachers from other elementary schools who will then instruct students. They plan to have a festival at the end of the year. In support of her program she showed a video of her classes closing social for last year.

Next item on the agenda was the consideration of bids on the Green River High School Auxiliary Gymnasium. Ross Huntington reviewed a summary of bids, for the benefit of all in attendance, with is as follows: CK Construction, \$2,648,088; Hales and Warner Construction, \$2,654,490; Lawrence Construction, \$2,760,096; and, Wade Payne Construction, \$2,458,250. All bids include the base and alternates 2, 3, and 4. Alternates 1, 5, and 6 were not included in the project. After careful and thorough consideration, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Rue Ware to award the bid to Wade Payne Construction at \$2,458, 250. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Board approval for five automotive students from Emery High School to attend an out-of-state competition in New Mexico, with expenses to be paid for by the Applied Technology College. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions and action on the proposed new swimming pool were postponed, pending the outcome of voter approval in November.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Board approval of the following names for hire with the District: Jill Pappas, Elementary Math Coach; Tina Allred, one-half day kindergarten at Huntington Elementary; Corinna Johnson, Education Assistant at Book Cliff Elementary; Suzanne Larsen, Educational Assistant at Huntington Elementary for a special needs student; and, Tommy Humphrey, Adult Education ESL Language Development Teacher, 12-15 hours per week. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to accept the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended Board approval of a minor revision to District Policy JHCE, Speech and Hearing Screening Policy. He also recommended approval of District Policy IKF, Graduation and Acceptance of High School Credit, which meets the requirements of the state for graduation and high school credit acceptance. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent informed the Board that enrollment was down 35 students from the October count of last year.

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

Upon reconvening to general session, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.