

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
April 2, 2008
Huntington Elementary School, Huntington, Utah

The April 2008 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Rue Ware. Board Vice-President Royd Hatt was absent. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

Action Item #1: After the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the Board of Education reviewed the consent agenda. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the minutes, warrants and February 2008 financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Rue Ware and passed by unanimous vote.

Reports Item #1: The next agenda item was to provide recognition to two individuals present at the meeting. Board President Johansen first presented an Employee Recognition Award to Sonia Torres, ELL teacher at Huntington Elementary School. Mrs. Torres' was nominated for this award because of her exceptional ability to work with and care for students, her willingness to assist others, and for her outstanding work with ELL students. Mrs. Johansen also praised Mrs. Torres for her pleasant attitude and enthusiasm and presented her with a plaque. Principal Tom Baltzer also presented her with a flower arrangement and offered his congratulations.

School Nurse Dana Olsen was the next to be recognized. President Johansen expressed her personal appreciation to Mrs. Olsen, explaining that she has worked hard to provide quality health programs and services in the District's schools. She also praised Mrs. Olsen for working calmly with parents and students, always being positive, and for always working hard. In particular, Mrs. Olsen was instrumental in making Huntington Elementary a Gold Medal School. Mrs. Olsen was presented with a plaque and flower arrangement. Members of the Board each expressed their congratulations and appreciation to Mrs. Torres and Mrs. Olsen.

Action Item #2: Business Administrator Black next presented bids for summer carpet projects to the Board for consideration and approval. Mr. Black explained that carpet replacement is scheduled this summer for portions of Huntington Elementary, Castle Dale Elementary, Cottonwood Elementary, Book Cliff Elementary, and Green River High. The only bid received for these projects was from Affordable Flooring, for the amount of \$44,363. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the bid as presented. Rue Ware seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Item #3: The next action item was the appointment of negotiation team members for the upcoming set of meetings. Board President Johansen appointed herself and Marie Johnson to the Certified team and Royd Hatt and Sam Singleton to the Classified team. Business Administrator Black will participate on both teams. Mrs. Johansen also extended authority to Superintendent Sitterud to appoint District Office personnel to chair negotiations meetings.

Action Item #4: Members of the Board of Education next discussed a proposed agreement to purchase lots from Roger and Susan Peay. These lots would be available for Emery High School's construction program for the next several years. Mrs. Johansen asked Board members if they had any questions about the agreement. No questions were brought forward. Mr. Singleton mentioned that the Board had discussed this item in detail last month in closed meeting, and that he had reviewed the purchase agreements. He then made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. This motion was seconded by Marie Johnson and approved unanimously by the Board.

Reports Item # 2: Principal Thomas Baltzer of Huntington Elementary School was next to address the Board of Education. Principal Baltzer welcomed the Board of Education and thanked them for their support. He recognized his faculty, staff and students. He then explained that Huntington Elementary recently completed a successful Title I audit—recognizing Jennifer Mortensen for being critical to the success of the audit.

Principal Baltzer mentioned that Huntington Elementary School has had a good year. Many programs are available at the school—most of which have good participation rates and success. Several students from the school have won prestigious awards and competitions during the year. He also mentioned that the school is planning to use Trustlands money to provide summer school opportunities this year. He again reiterated that all of the success at Huntington Elementary is due to his great faculty and staff. President Johansen and other members of the Board thanked Principal Baltzer for his work as Principal of Huntington Elementary.

Reports Item # 3: Superintendent Sitterud reviewed the key education bills that were passed during the legislative session, mentioning that several bills will require the District to write and implement new plans. Mr. Sitterud then mentioned that Governor Huntsman had visited the District Office earlier in the day, and that the visit had been positive and productive. He also recognized that Emery Telcom had generously donated a new scoreboard system for the swimming pool. At the recently completed Sterling Scholar program, Emery High School had 3 winners and 8 runners-up out of the 12 total categories. Finally, the Emery High automotive team competed in a Junior College level auto competition, and received the runner-up award—an exceptional achievement for a high school team.

Reports Item # 4: Mr. Black gave each Board member a copy of the approved Capital Outlay projects for this upcoming summer. He explained that the electrical upgrade at Ferron Elementary would be much less expensive than the original estimate, which will allow the District to complete some additional projects.

Board President Johansen asked if there were any public comments. No comments were given.

At 7:30 pm, a motion was made by Rue Ware and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening the regular meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.