

The September 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 Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Rue Ware. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

Board Action Item #1: After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, members of the Board first considered the warrants, minutes for the August 2008 Board meeting, and monthly financial reports for August 2008. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the minutes, as well as the warrants and the August financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item #2: Superintendent Sitterud presented two requests for Medical leave on behalf of Danielle Tuttle, Teacher at Castle Dale Elementary, and Lara Barnett, Teacher at San Rafael Junior High. Mr. Sitterud explained that Mrs. Tuttle is requesting leave from October 27th to January 5th and Mrs. Barnett is requesting leave from September 15th to October 27th, both for personal medical reasons. Both qualify under the Family and Medical Leave policy. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the requests as presented, with a second by Marie Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Action Item #3: Superintendent Sitterud presented a recommendation to approve athletic schedules for the 2008-09 school year, including trips on the schedule that are over 150 miles. The schedules presented included Emery High football, volleyball, tennis and cross country, and Green River High baseball, volleyball, cross country and girls & boys basketball.

Mr. Sitterud also showed the Board a proposal from the Superintendent's Association to the Utah High School Activities Association for a reduction in the number of athletic competitions, beginning with the 2009-10 school year. He explained that the proposal was being made due to the high costs associated with athletic travel, along with the reduced instructional time for kids who are on the teams. Board Member Johnson asked if the Board would be in agreement to send a letter to the UHSAA in support of the proposal. Board members agreed and Superintendent Sitterud agreed to draft the letter. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the athletic schedules and trips as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item #4: Mr. Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following persons be approved for the positions indicated, beginning employment at the start of the appropriate contract period for the 2008-09 school year, unless otherwise indicated:

<i>Vicki Martineau:</i>	<i>Special Ed. Educational Assistant, 3-Hour</i>	<i>Huntington Elementary</i>
<i>Tami Rowley:</i>	<i>Special Ed. Educational Assistant, 19.5 hr/wk</i>	<i>Canyon View Junior High</i>
<i>Lisa Winn:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, 3-Hour</i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary</i>
<i>Courtnee Justice:</i>	<i>Library Educational Assistant, 3-Hour</i>	<i>Huntington Elementary</i>
<i>Shawna Carroll:</i>	<i>Preschool Educational Assistant, 3-Hour</i>	<i>Ferron Elementary</i>
<i>Amber Pitman:</i>	<i>Kindergarten Educational Assistant, 3-Hour</i>	<i>Huntington Elementary</i>
<i>Athletic Coaches:</i>	<i>As indicated on the 2008-09 coaching schedule (attached)</i>	
<i>** Laura Blackwell:</i>	<i>Change from 19 hrs to 30 hrs for Literacy Ctr</i>	<i>Huntington Elementary</i>
	<i>** Additional hours to begin when Literacy Center funding is available</i>	

After consideration, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve all hiring recommendations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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Board Action Item #5: Next, bids were reviewed for a condensing unit for the air conditioning system at Green River High School. Mr. Black presented bids from U.S. Air-Conditioning Distributors (\$36,600), CHCS Contractors (\$43,681), MHI Service (\$57,772), and TMS Inc. (\$54,089). He recommended awarding the bid to U.S. Air-Conditioning Distributors, mentioning that it will still be 5-6 weeks before the unit arrives. Royd Hatt motioned to award the bid to U.S. Air-Conditioning Distributors. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Reports Item #1: Superintendent Sitterud reported to the Board on multiple items, beginning with an enrollment update. The most current number is 2,231 with Secondary enrollment being lower than last year while Elementary enrollment is higher. The State Board of Education has passed a rule on vending machines in schools. The District will need to respond to the rule with a plan—the deadline for which is in January. The Governor’s assessment panel is looking to implement a revised testing process in Utah schools. Mr. Sitterud reviewed what the process would entail. The District submitted a plan for an ELL Family Literacy Center. The plan calls for two centers, one in Huntington and one in Green River. Laura Blackwell has been given additional hours and will facilitate the Huntington center. It will take more time to find the resources needed to start the center in Green River. These centers will assist ELL families in developing English language skills and will provide homework assistance and other services.

Reports Item #2: Mr. Black reported that the lighting upgrade project at the Emery High auditorium is progressing faster than scheduled, and should be finished by the end of the week.

Reports Item #3: Principal Worthen thanked members of the Board and the District Office for their support. He mentioned his appreciation for his staff, noting that the school has one new teacher this year, Roseanne Dawes, who is doing very well. He discussed the new math program that is being used this year. His teachers are putting in extra time learning the new program, and while it will take some time to get used to, it will be much better for the students. He thanked the PTA organization at Castle Dale Elementary for being supportive and active. He mentioned his “Words of Wisdom” program and the positive impact it has on students.

Board President Johansen extended her thanks to Principal Worthen, adding that it is evident that his faculty and staff work hard to help their students excel.

At 7:42 p.m., a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to move to a closed meeting for a personnel-related discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening to open meeting, a recommendation was made by Superintendent Sitterud to adjust the work schedules of all Elementary Secretaries to 8-hours a day, effective immediately. The schedules will remain at 195 days per year. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the recommendation. President Johansen seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous vote.

At 8:08 p.m., a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.