

Emery County School District | Board of Education

The April meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Castle Dale Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was also present as was Business Administrator Jared Black. Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Johansen presented Katherine Monfredi with an employee recognition award. Mrs. Monfredi has worked in the District for 21 years, mostly as the computer lab manager at Castle Dale Elementary. She is known for her kindness, patience and gentleness in her interactions with students, faculty and staff. She has taken advantage of many training opportunities and regularly learns new skills to teach to students as well as the faculty and staff. She has been instrumental in helping the faculty understand how to implement technology in their teaching. Members of the Board and Superintendent Sitterud expressed their congratulations to Mrs. Monfredi.

Board Action Item (B1): Members of the Board considered the warrants as well as the minutes for the March 2010 Board meeting. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Marie Johnson and carried by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B2): Superintendent Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated, beginning their responsibilities immediately:

<i>Doug Mecham:</i>	<i>Wrestling Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Heather Stilson:</i>	<i>Drill Team Advisor</i>	<i>Emery High</i>

Royd Hatt motioned to accept the recommendation. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (B3): Principal Jim Jones of Canyon View Junior High was invited to present a request to remodel the faculty room at his school. He explained that he would like to build a wall between the faculty room and restrooms, then remove the wall between the counselor's office and the faculty room. The new entrance to the faculty room would be through the counselor's office, which would become part of a new, larger faculty room. The counselor's office would be moved to another area of the school. There are two potential areas for a new counselor's office. The remodel would be completed by the school custodial staff and paid for with school funds. Members of the Board asked several questions to clarify how the project would work and what would be done with the counseling office. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the request. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Reports Item (C1): Principal Ralph Worthen was invited to share a report of his school with the Board. Mr. Worthen recognized the excellence of the faculty and staff at Castle Dale Elementary—mentioning that they have done a great job of coming together as a group. He also recognized Teri McElprang, who has been assisting Mr. Worthen with administrative duties as part of her administrative licensure program. Derek Anderson, a student at the school, has qualified to participate in the State geography bee. Mr. Worthen expressed his appreciation for the support he receives from both the Maintenance and District staff.

President Johansen thanked Principal Worthen for his report and indicated her appreciation for all that Mr. Worthen and his staff accomplish.

Report Item (C2): The Superintendent reported on the outcomes of several bills from the legislative session which will have an impact on K-12 education. He also presented Board members with updated enrollment projections.

Report Item (C3): Business Administrator Jared Black briefly reported on the financial outlook for next year, indicating that the District is anticipating a 2% reduction in State funding.

Public Comments: Dixie Fielder, counselor at Emery High commented on UBSCT testing. She explained that each time a student takes the UBSCT test, the result must be posted on their transcript. She hopes that something can be done to change this so that students who may not be good test-takers, but would otherwise make good employees, won't be penalized by potential employers who look at their transcripts and see that they did not pass the UBSCT once or even multiple times. Member Johnson asked if this would continue to happen in future years. Superintendent Sitterud explained that the State Office has probably not resolved this issue, but that it is something they will need to look at.

At 7:40 PM a motion was made by Royd Hatt and Seconded by Sam Singleton to move into a closed meeting for an appeal hearing as well as a discussion related to the character of an individual. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Laurel Johansen Aye
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Sam Singleton Aye
- Nanette Tanner Aye

Upon reconvening at 8:53 PM, President Johansen wished to recognize that the District received a financial excellence award from the Utah State Office of Education.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.