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The April 2011 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Emery High School, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner (attending electronically). Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

Recognition (B1): Board President Johansen presented Dana Olsen with a recognition award for having been recently named the Utah School Nurse of the Year. Members of the Board and Superintendent Sitterud expressed their congratulations and appreciation to Mrs. Olsen.

Recognition (B2): Principal Larry Davis recognized the coaches and players from the Emery High School Girls Basketball team for their recent achievement of winning the state championship. Members of the coaching staff as well as players added comments.

Board Action Item (C1): Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the March 2011 Board meeting and financial reports for February and March 2011. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (C2): Mr. Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individual be approved for the position indicated:

Jerel Lofley:

Principal

Cleveland Elementary

Marie Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendation as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (C3): Emery High band teacher Ben Carroll requested approval for the marching band to travel and perform in the Days of '47 parade in Salt Lake City on July 25th. The trip would include an overnight stay and would involve at least 50-60 students with appropriate supervision. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the trip as requested. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (C4): Superintendent Sitterud discussed a request from the Emery High theater department for the District to cover the cost of admission for children under the age of 12 to their next play. The play will be 101 Dalmatians in honor of the 150th play of Mr. Peacock, the drama teacher. With children able to attend for free, more adults would likely come which would provide a better audience for the performances as well as a boost in revenue for the department. Mr. Sitterud added that this would be a good way to recognize Mr. Peacock's 150th play and funds could be allocated from the Gifted and Talented program to cover admission prices for children. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the request and Royd Hatt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (C5): Principal Davis requested that two fee changes be approved for the upcoming school year. The first is a \$5 novels fee which would apply to all students in a language arts class. He explained that this fee was previously approved at the Junior High level but has never been assessed at the High School. The second is a Sterling Scholar fee of \$30 per Scholar, which would cover some of the added cost of supplies and materials. Board member Nanette Tanner motioned to approved the request as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

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Board Action Item (C6): Superintendent Sitterud explained that the American Red Cross would like to identify the District’s secondary schools as disaster shelters in the event of a natural disaster. This would require them to send a crew from Provo to measure and survey each school for shelter use. The schools have already been designated as emergency shelters by the County. He added that it would certainly make sense to use the schools for this purpose if the need were to arise. Royd Hatt motioned to approve this request from the American Red Cross. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board Action Item (C7): Mr. Black presented bids for awarding. He recommended that the first group of bids, for carpeting, be postponed until the May meeting so that the District can gather more information needed to make a good decision. He presented bids for asbestos abatement and tree trimming & removal services:

Asbestos Abatement:

- Fresh Air Environmental \$7,841
- Thermal West Industrial \$8,282
- Eagle Environmental \$9,654

Tree Trimming & Removal:

| | Cleveland | Castle Dale | San Rafael |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| • Tree Top Service | \$10,424 | \$1,845 | \$3,400 |
| • Expert Tree Service | \$9,500 | \$1,500 | \$2,700 |
| • Bodee & Boys | \$7,000 | \$675 | \$4,250 |
| • South Valley Tree Experts | \$3,500 | \$1,500 | \$4,300 |

Mr. Black recommended approval of the asbestos bid from Fresh Air Environmental and a split awarding of the tree trimming bid – with the work at Cleveland awarded to Bodee & Boys and the work at Castle Dale and San Rafael awarded to Tree Top Service. On the tree trimming bids, some low bids are not recommended due to factors such as incomplete bid information, extra charges for cleanup, and differences between what the District would like done and the work proposed in bid details.

Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the bids as recommended. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report Item (D1): Principal Larry Davis reported to the Board. He indicated how much he is enjoying his work at Emery High and that the school is moving in a positive direction. He expressed his appreciation for the great faculty and staff at Emery High. The school enrollment has decreased from 438 at the beginning of the year to 414 students, mostly due to early graduation. He reported that curriculum and academics are moving forward and improving. He reviewed the “desired results for student learning” as well as his administrative goals. He also gave members of the Board information about noteworthy events and the various clubs and organizations at Emery High.

President Johansen thanked Principal Davis for his report and indicated her appreciation for his obvious enthusiasm and passion for leading Emery High.

Report Item (D2): Superintendent Sitterud noted that he has received letters of intent to retire from Alta Anderson and Dean Nelson. He then reviewed several important education bills recently passed by the Utah Legislature.

Report Item (D3): Mr. Black reported on other capital projects in process, including a retaining wall at Cleveland Elementary and a lighting system for the football field at Emery High. He also provided members of the Board with information about federally mandated rates for the Child Nutrition Program.

Public Comments (E): No public comments were made.

Closed Meeting (F): A closed meeting was not held.

Adjournment (G): At 8:40 p.m., upon reconvening to open meeting, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.