## Emery County School District | Board of Education

President Laurel Johansen Vice-President Royd Hatt Member Marie Johnson Member Sam Singleton Member Nanette Tanner

The September meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Book Cliff Elementary School, was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner. Member Marie Johnson was absent. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present. Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Action Item (B1):** Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the August 2011 Board meeting and financial reports for August. A motion was made by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (B2):** Superintendent Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

Claron Durrant: Educational Assistant, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 3 hr Huntington Elementary
Kori Cook: Educational Assistant, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 3 hr Huntington Elementary
Stephanie Oviatt: Educational Assistant, Title I, 3 hr Huntington Elementary
Laura Jeffs: Educational Assistant, Resource, 3 hr Huntington Elementary

Autumn Arrien: Bus Assistant, 4 hr Transportation, Castle Valley Center Bus

Kathrine Benson: Child Nutrition Worker, 2 hr San Rafael Junior High

Sam Singleton motioned to approve the hiring recommendation as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

**Board Action Item (B3):** Mr. Black next presented the following policy actions to the Board, recommending that each be approved as presented:

- BCA—Board Rules of Order and Procedures: Establishes parliamentary order, rules for civil discourse in Board meetings and ethical guidelines for Board members. This is a new policy required by the Utah legislature & written according to legislative guidelines.
- **BBAA—Board Member Authority**: recommendation to rescind this policy which was extensively rewritten and recoded as new policy BCA.
- **BE—School Board Meetings**: revision recommended which strikes out a statement on parliamentary order since this statement is part of new policy BCA.

Following Mr. Black's explanation of each of the policy recommendations, Nanette Tanner made a motion to approve the policy revisions as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (B4):** Superintendent Sitterud proposed the creation of a new Mentor Teacher Program to replace the previous Teacher Enhancement Levels and Peer Coach Program. Mentor teachers will be selected by application and will be trained and assigned to provisional educators. They will also assist teachers on probation. Mentors teachers will be compensated through an annual stipend and when appropriate, additional hourly pay. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the Mentor Teacher Program as it had been presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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**Report Item (C1):** Principal Melinda Durrant welcomed the Board of Education to Book Cliff Elementary and thanked them for their ongoing support. She expressed her appreciation to the excellent faculty and staff at her school. She reported that Book Cliff Elementary did not make AYP in Language Arts so the school has been working hard to make improvements. Some of their efforts include data collaboration among faculty, school family literacy nights and contacting other schools to discover and implement best practices. President Johansen thanked Principal Durrant for her efforts.

**Report Item (C2)**: Principal Nolan Johnson of Green River High reported several items to the Board. Green River High has made good progress toward having a highly qualified teacher in every classroom. Currently, 41 of 55 courses have a highly qualified teacher. The school had good success in its first year of participation in the Castle Valley Athletic Association for junior high athletics. The school did not make AYP in Mathematics last year, so this year, there is a focus on using data in the math department to improve targeted instruction. The school is also using Landtrust funds for math teaching resources. Mr. Johnson added that Green River High is scheduled for Accreditation this year and is preparing for that visit. President Johnson thanked Principal Johnson for his report.

**Report Item (C3):** Superintendent Sitterud reported current enrollment projections for the District. He also mentioned that the Green River Community Center, United Way of Eastern Utah, and Green River City are sponsoring a day of service on September 8<sup>th</sup>. He invited the Board to participate if they were interested. He then reported on preliminary legislative concerns being discussed and prioritized by the State Board of Education.

**Report Item (C4)**: Mr. Black reported that the District recently completed its financial audit with no findings. An official report will be given in the November Board meeting. He also mentioned that he is working on releasing a RFQ for architectural services to complete a buildings assessment and master plan for the District. Member Hatt indicated he would be interested in being a member of the selection committee.

**Public Comments:** No comments were made.

At 5:50 pm, a motion was made Sam Singleton and seconded by Nanette Tanner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.