

The November 2012 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Cottonwood Elementary School, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

WORKING SESSION

Independent Auditor's Report: Kay Kimball and Rick Roberts of Kimball and Roberts presented via Skype the auditor's report for fiscal year 2012. Mr. Kimball mentioned his appreciation to the staff of the School District for their cooperation in preparing for and completing the audit. He then reviewed the audit process with the Board, explaining many of the financial statements included in the report as well as the different sections of the report. Mr. Roberts next explained the process of the Single Audit as well as some of the reports pertaining to federal funding. They were able to report a clean opinion on the financial statements of the School District. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Kimball and Mr. Roberts for their report. Mr. Black then took a few minutes to review any significant changes and additions to the financial report.

REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board heard a presentation from Tami Pyfer, representing the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Civic and Character Education.

Board Action Item (B1): Members of the Board reviewed the consent agenda, including the warrants, minutes for the October 2012 Board meeting and financial reports for October 2012. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B2): Mrs. Johansen mentioned that Rick Roberts of Kimball & Roberts had presented the Independent Auditor's Report for 2012 to the Board of Education during a working session prior to the regular meeting. Sam Singleton motioned to accept the report. Marie Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B3): Mr. Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

<i>Kristi Rasmussen:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, 3 hr, Special Education</i>	<i>Huntington Elementary</i>
<i>McKette Sitterud:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, 3 hr, Special Education</i>	<i>Canyon View Junior High</i>
<i>Kayce Fluckey:</i>	<i>Teacher, Special Education</i>	<i>Green River High</i>

Marie Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (B4): Superintendent Sitterud presented the Board with a copy of the Utah Consolidated Plan for Emery School District. He explained that the plan is revised and updated for the 2012-13 school year and requires substantial coordination between administrators across the District. Each component of the plan

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requires data-based goals and initiatives as well as a matching budget. Board approval is required and allows the District to begin receiving funding for the programs covered in the plan. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the plan as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B5): Superintendent Sitterud explained that the National School Boards Association has asked each local Board of Education to pass a resolution concerning Federal sequestration. Sequestration is the process of automatic budget cuts to all federal agencies in the event that Congress cannot agree on a plan by December 31st to cut the Federal budget. If it occurs, it would impact several programs in the District, including Child Nutrition, Special Education, Preschool and Title I. The resolution urges Congress and Federal administrators to avoid the drastic cuts to education funding which would result from sequestration. Nanette Tanner motioned to accept and approve the resolution as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B6): Mr. Sitterud explained that Mr. Kava is requesting to take six auto students to the annual competition in Hobbs, New Mexico, on November 14th-15th. All costs, including hotels and transportation are paid for by USU Eastern. The automotive program has had excellent success at this competition in the past, even though it is a Junior College level competition. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the travel as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B7): This agenda item was cancelled so no action was taken by the Board.

Report Item (C1): Principal Jones welcomed the School Board to Cottonwood Elementary School and thanked them for their support. He explained that the emphasis at Cottonwood Elementary this year is reading. The school uses CRT and DIBELS tests to evaluate reading levels and teachers are now able to use the results to develop custom lesson plans for students at different levels. Other reading initiatives at the school include: the Ticket to Ride reading program, a K-1 pilot program, the Star reading program and strong PTA involvement in reading.

Mr. Jones reported that Cottonwood Elementary continues to improve in using technology resources and the school now has 25 iPad's which are used every day by students for educational purposes.

President Johansen thanked Mr. Jones for his report and for his enthusiasm to improve education at Cottonwood Elementary School.

Report Item (C2): Mr. Black had nothing additional to report.

Report Item (C3): Superintendent Sitterud had nothing additional to report.

Public Comments: No public comments were made.

Closed Meeting (E): At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to move to a closed meeting to discuss collective bargaining. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

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

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Cottonwood Elementary School. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black.

Upon reconvening to open meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Nanette Tanner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.