

The April 2013 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 Vice-President Royd Hatt. Other Board members present were Marie Johnson and Nanette Tanner. Also present was Business Administrator Jared Black. Board President Laurel Johansen, member Sam Singleton and Superintendent Kirk Sitterud were absent.

Mr. Hatt 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 as well as the minutes for the March 2013 Board meeting and the financial reports for March 2013. A motion was made by Marie Johnson 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):** There were no names for approval so a motion was not made on this item.

**Board Action Item (B3):** Gwen Callahan, District Secondary Supervisor, presented this request on behalf of Superintendent Sitterud. She mentioned that the District needs to form a committee to help guide the implementation of the new Education Evaluation Program, required by Senate Bill 64. The committee will review USOE documents and approve the District's plan for meeting the new law. The recommended committee members are:

- Gwen Callahan: Secondary Supervisor
- Jed Jensen: Elementary Supervisor
- Larry Davis: Secondary Principal
- Ralph Worthen: Elementary Principal
- Diane Carter: Secondary Teacher
- Janet Tuttle: Elementary Teacher
- Joyce Guymon: Parent
- Charlotte Morris: Parent

Advisory members would be Superintendent Sitterud and Jon Crawford. Nanette Tanner made a motion to approve the committee as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B4):** The next item was the appointment of negotiation team members for upcoming meetings. Board Vice-President Hatt appointed himself and Nanette Tanner to the Classified team with President Johansen and Marie Johnson being appointed to the Licensed team. Business Administrator Black will participate on both teams. She also extended authority to Superintendent Sitterud to appoint District Office personnel to chair negotiations meetings. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the appointments with Nanette Tanner seconding the motion. It passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (B5):** Mr. Black presented bids for the baseball field fencing project at Emery High School:

- |                      | <u>Line Fences</u> | <u>Backstop</u> |
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| • Southeast Fencing: | \$7,797            | \$16,593        |
| • Ward Landscapes:   | \$8,100            | \$16,340        |

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A mandatory walkthrough was held by the Maintenance Department in mid-March. Mr. Black recommended awarding a split bid, with the line fences awarded to Southeast Fencing and the Backstop awarded to Ward Landscapes. Nanette Tanner made a motion to award a split bid as recommended by Mr. Black. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Report Item (C1):** Principal Melinda Durrant reported on Book Cliff Elementary School. She expressed her appreciation to the faculty and staff at Book Cliff. The school has benefitted this year from teacher authored grant programs, including a new writing program called “Traits Writing” and a new reading unit. Upper grade students will also be participating in a writing project based on Green River and its history, culture and economy. The end result will be brochures or a magazine, which the school hopes will be published. The faculty have implemented a new rotation schedule for the upper grades. Parent feedback on this change has been positive. The teachers meet weekly to review student progress and needs. This summer, in an effort to better serve each student, the faculty will meet several times in order to create benchmark assessments for the core subjects.

Principal Nolan Johnson then reported on Green River High School. The school has purchased the iGrow professional development program. It is a research based program teachers will use for continuous improvement. The school has also been working to improve student behavior and attitude. This is an area of needed improvement from last year’s accreditation process. The school has 3 new honors courses this year in math and language arts—all of which have been well received. The school also had a science fair this year for the first time and it was very successful. Principal Johnson thanked his faculty and staff for their efforts.

**Report Item (D2):** Mr. Black congratulated Kerry Lake, District Maintenance Supervisor, who was recently named the USEA Employee of the Year for the State of Utah in the maintenance category. He will be formally recognized at a banquet in St. George on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members of the Board offered their congratulations to Mr. Lake. Mr. Black then summarized the financial outcome of the legislative session. Growth was fully funded as well as an approximate 2% increase in the weighted pupil unit. In addition, the Necessarily Existent Small Schools program received an additional 2 million in funding. Combined, these funding increases should cover the District’s expected costs for retirement and health insurance next fiscal year.

**Report Item (D3):** Mrs. Callahan gave a report on behalf of Superintendent Sitterud. She mentioned that the District has received letters of retirement from Alyce Childs and Bob Smith. She also noted that the District has a projected enrollment for next year of 2,327—which is 25 students higher than this year. The enrollment number is expected to fluctuate between now and the beginning of next school year. Mrs. Callahan also summarized several bills from the legislative session.

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

**Adjournment (G):** A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Nanette Tanner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.