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The February 2013 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. 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.

Board Action Item (B1): Dixie Fielder presented the comprehensive guidance program plan for the 2013-14 school year. She noted some of the highlights and challenges of the program and outlined how the program is structured to meet State of Utah requirements. Members of the Board thanked her for her presentation. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B2): Members of the Board considered the warrants as well as the minutes for the January 2013 Board meeting and the financial reports for January 2013. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B3): There were no names for approval.

Board Action Item (B4): Superintendent Sitterud presented a request from the Green River High School Community Council to revise their current year Lands Trust plan. The proposed revision would allow the school to purchase the Marzano Professional Development program. This is a research based program, used by the District, and which gives teachers a systematic way of improving instruction. Superintendent Sitterud recommended that the Board approve the revision. Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the revision as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B5): Superintendent Sitterud presented the following policy actions:

- **IJND—Acceptable Use Policy—Employees:** Revision
- **IJND-E1—Responsible Access and Use Form—Employees:** Exhibit revision
- **IJNDA—Acceptable Use Policy—Students:** Revision
- **IJNDA-E1—Responsible Access and Use Form—Students:** Exhibit revision
- **ECAF—Video and Audio Surveillance:** New policy

Superintendent Sitterud explained that these policy actions would bring our technology and network use policies up to date and would provide protected access of surveillance content with regard to the surveillance systems in our schools. The policies would replace current policies EHC/IJNDC along with related exhibits and regulations. Nanette Tanner motioned to approve the policies as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B6): Mr. Black presented bids for the purchase of one school bus. Two bids were received from Bryson's Sales & Service. The first, for a front engine bus, came in at \$114,638. The second, for a rear engine bus with cargo bins, came in at \$126,711. The prices are based on State of Utah purchasing contract MA812. He recommended the purchase of one front engine bus. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Nanette Tanner and passed by unanimous vote.

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Report Item (C1): Principal Larry Davis reported to the Board, thanking them for their support of education in the District and at Emery High School. He reviewed the accomplishments of students at Emery High across several academic and extracurricular programs. He then discussed the successes of several programs at Emery High, including the Integrity Program, the Anti-drug Awareness Campaign, the Homework Class and Peer Tutoring Program, Gear-Up and Upward Bound. He then explained the Emery High has been preparing for a major accreditation visit which will happen in the 2013-14 school year. The school has formed an administrative team to organize and coordinate the accreditation process. He indicated that the school will be well prepared for the visit.

Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation to the great faculty and staff at Emery High. The school enrollment is currently at 414 students and will likely rise modestly over the next two years. He then gave a summary of Emery High's score on the new Utah Comprehensive Accountability System (UCAS) report. He indicated that Emery High is happy to be above the average score for the State, however he knows the school has room to improve. He next reviewed several significant upcoming events for the high school. President Johansen thanked Principal Davis for his report and indicated her appreciation for his ability to work successfully and tirelessly to support all students at Emery High.

Report Item (D2): Mr. Black reported that the total amount of 2006 and 2007 tax revenues the District will need to refund to PacifiCorp in December will be \$399,715. He has notified the County Auditor and the Utah State Tax Commission that the District is making preparations to issue a judgment levy when tax rates are set this summer.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Sitterud mentioned that at the recent USBA Convention in Salt Lake City, Board member Royd Hatt was recognized for 24 years of service on the School Board. He and other members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Hatt for his service. Superintendent Sitterud also mentioned that Emery County School District recently received the Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the International Association of School Business Officials.

Mr. Sitterud then commented on the progress of the Legislative session. The State budget is highly contingent on Federal budget decisions which will be made over the next couple of months. Consequently, a final State budget may not be passed until the very end of the session, or possibly even later during a special session.

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

Closed Meeting (F): At 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of discussion related to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health 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

Certification of Closed Executive Session (Utah Code 52-4-206)

I, Laurel Johansen, President of the Emery County School District Board of Education, certify and swear that the sole purpose of the above closed executive session was to review and discuss the character and professional competence of individuals. Under the code referenced above, a closed executive session discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual is exempt from recording requirements and therefore, this closed executive session was not recorded.

Laurel Johansen

The closed meeting was held in the library at Emery High School. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, Business Administrator Jared Black, District Supervisors Gwen Callahan and Jed Jensen, Principal Larry Davis and Assistant Principal Steven Gordon.

Adjournment (G): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.