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water share lease agreements for the 2013 season as recommended by Mr. Black. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt and passed by unanimous vote.

Discussion Item (C1): Superintendent Sitterud shared some of his thoughts about the recent school shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut. He also discussed what Emery School District does to prepare for emergency situations. Each school has an Emergency Response Plan to address a variety of emergency situations. These plans are updated annually and reviewed by school faculty and staff. Emergency drills are also conducted for both fire and other situations throughout the year. Schools work regularly with local law enforcement officials to hold lockdown, intruder and active shooter drills. He also noted that the School District is currently reviewing all emergency safeguards and welcomes input from parents and community members.

Report Item (D1): Principal Ralph Worthen expressed his appreciation for the support he receives from both the School Board and District staff. He noted that the enrollment at Castle Dale Elementary has grown from 165 to 216 over the last several years. He commented on the progress his faculty and staff are making in using new technologies, particularly Smartboards, in their teaching. He expressed his appreciation for the faculty and staff at Castle Dale Elementary and also complimented the child nutrition workers for always finding ways to keep school lunch fun and engaging for the kids.

Principal Worthen mentioned how pleased he is with the success of the reading partnership between Emery High and Castle Dale Elementary. High school students come over each year to read with elementary students and both benefit from the program. He noted that his school is always discussing safety measures and has planned a lockdown drill in January. Board President Johansen thanked Principal Worthen for his report.

Report Item (D2): Mr. Black discussed the potential need to issue a judgment levy in 2013. The District will need to refund to PacifiCorp about \$400,000 in property taxes from 2006 and 2007. A judgment levy would allow the District to recover that \$400,000. He also expressed concerns with a legislative proposal that would redistribute a good portion of the District's capital outlay levy. If passed, it would result in a significant revenue decrease to the District.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Sitterud discussed some of the impact of the recent fiscal cliff decisions made by the United States Congress. The decision on sequestration of budgets, which could result in an 8% to 16% reduction in all Federal funding received by the School District, was delayed for two months. He then discussed several aspects of the Governor's education budget proposal. He invited Board members to several upcoming meetings.

Due to the extreme cold temperatures experienced throughout Emery County, Superintendent Sitterud explained that he had researched policies on recess and cold temperatures. Few districts or schools nationwide have such a policy, but of the policies which do exist, the most common standard is that 20 degrees is a baseline for when to keep students indoors for activities. He may look at proposing guidelines for the District in the future.

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

Closed Meeting (F): At 7:45 p.m., a motion was made by Royd Hatt 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 teacher lounge at Castle Dale Elementary School. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, Business Administrator Jared Black and District Supervisors Gwen Callahan and Jed Jensen.

Adjournment (G): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.