

The March 2013 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Ferron Elementary 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): Members of the Board considered the warrants as well as the minutes for the February 2013 Board meeting and the financial reports for February 2013. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

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

<i>Lindsey Oman:</i>	<i>Drill Team Advisor</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Delanna Riley:</i>	<i>Bus Aide, Special Education</i>	<i>Transportation</i>

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

Board Action Item (B3): Principal Larry Davis was present to request transportation and District sponsorship for two summer extracurricular requests. The first request is for the Emery High football team to attend a team camp in Nephi from July 8-12. The second request is for the Emery High girls basketball team to attend an individual/team camp at Utah Valley University from June 5-8, a jamboree at Salt Lake Community College from June 19-21, and a sophomore jamboree at Green River High on July 19-20. Coaches Jim Jones and Dean Stilson were also present.

Superintendent Sitterud summarized the concerns and challenges of summer extracurricular programs:

- Significant transportation expense
- Liability
- In general, teams do not exist during summer so all interested students must be allowed to attend
- If sponsored by the District, these events must be considered fee-waivable
- There is no way to objectively choose which programs can and cannot participate each summer. If all programs participate, it becomes much more than the District can support.

He also noted that he understands the need for summer extracurricular training and isn't opposed to these opportunities. In speaking with several Superintendents, he has found that this is a challenging situation for School Districts across the State.

Member Johnson noted that the Board reviewed this situation several years ago. A study at that time showed that if the Board sponsored summer extracurricular programs, there was potential for up to 70 summer transportation requests throughout the District. The Board felt that it was not feasible to accommodate all of these potential requests and consequently developed a policy restricting summer transportation.

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Coach Jones asked the Board to consider approval of the football camp on the basis that the UHSAA by-laws allow for a “padded” camp only between Memorial Day and July 22nd. He provided a copy of these by-laws to Board members.

Member Johnson asked Coach Stilson if he could narrow his request to just one event instead of three. He stated that he would be able to, and would likely choose the camp at Utah Valley University.

Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the request of the Emery High football program for 2013 only, and to approve the Emery High girls basketball program to attend one camp of their choice for 2013 only. All interested students would be allowed to attend. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board of Education will work on a policy to address this situation in future years.

Board Action Item (B4): Superintendent Sitterud presented the following policy action:

- **JE—Student Attendance and Truancy Intervention:** Revision

Superintendent Sitterud explained that this policy was reviewed due to changes last year in the law. As part of the policy review, he decided to combine three policies into one for better clarification on student attendance, absences and truancy. The proposed policy would replace policies JE—Student Attendance, JHB—Truancy Prevention, and JHF—Excessive Absence. After the Board reviewed the revised policy, Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the revision as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B5): Superintendent Sitterud presented a request from Janet Tuttle for three days of Community / Humanitarian leave with pay. She and her husband are travelling to Georgetown, Guyana to provide optical services. She would be using four personal days as well for the trip. Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the leave request as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Training (C1): Superintendent Sitterud provided the required annual training for school board members in relation to the School Land Trust Program. The training also included changes being proposed in the duties of school community councils that will take effect for 2013-14.

Report Item (D1): Principal Dawes thanked the Board of Education for coming to Ferron Elementary for their meeting. He also thanked them for their ongoing support. He reported that Ferron Elementary was recognized last year as a high performing school by the Title I office at USOE. He credits this to outstanding faculty and staff who adhere to a culture of student achievement, progress and growth at the school. Ferron Elementary is committed to using data to understand and address the needs of each student. He also commented on the recent water damage at the school. President Johansen thanked Principal Dawes for his report, commending him for his innovation and ability to have the school use a team approach to education.

Report Item (D2): Mr. Black reported that in a one-week period in January, water lines broke at three schools in the District: Ferron Elementary, Castle Dale Elementary and Emery High. The District has open claims with Risk Management for each of these incidents. Repairs are being made. Mr. Black noted that the maintenance staff and custodians need to be commended for their work in responding to these incidents.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Sitterud reviewed progress of the Legislative session, highlighting several bills with potential impact to the School District.

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

Closed Meeting (F): At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Nanette Tanner 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 Ferron Elementary. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, Business Administrator Jared Black and Secondary Supervisor Gwen Callahan.

Adjournment (G): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Nanette Tanner and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.