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The January 2014 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):** Members of the Board considered the warrants as well as the minutes for the December 2013 Board meeting and the financial reports for December 2013. A motion was made by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

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

<i>Hailey Willis:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Preschool, 3 Hr</i>	<i>Huntington Elementary</i>
<i>Shaun Bell:</i>	<i>Head Softball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Darren Olsen:</i>	<i>Assistant Boys Soccer Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Diane Jensen:</i>	<i>Assistant Boys Soccer Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Heather Jorgensen-Behling:</i>	<i>Teacher, Preschool, Half-Time</i>	<i>District Preschool</i>

Marie Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendation 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 (B3):** Dayna Terry 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. Nanette Tanner made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B4):** Principal Larry Davis presented a policy proposal to implement a drug testing program at Emery High School for students participating in extracurricular activities. He indicated that the policy is a result of extensive research, and that support for the proposal has been demonstrated through student/parent surveys and input given at a community hearing. Principal Davis mentioned that he would like to pilot the program this Spring. Members of the Board asked questions to clarify specific aspects of the policy, including the process and payment for 2<sup>nd</sup> readings and the consequences related to a positive test.

Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed drug testing policy at Emery High School, including the implementation of a pilot program in Spring 2014. Sam Singleton seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (B5):** Mr. Sitterud explained that Mr. Kava is requesting to take six auto students to a competition in Hobbs, New Mexico, on February 4-8. All costs, including hotels and transportation are paid for by USU Eastern. This is the second competition this school year. The first competition in November is a qualifying competition. When the team places in the top 3 (which they did this school year), they are invited to this

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competition in Hobbs. The automotive program has had excellent success at these competitions in the past, even though they are held at a Junior College level. Sam Singleton motioned to approve the travel as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B6):** Mr. Black explained that there are two changes in the water share status from 2013. First is that the District used 2 shares of water from Cottonwood Creek for the new building construction home in Castle Dale. Second, he recommended a rate increase for the Huntington-Cleveland shares from \$3.00 per share to \$3.25. This increase is necessary to cover the cost of the annual assessment for the shares. Everything else remains the same as the previous year. It is the recommendation of Mr. Black that the shares be leased in the same manner as they have been in the last several years. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to renew all water share lease agreements for the 2014 season as recommended by Mr. Black. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt and passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (B7):** Mr. Black presented bids for the purchase of one school bus. Two bids were received from Bryson's Sales & Service. The first, for a standard bus, came in at \$111,190. The second, for a wheelchair accessible bus, came in at \$119,515. The prices are based on State of Utah purchasing contract MA812. He recommended the purchase of one standard and one wheelchair-accessible bus. Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Nanette Tanner and passed by unanimous vote.

**Report Item (C1):** Principal Larry Davis presented the Board with copies of the 2013-14 EHS student handbook as well as his Board report. He thanked the Board for their ongoing support of Emery High School and for being willing to help EHS meet the challenges faced in public education today. He also expressed his appreciation for the faculty and staff at Emery High.

Principal Davis reviewed some of the accomplishments students at Emery High have achieved this year. He discussed several assessment and school grading results, indicating that he is happy with the academic achievements being made, and that the faculty and staff are committed to continual improvement. Generally, scores at Emery High have been higher than national and state averages. He also reviewed several upcoming events at the school. Board President Johansen thanked Principal Davis for his report, also expressing her appreciation for the dedication Mr. Davis has shown in his responsibilities at Emery High School. Other members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Principal Davis as well.

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

**Report Item (C3):** Superintendent Sitterud mentioned that the 2014 legislative session will begin on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He briefed members of the Board on bills that are already being discussed. The USBA Day on the Hill will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. The USBA convention is this weekend.

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

**Closed Meeting (E):** At 7:50 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.

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Laurel Johansen

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Emery High School on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, beginning at 7:50 pm. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, Business Administrator Jared Black, and District Supervisor Gwen Callahan. The closed meeting finished at 8:00 pm.

**Regular Meeting:** Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Nanette Tanner to ratify the prior decision of Superintendent Sitterud to expel a student from San Rafael Junior High School due to a Safe Schools violation. The motion passed unanimously. The violation that occurred has an automatic requirement that the student be expelled for one year, so an expulsion had previously been approved by Superintendent Sitterud. The one-year expulsion is allowed to be adjusted upon the recommendation of the Superintendent. After consulting with Principal Mecham, Mr. Sitterud recommended that the student be expelled until February 1<sup>st</sup>. The student may be readmitted at that time, pending completion of a signed Contract and Provisional Enrollment Agreement with the school. More details of the expulsion and admittance requirements can be found in the minutes of the closed meeting.

**Adjournment (F):** Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Laurel Johansen and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.