

Emery County School District | Board of Education

The May 2014 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Canyon View Junior High School, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board Vice-President Royd Hatt. Other Board members present were Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was also present as was Business Administrator Jared Black. Board President Laurel Johansen was 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 reviewed the consent agenda, including the warrants, minutes for the April 2014 Board meeting and financial reports for April 2014. 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>Karl Jensen:</i>	<i>5th/6th Grade Teacher</i>	<i>Cleveland Elementary</i>
<i>Madison Higley:</i>	<i>Family & Consumer Science Teacher</i>	<i>Green River High</i>
<i>Scott Lofley:</i>	<i>Science Teacher</i>	<i>San Rafael Junior High</i>
<i>Amanda Frandsen:</i>	<i>Kindergarten Teacher</i>	<i>Castle Dale Elementary</i>
<i>Kaylei Garcia:</i>	<i>3rd Grade Teacher</i>	<i>Castle Dale Elementary</i>
<i>Tawni Jensen:</i>	<i>Math Teacher (Half-Day)</i>	<i>Green River High</i>

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

Superintendent Sitterud presented a letter of resignation from Crosby Hatt, who has been working as a teacher at Book Cliff Elementary. Nanette Tanner made a motion to accept the letter of resignation. Royd Hatt seconded the motion. Members of the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Board Action Item (B3): Principal Larry Davis presented his assessment of the pros and cons of adding a girls soccer program at Emery High School. His recommendation was to table a Board decision until December of this year, allowing him to gather more data and more thoroughly evaluate how girls soccer would impact facilities, fields, transportation, and other athletic and extracurricular programs at Emery High. Members of the Board made no motion on this item, agreeing to table this matter. They thanked Principal Davis for his thorough analysis.

Board Action Item (B4): Superintendent Sitterud made a proposal that members of the Board consider a future policy revision that would allow school programs to use buses during summer months, as long as the participants and/or programs pay the reasonable cost of using the buses. This would allow these trips to be District sponsored and covered by Risk Management. This recommendation comes after surveying and reviewing how Districts across the State handle similar situations.

Principal Jim Jones, who coaches the football team, indicated that he would support this proposal. Coach Dean Stilson indicated that paying the cost of a summer bus would be difficult for smaller programs, including girls basketball. He requested that the Board allow some flexibility in how to “pay” for a bus. He stated that he

would be willing to cancel an in-season game or tournament in-lieu of actual payment. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the concept proposed by Superintendent Sitterud, and to allow Coach Stilson to cancel an in-season tournament as payment for use of a summer bus. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B5): Superintendent Sitterud next presented Land Trust plans for each school, noting that these plans are developed by school administration and school community councils, but also require approval of the Board of Education. Following brief discussion about the plans, Marie Johnson motioned to approve the Land Trust Plans as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B6): Superintendent Sitterud presented the following policy actions to the Board for consideration and approval:

- **JLDBA—Suicide Prevention:** Revised to match changes made in the 2014 legislative session giving additional flexibility in asking certain questions of a student threatening suicide, before contacting parents.
- **JE—Student Attendance & Truancy:** Revised to match new legislation not allowing a student to be designated as habitually truant if they are 16 years of age and have at least a 3.5 GPA.
- **KCBC—School Community Councils:** Revised to match new deadlines and requirements of the law.
- **IHBG—Home Schools:** Revised to match the law—parents are now responsible for the curriculum of home school students and do not have to follow a specific curriculum.
- **EEAFB—Summer Use of Buses:** Recommendation to rescind because the District has a new policy (JJIBA) that addresses the summer use of buses.

After discussion related to the proposed policy actions, Nanette Tanner made a motion to approve the policy actions as presented. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B7): Mr. Black presented two capital improvement projects to the Board of Education for approval.

Parking Lot Improvements (Book Cliff Elementary)

<u>Arrowhead Construction</u>	<u>High Desert</u>	<u>Double E Construction</u>	<u>TSJ Construction</u>
\$95,900	\$106,998	\$122,640	\$144,910

Mr. Black recommended awarding this project to the low bidder, Arrowhead Construction. The District has worked with Arrowhead Construction in the past, with good results.

HVAC Upgrades (Spartan Center & Castle Dale Elementary)

<u>A. Johnson Heating</u>	<u>First Service Mechanical</u>
\$92,149	\$218,673

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Mr. Black recommended awarding this project to the low bidder, A. Johnson Heating.

Sam Singleton made a motion to approve the two projects as recommended. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B8): Mr. Black presented the recommendation of the audit committee that Kimball and Roberts be hired as the audit firm for the District for fiscal years 2014-18. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve this recommendation. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Report Item (D1): Principal Jim Jones gave a report of Canyon View Junior High School. He discussed several successes that Canyon View students have experienced in a variety of extracurricular activities. He mentioned that the school has a goal to provide more opportunities for high achieving / honors students. Canyon View will go through the accreditation process in 2014-15 and a school committee has attended training in preparation. The school is looking to add an extracurricular program next year to compensate for 9th grade athletics moving to Emery High School. Principal Jones indicated that technology access continues to improve—the school just purchased 32 chrome books and will have a mobile lab set up for next year. He thanked the Board of Education for their support. Mr. Hatt thanked Principal Jones for his report.

Report Item (D2): Mr. Black invited Roger Swenson, Supervisor of Transportation for the District, to give a report on his follow-up of concerns expressed about busing by individuals in the last school board meeting. Mr. Swenson explained how he rotates and assigns buses to Green River. He indicated that safety will always be his first priority. He will look at the buses and do his best to meet the needs of the students and teams in Green River.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Sitterud reviewed current staffing efforts in the District.

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

Closed Meeting (F): At 8:33 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 Absent
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Sam Singleton Aye
- Nanette Tanner Aye

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

I, Royd Hatt, Vice-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.

Royd Hatt

The closed meeting was held in the Family & Consumer Science classroom at Canyon View Junior High School on Wednesday, May 7th, 2014, beginning at 8:40 pm. With the exception of Board President Johansen, all Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, Business Administrator Jared Black and District Supervisors Gwen Callahan and Jed Jensen. The closed meeting finished at 9:24 pm.

Adjournment (G): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.