

The December 2015 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Emery High School, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Julie Wilson. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

WORKING SESSION

(B) Independent Auditor's Report: Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller of Kimball & Roberts presented, via video conference, the auditor's report for fiscal year 2015. Mr. Roberts mentioned his appreciation to the staff of the School District for their cooperation in preparing for and completing the audit. He then reviewed selections from the basic statements, notes and compliance sections of the financial report. He reported that the opinion of the audit firm is that revenues and expenditures for the District are fairly stated and reliable. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Roberts for his report.

REGULAR SESSION

At 7:00 pm, Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Action Item (B1): Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the November 2015 meeting, and financial reports for November 2015. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B2): Board President Johansen mentioned that Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller had presented the Independent Auditor's Report for 2015 to the Board of Education during a working session prior to the regular meeting. Marie Johnson motioned to accept the report. Sam Singleton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B3): Superintendent Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

<i>Dalice Webster:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Resource, 3 hr</i>	<i>Green River High</i>
<i>Kimberly Andrus:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Resource, 3 hr</i>	<i>Green River High</i>

Royd Hatt motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Wilson and passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (B4): A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the monthly meeting calendar for School Board Meetings in 2016. The motion passed unanimously. The approved calendar will be advertised in the local newspaper for two weeks. A copy of this calendar is attached as part of the official minutes.

Board Action Item (B5): Ashley Jensen and five EHS students presented a request for approval to attend a national Youth Coalition Group leadership conference this February 1-5 in Washington DC. The trip is sponsored by Four Corners so there would be no expense to EHS or the District. The students each took a turn describing some of the reasons the trip would be beneficial. Members of the Board thanked them for their presentation.

Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel and time out of school for those who would be attending. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B6): Dayna Terry presented the comprehensive guidance program plan for the 2015-16 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. Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report Item (C1): Principal Larry Davis presented the Board with copies of the 2015-16 EHS student handbook as well as his Board report. He thanked the Board for their ongoing support of Emery High School. 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 reviewed 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. He reported on several positive initiatives and programs at EHS. He notified the Board of 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 Kirk Sitterud mentioned that he has received a letter of intent to retire from Joann Farrer, Custodian at Emery High School. He also reviewed upcoming events with the Board.

Public Comments (D): Neal Peacock, representing the Emery Education Association, discussed the frustration that many teachers in the Association feel with the new State-mandated evaluation system. He also mentioned the concern he has for the impact the evaluation system may have on the teaching profession.

Closed Meeting (E): At approximately 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt 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
- Julie Wilson 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 on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015, beginning at approximately 8:05 pm. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud, District Supervisors Jed Jensen, Ralph Worthen, and Jon Crawford, and Business Administrator Jared Black.

Adjournment (F): A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.