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Ryan Hepworth presented information about the comprehensive guidance program, particularly as it relates to Green River High School. He noted some of the highlights and challenges of the program, based on a recent review, and outlined how the program is moving forward to improve areas of concern. Members of the Board thanked him for his presentation.

Report Item (C1): Principal Melinda Durrant welcomed members of the Board of Education to Book Cliff Elementary School and thanked them for their support. She reported that the school and community are thrilled with the upgraded parking lot. She expressed her appreciation to the faculty and staff at Book Cliff Elementary, particularly for their dedication to the students. She talked about some of the faculty, noting that new teacher Kristy Senn has brought enthusiasm to the school. Iva Wilse is planning to retire after many years of service. Pam Hunt has been teaching a combined 1st/2nd grade class very successfully. Principal Durrant indicated that testing is going well and scores are going up for many students. Mrs. Johansen thanked Principal Durrant for her report.

Principal Nolan Johnson gave a report on Green River High School. He said that the main goal for this year is to improve academics. Teachers are collaborating and the school community council has been active in developing plans to address academic needs. He indicated that the school has been exploring the possibility of implementing a block schedule for the 2015-16 year. He has been in contact with other small schools in Utah using a block schedule—to get ideas about how it could work. Mr. Sitterud added that there would be a variety of issues to look at with a block schedule. Mrs. Johansen thanked Principal Johnson for his report.

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

Report Item (C3): Superintendent Sitterud reviewed some of the key education-related bills being considered by the Utah legislature.

Public Comments (D): Neal Peacock, on behalf of the Emery Education Association, thanked board member Nanette Tanner for her service.

Closed Meeting (E): At 6:00 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the sale of real property, and 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

The closed meeting was held in the gym/lunchroom at Book Cliff Elementary School on Wednesday, February 4th, 2015, beginning at 6:10 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black. A recording of the portion of the closed meeting related to discussing the purchase of real property was made and will be kept on file by the District. A recording was not made of the portion of the closed meeting related to discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

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 unrecorded portion 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 portion of the closed executive session was not recorded.

Laurel Johansen

The closed meeting finished at 6:35 pm.

Adjournment (F): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.