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The July meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at the School District Office, 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 Julie Wilson. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

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 June 2015 meeting, and financial reports for June 2015. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- *Jerry (JR) Jones* *Principal / Half-Time Teacher* *Book Cliff Elementary School*
- *Jaime Anderson* *Student Tracker* *Canyon View Junior High (LandTrust)*

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

Board Action Item (B3): Justin Thornley and two FFA Students, Nate Gilbert and Koy Jensen, requested approval for a group of students and leaders to attend the National FFA Convention in October. Funding was not requested as students are planning to pay their own way. Mr. Thornley provided an overview of how this would be a benefit to the FFA program at Emery High School. Membership has been increasing steadily over the last four years. He feels that attendance at the national convention is the only missing link in continuing development of the program. He also reviewed the proposed agenda for the trip. Sam Singleton discussed his appreciation for the FFA program. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the request. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- **BJC—Posting of Political Signs on District Property:** New policy to meet the requirements of House Bill 70, recently passed by the Utah legislature. Includes direction on how this would affect caucus meetings or other political party meetings held on school property.
- **GBGBA—Concealed Weapons Permit:** New policy to clarify the liability and legality of weapons in the schools, particularly concealed weapons. Includes direction given by Utah State Risk Management.
- **GBGCA—Breastfeeding in the Workplace:** New policy based on legislation from the 2015 session. Defines appropriate accommodation for nursing mothers in the workplace.
- **JQ-E—Student Fee Schedule:** Same as in previous years with the one exception being the standardization of Emery High School art fees at \$25 per art class.

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Julie Wilson made a motion to approve the policy actions as recommended by Superintendent Sitterud. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (B5/6): Mr. Black reviewed the proposed settlements with the Emery Education Association and the Emery Classified Association. He added that the District appreciates the cordial relationship and productive meetings held with both associations. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Julie Wilson to approve the negotiated settlement, as explained by Mr. Black, with both the Emery Education Association and the Emery Classified Association. A copy of the negotiated settlements is included in the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Report Item (C1): Business Administrator Jared Black had nothing additional to report on.

Report Item (C2): Superintendent Sitterud outlined calendar items that would be happening between now and when school starts on August 25, 2015. He informed the Board of the retirement of Toni Hurst from her Educational Assistant position at Castle Dale Elementary School. The Superintendent also discussed the Board of the Utah School Board Association's Delegate Assembly to be held in August. He indicated that one board member from each board in the state should be present to vote on legislative priorities. President Laurel Johansen will make sure a Board member is assigned to attend. The Superintendent indicated that High School Activities Association Athletic Passes were now available to Board members at a cost of \$30.

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

Closed Meeting (F): At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Julie Wilson 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 Board Room at the Emery County School District office on Wednesday, July 15th, 2015, beginning at 7:55 pm. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black. The closed meeting finished at 8:05 pm.

Adjournment (G): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.