

The August 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 Larry Davis 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 July 2016 meeting, and financial reports for July 2016. It was noted that a correction needs to be made to the minutes—Marie Johnson will serve as the Board representative on the Sage Testing committee instead of Sam Singleton. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Julie Wilson to approve the warrants, minutes (with correction as explained above) and financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- *Melissa Jensen*                      *Resource Aide, 3 Hr*                      *Canyon View Junior High School*
- *Amanda Abegglen*                  *Classroom Aide, Half-Day*              *Canyon View Junior High School*
- *Mekette Taney*                      *Resource Teacher, Self-Contained*      *Cottonwood Elementary School*
- *Casey Jo Reid*                      *Bus Assistant*                              *Transportation*
- *Rayola Pfnister*                      *Route Driver*                              *Transportation*
- *Chandler Peacock*                  *Teacher, Auto*                              *Emery High School*

Royd Hatt motioned to approve the (above) hiring recommendations as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Superintendent Davis recommended that the following individual be approved for the position indicated. Royd Hatt abstained from voting, citing a conflict of interest.

- *Crosby Hatt*                      *Teacher, Music & Fine Arts*              *Green River High School*

Marie Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Wilson and passed unanimously. Royd Hatt did not vote. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Mr. Black explained that the preschool department has been working on a restructuring of positions to better serve the needs of the preschool students. He presented two job descriptions for the revised positions of lead teacher and assist teacher. Lead teacher would be at grade 6 on the wage schedule and assist teacher at grade 4. He added that the preschool program has sufficient budget to support the proposed staffing changes. New positions would not be added to the program as part of the proposal. Ryan Maughan added that the new position of lead teacher would add accountability and an increased focus on student needs to the program. He also mentioned that the lead teacher positions would be open for anybody to apply, and there has been significant interest. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the job descriptions as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

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**Board Action Item (B3):** Mr. Black explained the annual Asbestos Containing Materials notification procedures and read the annual notification which will also be published in the Emery County Progress.

**Report Item (C1):** Mr. Black reported that state preschool funding has been restored to the amount normally expected by the District. He also mentioned that several schools now have a credit card machine to accept payments for fees, lunch etc.

**Report Item (C2):** Superintendent Davis announced that the District has received a large grant (approximately \$180,000) for STEM education. The grant will be focused on implementation of a programming/coding program as well as robotics for K-12 students. He commended Ashley Jensen for her work on writing the grant. It is a one-year pilot program however the grant was written to allow the program to be established for three years.

Mr. Davis briefly reviewed a handout on the Zika virus and discussed how the District will be proactive in preparing for this and similar health risks. He also recognized Emery High and Green River High for receiving the "Raise the Bar" achievement from UHSAA. This award is given to schools demonstrating a commitment to excellent sportsmanship. He briefly discussed the upcoming opening institute and reviewed committee assignments with the Board and upcoming meetings for each committee.

He shared that during the recent USSA meetings, he was able to hear Syd Dickson, recently appointed as State Superintendent of Education, share her vision of education for Utah. He commented that her vision aligns very closely with his vision and goals for Emery School District. He reviewed the process of fundraising applications and approvals.

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

**Closed Meeting (E):** A closed meeting was not held.

**Adjournment (F):** A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Julie Wilson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.