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The September meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Cleveland Elementary 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 Julie Wilson. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present. 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): Shawn Alton, Head Baseball Coach at Emery High School, presented a request to allow the baseball team to participate in an out-of-state tournament in Mesquite, Nevada during the 2017 season. He indicated that this would replace the Montrose tournament attended by the team for the last several years. He cited several reasons for the proposed change, including a higher number of games, warmer weather, and anticipated lower costs for housing. He also mentioned that the games would be with teams of a similar competition level. Housing would be at a family friendly sports ranch/hotel and the team would not be located near a casino. Marie Johnson made a motion to accept the proposal. Julie Wilson seconded the motion and voting was unanimously in favor of the proposal.

Board Action Item (B2): Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the August 2016 meeting, and financial reports for August 2016. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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| • Dani Tuttle | Teacher, Kindergarten, Half-Day | Huntington Elementary School |
| • Kent Nelson | Teacher, Resource | Green River High School |
| • Shanda Winget | Teacher, Language Arts | Canyon View Junior High School |
| • Linda Nelson | CNP Worker, 2 hr | Canyon View Junior High School |
| • Sabrina Ungerman | Educational Assistant, Resource, 3 hr | Huntington Elementary School |
| • McKade Hansen | Educational Assistant, ELL, 3 hr | Huntington Elementary School |
| • Jacquie Wilde | Educational Assistant, Preschool, 3 hr | Cottonwood Elementary School |
| • Dawn Winn | Lead Teacher, Preschool, 3.9 hr | Ferron Elementary School |
| • Brindy Grange | Educational Assistant, Preschool, 3 hr | Ferron Elementary School |
| • Ashley Reyes | Educational Assistant, Preschool, 3 hr | Book Cliff Elementary School |
| • Cassie Thatcher | Educational Assistant, 3 hr | Cleveland Elementary School |
| • Shalee Bennett | Educational Assistant, Landtrust, 3 hr | Cleveland Elementary School |
| • Angelina Behling | Educational Assistant, Landtrust, 3 hr | San Rafael Junior High School |
| • Lindsey Torgerson | Educational Assistant, Bus Aide | Transportation |

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

Board Action Item (B4a): Principal J.R. Jones of Book Cliff Elementary School presented a revised citizenship policy for Board consideration and approval. He emphasized that the purpose of the policy is to create an environment where less time is needed to address student discipline so that the focus of the teachers and staff

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can be on academic growth and achievement. Member Johnson commented that she would encourage Principal Jones to add a plan component for rewarding positive student citizenship. Principal Jones agreed and mentioned that this was brought up in the most recent staff meeting and will be implemented. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the citizenship policy as presented. Julie Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B4b): Principal John Hughes of Cottonwood Elementary School presented a citizenship policy for review and approval. He explained that the faculty and staff have been working collaboratively on this policy for the last year. Following brief discussion, Marie Johnson motioned to approve the citizenship policy presented by Principal Hughes. Sam Singleton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Report Item (C1): Mr. Black reported that the new activity cards have been distributed to employees throughout the District. He also mentioned that the financial audit is occurring this week.

Report Item (C2): Principal Jerel Lofley welcomed the Board of Education to Cleveland Elementary School and thanked them for the opportunity to talk about some of the good things going on at his school. He recognized each new employee at the school, mentioning that they are all contributing well. He discussed the involvement of the school with the Assessment to Achievement program. He reviewed the 4 R's of the Cleveland Elementary citizenship program (rights, responsibility, respect, and recognition). He thanked the Board of Education and District Office staff for their support. Vice-President Hatt thanked Principal Lofley for his report, commenting that Cleveland Elementary is a great school.

Report Item (C3): Superintendent Davis thanked Board members Johansen and Wilson for participating in the District opening institute, and President Johansen for her participation in the USBA delegate assembly. He announced that the Transportation department has again been awarded the Gold award for the August inspection. He shared his excitement for the launch of the District STEM Education program, adding that USU-Eastern has committed \$10,000 to augment the main grant from the STEM action center.

He reviewed enrollment numbers from the first day of school. He also discussed the legislative priorities established at the USBA delegate assembly. After briefly commenting on the upcoming rollout of school grades and report cards, he asked if the Board would be willing to have a work session at 6 pm prior to the October Board meeting. At this work session, he would explain in more detail how the school report card & grading system works. Members of the Board indicated that the work meeting would be fine.

Superintendent Davis provided an update on the legal status of restroom accommodations for transgender students. He also discussed the recent APT (Academic Pathway to Teaching) option for hiring new teachers. He mentioned that the District can and will develop standards for those hired via APT. He then asked members of the Board to consider any input they may have on those standards. He reviewed the progress and upcoming meetings of various District committees, including the technology committee, Sage testing committee, and the calendar committee. Mr. Hatt thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

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

Closed Meeting (E): At 7:45 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of holding a strategy session to discuss matters related to collective bargaining. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Laurel Johansen Absent
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Sam Singleton Aye
- Julie Wilson Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Cleveland Elementary School on Wednesday, September 7th, 2016, beginning at 7:55 pm. Four Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. No actions were taken during the closed meeting. The closed meeting finished at 8:20 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

Adjournment (F): A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.