

The August meeting of the Emery County School District (ECSD) Board of Education, held at the district office, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice President Tracey Johnson, Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Marie Johnson. 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.

**Presentation (B1):** Doug Johnson provided an overview of the new District website, demonstrating the various pages and functions of the site. He thanked the many employees who have helped get the website up and running. He will be working with administration and staff to make sure the website is updated regularly with relevant information. He also gave a report on District data and technology security. President Johansen thanked Mr. Johnson for his efforts.

**Board Action Item (C1):** Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the July 2017 meeting, and financial reports for July 2017. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (C2):** Superintendent Davis recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

- Melinda Bell                      Bus Assistant                      Transportation
- Gaylene Erwin                      Volleyball Coach                      Green River High (junior high team)

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

**Board Action Item (C3):** Several policies were presented for approval. These policies were previously provided for review to the Board of Education at the July meeting.

- **JICK–Bullying and Hazing:** Amendments to provide updated definitions and include cyber-bullying.
- **JQ-E–Annual Fee Schedule:** Increases the fee for credit recovery to \$35.00 per quarter credit for both Emery High and Green River High schools.
- **EH–Data Governance:** Required data governance policy as required by State of Utah.
- **EHA–Passwords:** Provides rules for passwords used by District employees and students.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the policy actions as recommended. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**Board Action Item (C4):** Schedules for secondary school fall sports and activities were presented and reviewed. Member Tracey Johnson asked about Saturday tournaments for middle schools. Superintendent Davis mentioned that the Board discussed this several months ago and he would work to coordinate middle school participation with the CVAA. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the proposed fall athletic/activity schedules and associated travel. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**Board Action Item (C5):** 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. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the asbestos plan. Tracey Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (C6):** Superintendent Davis requested approval of a fundraiser for the EHS football team that is expected to raise \$10-12,000. The proceeds would be used for program uniforms and equipment. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Kenzi Guymon to approve the fundraising request. The motion passed unanimously.

**Report Item (D1):** Mr. Black reported that both student built houses currently on the market are expected to be sold in the next two weeks.

**Report Item (D2):** Superintendent Davis recognized the recent passing of former Superintendent Dennis Nelson. He also noted the passing of Jason Stevens, the son of two school district employees, Gary & Jolene Stevens. He and members of the Board expressed their condolences. Mr. Davis reported that the District response to the recent juvenile justice law is coming together. He has been working on a solution with various local stakeholders.

At the recent Superintendent's conference, a discussion was held about testing. The ACT Aspire option was taken out of consideration because it does not currently connect with core standards. With no other reasonable options, the decision was made to continue with SAGE testing for the upcoming school year. Another topic discussed was the restructuring of middle school course requirements. The USBE voted last week to do away with some requirements (art, health, music, P.E.), and that ruling goes into effect in October. Mr. Davis mentioned that the Board is still empowered to continue with the requirements we currently have.

Opening institute will be on August 21<sup>st</sup>. All board members are invited. Neal Peacock will be the keynote speaker. Breakout sessions will be held on abuse recognition and a variety of District updates. The afternoon session will focus on PLC's. Superintendent Davis requested permission to make cosmetic changes in policy without bringing all of these changes to the Board for review and approval. Members of the Board indicated that they feel okay with this.

The technology committee has approved the purchase of a data platform (SchoolCity) to be used in PLC's to provide ongoing data for every student, class and grade level. Teachers will have a tool to create tests. The program will also allow the District to establish data benchmarks and will provide a consistent data program for all grades K-12. This program will be phased in with respect for teacher time. It will be funded by the technology grant for FY18 and will be a district/school partnership in FY19 and beyond.

The human sexuality curriculum committee will review any curriculum to be used in health classes, including guest speakers or presenters. The STEM Ed / CTE pathways committee is making progress in getting organized. Superintendent Davis reported that he was able to visit today with Lieutenant Governor Cox regarding the rural challenges in establishing funding to build pathways.

President Johansen thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

**Public Comments (E):** A question was asked about how revenue from the surplus vehicle sale is used. Mr. Black indicated that it is deposited into the General fund.

**Closed Meeting (F):** At 7:55 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Tracey Johnson by to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of holding a strategy session related to collective bargaining. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Laurel Johansen                      Aye
- Tracey Johnson                        Aye
- Kenzi Guymon                         Aye
- Royd Hatt                                Aye
- Marie Johnson                         Aye

The closed meeting was held in the board room at the Emery County School District office on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, beginning at 8:00 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. The closed meeting finished at 8:30 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

**Adjournment (G):** Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at pm.