

## Emery County School District | Board of Education

The March 2017 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Cottonwood Elementary School, was called to order by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Tracey Johnson, and members Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Marie Johnson. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

At 7:00 pm, 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 February 2017 meeting, and financial reports for February 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 (B2):** Superintendent Davis recommended to the Board that the following individual be approved for the position indicated:

*Korie Bouldin: Educational Assistant, Resource Aide Canyon View Junior High School*

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

**Board Action Item (B3):** Principal JR Jones requested approval to take a field trip for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to the Grand Junction area. They would visit the Museum of Western Colorado, the Dinosaur Journey Museum, and the Museum of the West. The field trip would leave and return within regular school hours. Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the out of state travel as requested. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B4):** The next item was the appointment of negotiation team members for upcoming meetings. President Johansen appointed Royd Hatt and Kenzi Guymon to the Classified team with Marie Johnson and Tracey Johnson being appointed to the Licensed team.

**Report Item (D1):** Principal John Hughes thanked the Board of Education for coming to Cottonwood Elementary. He reported that it has been a successful year. Faculty and staff have been working through the changes related to Mastery Grading and the “no homework” policy. He reported that, for the most part, these changes have been positive. He indicated that the Landtrust aides have been working individually with students as needed. He is also glad to have the self-contained program at his school as it has brought opportunities for students to learn compassion, tolerance and empathy.

Mr. Hughes reported that the addition of Title I services has been a huge benefit to the school. Quarterly meetings are held with teachers to discuss the progress and needs of each student. The school has used gifted & talented funds to run quarterly math & science camps for interested students. The school just completed a food and clothing drive that was very successful. He expressed his appreciation to each member of the faculty and staff at Cottonwood Elementary.

Board President Johansen thanked Mr. Hughes for his report and for the enthusiasm he has brought to the school.

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**Report Item (D2):** Mr. Black reported that with the latest financial projections for the State, a WPU increase of up to 4% is being discussed by the Legislature. He also reported that SB80 is a concerning bill and school districts are watching it closely.

**Report Item (D2):** Superintendent Davis recognized the recent accomplishments of the Emery High swim teams (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in state competition), as well as the EHS girls basketball team (2<sup>nd</sup>) and boys basketball team (5<sup>th</sup>). He also congratulated the recent winners of the District spelling bee, adding that they will be competing in the regional bee shortly. He mentioned that the hiring process is underway for a new service center director. The District is also looking to fill a field technician position and two aide positions.

Mr. Davis reviewed progress on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade transitions. Staffing is being finalized and the transition schedule is on target. He mentioned the recent District Day on the Hill at the State Capitol—noting that he has some ideas in mind for Emery District to participate next year. He is currently following 77 education related bills and indicated that the District is being represented very well by our local legislators and other public education advocates. He provided an update on transgender restrooms, noting that the Trump administration has backed off of the directive given previously by the Obama administration. The technology committee is moving forward with the digital teaching grant. The committee is also working on an update of our tech-related policies.

President Johansen thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

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

**Closed Meeting (F):** At 7:35 p.m., a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson 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
- Tracey Johnson           Aye
- Kenzi Guymon           Aye
- Royd Hatt                 Aye
- Marie Johnson           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.

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Laurel Johansen

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Cottonwood Elementary School on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, beginning at 7:45 p.m. All Board members were in attendance as well as Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. The closed meeting finished at 8:05 p.m.

**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 8:05 p.m.