

# Emery County School District | Board of Education

The November 2017 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Ferron Elementary School, was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Marie Johnson. Vice-President Tracey Johnson was absent. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

## WORKING SESSION

**Independent Auditor’s Report:** Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller of Kimball & Roberts presented the auditor’s report for fiscal year 2017. They mentioned their appreciation to the staff of the School District for their cooperation in preparing for and completing the audit. They reviewed selections from the basic statements, notes and compliance sections of the financial report. They reported that the opinion of the audit firm is that revenues and expenditures for the District are fairly stated and reliable. They also reviewed the management letter. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Roberts and Mr. Miller for their report.

Mr. Black presented information about the potential impacts to the school district of proposed equalization legislation.

## REGULAR SESSION

At 6:45 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 October 2017 meeting, and financial reports for October 2017. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

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

<i>Hillary Hurdsman:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Speech, 5.9 hr</i>	<i>Emery School District</i>
<i>Tyler Morris:</i>	<i>Custodian, 2 hr</i>	<i>Emery High School</i>
<i>Cresta Winter:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, Resource, 3 hr</i>	<i>Emery High School</i>
<i>Bowie Jeffs:</i>	<i>Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball</i>	<i>Emery High School</i>
<i>Tyler Bastian:</i>	<i>Head Coach, Girls Basketball</i>	<i>Green River High School</i>
<i>Michael Shaffer:</i>	<i>Assistant Coach, Girls Basketball</i>	<i>Green River High School</i>
<i>Travis Olsen:</i>	<i>Head Coach, Boys Basketball (Jr High)</i>	<i>Green River High School</i>
<i>Madison Suarez:</i>	<i>Head Coach, Girls Basketball (Jr High)</i>	<i>Green River High School</i>
<i>Michaela Hughes:</i>	<i>Assistant Coach, Boys Basketball</i>	<i>Green River High School</i>
<i>Lannie Olsen:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, 3 hr</i>	<i>Castle Dale Elementary School</i>
<i>Korinda Stilson:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, 3 hr</i>	<i>Cottonwood Elementary School</i>
<i>Danielle Farley:</i>	<i>Educational Assistant, 5.9 hr</i>	<i>Cottonwood Elementary School</i>

Kenzi Guymon 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):** Chandler Peacock, Automotive teacher at Emery High, requested to take five students to the annual competition in Farmington, New Mexico, on November 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. All costs, including hotels and transportation are paid for by USU Eastern. The automotive program has had excellent success at this

competition in the past. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the travel as presented. Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B4):** Superintendent Davis presented an amendment to the Landtrust plan for Cottonwood Elementary School. The amendment would allow for the hire of an educational assistant to help in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. These classes have higher numbers of students. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the amendment. Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (B5):** Superintendent Davis presented CVAA athletic schedules from Canyon View and San Rafael middle schools for the winter sports. Each of the proposed schedules meets District policy for the number of middle school games. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the schedules as presented. Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B6):** Superintendent Davis presented UHSAA athletic schedules from Emery and Green River high schools for the winter sports. The proposed schedules are within District policy and UHSAA guidelines for the number of games allowed. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the schedules as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B7):** Board President Johansen mentioned that Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller had presented the Independent Auditor's Report for 2017 to the Board of Education during a work session prior to the regular meeting. Marie Johnson motioned to accept the report. Royd Hatt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Report Item (D1):** Principal Brian Dawes welcomed the Board of Education to Ferron Elementary School and thanked them for holding their meeting in Ferron. He mentioned that he had just returned from taking his student council to a leadership training at BYU and it was an excellent opportunity for these students. He reported that he was pleased to see Sage test scores increase in each of the three academic tested areas. He mentioned that his faculty and staff are doing very well and work together for the benefit of each student. Board President Johansen thanked Principal Dawes for his report, also complimenting his faculty and staff.

**Report Item (D2):** Mr. Black reported that he had recently attended a cyber and financial data security seminar. The District works very hard to protect data.

**Report Item (D3):** Superintendent Davis was pleased to report that the robotics program is now expanding to Cleveland Elementary. He discussed the recent end-of-term professional development day. The morning was spent on school level professional development and the afternoon was for PLC's, with teachers meeting in a variety of groups. He has received mostly good feedback from administrators and teachers and also acknowledged that there are concerns to work out as the PLC program is perfected. Overall, he feels that the program is developing good momentum. Superintendent Davis added that the technology committee and teacher evaluation committee will have meetings during the upcoming month.

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

**Closed Meeting (F):** At approximately 7:10 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt 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      Absent

- 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 Ferron Elementary School on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, beginning at 7:15 pm. Four Board members were present for the closed meeting (Vice-President Johnson was absent), and Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also in attendance. The closed meeting finished at approximately 7:35 pm.

**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 7:35 pm.