

The October 2017 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Emery High School, was called to order at 6:00 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 was also present. Business Administrator Jared Black was absent.

WORKING SESSION

Presentation (A): SAGE Testing and School Grading Reports: Ryan Maughan made a presentation to the Board of Education to explain school accountability measures. He briefly reviewed PACE (Utah Governor’s Report) and the School Federal Accountability Report. He then provided a detailed report on the Utah School Grading system and the various scoring factors. He also reviewed SAGE testing data for the 2016-17 school year. District-wide student proficiency improved from the 2015-16 year by 4% in language arts, 1% in math, and 2% in science. He mentioned that, along with a focus on student growth, the District goals are:

1. To achieve, within three years, a 5% increase on each school’s performance on SAGE, using a baseline of the school’s 2015-16 SAGE proficiency scores; and,
2. Composite ACT scores equal to or above the State average, also by the end of the third year.

Members of the Board of Education thanked Mr. Maughan for his presentation and comments.

REGULAR SESSION

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 September 2017 meeting, and financial reports for September 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 individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

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| • Cathy Hanson | ELL Aide | Canyon View Middle School |
| • Troy Suwyn | Wrestling Coach | Canyon View Middle School |
| • Crystal Gregory | Swim Coach, Assistant | Emery High School |
| • Katelyn Sitterud | Cheer Coach, Assistant | Emery High School |
| • Tricia Erickson | Robotics Club Facilitator | District |
| • Jeff Erickson | Robotics Club Facilitator | District |
| • Carol Springer | Robotics Club Facilitator | District |
| • Bryan Bernard | Robotics Club Facilitator | District |
| • Kristi Perez | Resource Aide, 3 hr | Ferron Elementary School |

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

Board Action Item (B3): Superintendent Davis recommended approval of a revised committee membership for the licensed employee district evaluation committee. He recommended that the Superintendent and Director of Student

Services serve as chair and secretary of the committee, each in a non-voting capacity. The voting membership would continue to consist of two each of the following: District administrators, principals, teachers, and parents. Member Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the committee membership as presented. Tracey Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B4): Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the monthly meeting calendar for School Board Meetings in 2018. The motion passed unanimously. The approved calendar will be advertised in the local newspaper for two weeks. A copy of this calendar is attached as part of the official minutes.

Board Action Item (B5): Superintendent Davis presented a proposal from Principal Yvonne Jensen to make an amendment to the Landtrust plan for Canyon View Middle School. The amendment would allow for the purchase of additional Aleks math licenses that will be used for honors math students. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the amendment as requested. Member Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Report Item (D1): Principal Steven Gordon welcomed the Board of Education to Emery High School. He indicated that the transitions related to having 9th grade at the school and a new block schedule have gone relatively smoothly. The faculty and staff have mentioned to him that they are getting settled in with the changes and feel that it is better than they had expected. Principal Gordon indicated that several students have been recognized with fall sport Academic All-State & region awards. He noted that the school counselors did a great job with registration and have recently been busy with CCR (College & Career Readiness) meetings with the Senior class of students.

Emery High has been making an effort to provide needed programs for students. A dating violence awareness campaign was recently held. Four Corners will be providing suicide prevention presentations during language arts classes. An after-school homework class is held Tuesday to Thursday and is supervised by Sylvia Lofthouse. The new credit recovery program being used is Edgenuity. The school rewards program is now called Spartan Pride and emphasizes academic achievement, attendance and good behavior. The school is working with USU-Eastern to provide an ACT boot camp.

Principal Gordon was pleased that Emery High received a B grade in the recently released school grades. Emery High showed growth on the S.A.G.E. test from the previous year—from 30% to 37% proficiency in Language Arts, 40% to 45% proficiency in Science, and equal proficiency in Math (40%). Several capital projects have been completed at the school, including a ceiling tile project in the auditorium hallways, new portable classrooms, a retaining wall by the baseball field, and a safety fence for the football bleachers. Staff have been involved in professional development opportunities related to using google docs, google classroom, and implementing PLC's. Mr. Gordon also mentioned that Emery High currently has just under 600 students and about 225 are participating in extracurricular activities. There is also a new student service club.

Dayna Terry and Darline Debry briefly commented on some of the things happening in the counseling department. They are working toward an online registration process for the 2018-19 year. They have prepared a timeline document for the Senior class to assist in applying and preparing for college. The recent college day went well and a college application week is planned for November. Many students participated in a "manufacturing day" at Snow College South. The counselors are also working to provide resources to help students with social skills and counseling services. A review of the comprehensive guidance program review will take place in March.

Report Item (D2): Mr. Black was absent but Ralph Worthen presented a report on his behalf for the business office. It was reported that the financial audit is completed and was successful. The auditors were very complimentary of staff efforts and compliance throughout the District. An audit report will be given by the auditors in the November meeting at Ferron Elementary School. The AFR and APR reports have been completed and are available on the

District website. The CAFR report will be completed later in October and will also be available on the website at that time. Mr. Worthen mentioned that both of the construction homes built by EHS students have now been sold. He also mentioned that the maintenance staff has completed, or are nearing completion of capital outlay projects for the year.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Davis said that Emery High School was recently recognized by USBE for having the fifth highest pass rate for AP exams—83%. In addition, the District-wide ACT scores for last year’s seniors showed improvement in all four areas—English increased by a full point, Math by 0.5 points, Reading by 0.6 points, and Science by 0.4 points, with the composite scores improving by an average of 0.7 points. District-wide English scores surpassed the State average and the other subjects are at State averages.

Superintendent Davis reported that there were good results from the PLC’s held during the mid-term early out day. By all reports he has received, it went very well. Groups are primarily focused on developing common standards. Many of the groups are also working on assessments. Member Johnson indicated that it may be helpful to have an article in the local papers explaining the purposes and successes of these early-out days. It would help parents understand what is being accomplished. Mr. Davis indicated he would do so.

Mr. Davis indicated that a problem with bats has been reported in two of our schools—Emery High and Cleveland Elementary. The District has been proactively working on this and the problem is now contained. Mr. Davis mentioned to Board members that the USBA annual conference will be held in early January. The USBA Regional meeting is also coming up on October 12th. There will be a SESC legislative luncheon on November 20th at Carbon School District.

The changes recently made to Middle School curriculum are being reviewed and discussed by State and District education leaders. Secondary Supervisor Jed Jensen and others have represented Emery School District at public hearings on the matter. Mr. Davis indicated that there will be a Youth Protection Seminar on November 2nd at 6 pm in the Little Theater at Emery High. There will be a similar seminar at Green River High on November 9th. He mentioned that the Technology Committee is meeting on October 16th and other committees are organizing and will have upcoming meetings. Board President Johansen thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

Public Comments (E): Erik Nielson mentioned that the Emery High girls soccer team placed 2nd in region and will host a playoff game against Carbon on October 10th.

Closed Meeting (F): At 7:30 pm., a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Tracey Johnson to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of holding a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. 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 Library at Emery High School on Wednesday, October 4th, 2017, beginning at 7:45 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as was Superintendent Larry Davis. The closed meeting finished at 8:30 pm.

Adjournment (G): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.