

The December 2018 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Canyon View Middle School, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board Vice-President Tracey Johnson. Other Board members present were Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, and Board member-appointee Jessie Johansen. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

Opening (A): Vice-President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office (B): Mr. Black administered the Oath of Office to recently appointed board member Jessie Johansen. Those in attendance expressed their congratulations to Mrs. Johansen who will serve the remainder of the current four-year term for Precinct 3 which extends to January 2021.

Board Action Item (C1): Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the November 2018 meeting, and financial reports for November 2018. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C2): There were no personnel actions so this item was skipped.

Board Action Item (C3): Schedules for secondary school winter sports and activities were presented and reviewed. Member Marie Johnson asked if any of the activity schedules included additional competitions beyond what has previously been approved. Superintendent Davis indicated that there are no additional competitions and the schedules are all within the UHSAA-allowed number of competitions. He added that the Emery High baseball schedule includes an out-of-state trip to Mesquite. Following brief discussion, the Board indicated a desire for additional information before considering approval of the trip to Mesquite. Kenzi Guymon made a motion to approve the proposed activity schedules and travel with the exception of the EHS baseball trip to Mesquite. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Board Action Item (C4): Mr. Black presented an updated job description for the position of Transportation Secretary. The updates include a change from Grade 7 to Grade 10 and other minor changes. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the job description as presented. Jessie Johansen seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (C5): Mr. Black explained that Rob Murray was not able to attend Board meeting, but he is requesting permission to take 33 students, including 18 who are in middle school grades, on three overnight trips during the course of the robotics competition season. The trips would be to Cedar City on January 18-19, St. George on February 1-2, and Ogden on February 22-23. The plan is to have six adult supervisors accompanying the students on each trip. A list of the proposed adult supervisors was included. Member Marie Johnson commented that she would like to see at least two female supervisors in attendance. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the travel request, contingent upon having a minimum of two female adult supervisors on each trip. Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report Item (E1): Principal Yvonne Jensen welcomed all in attendance to Canyon View Middle School. She briefly reviewed the recent grade-level changes (bringing 6th grades to middle schools and 9th grades to high school), stating that

generally it has gone very well. She discussed the faculty and staff at Canyon View, many of whom are new in the last couple of years. She expressed appreciation for each of them. She reported that student enrollment is near 240 and that the Canyon View students are tremendous. She explained that an important philosophy at the school is to encourage student involvement. She thanked the Board for recently approving cross country and reported that it was a great opportunity for many students at the beginning of the school year. She also mentioned that the student council and school teams have represented the school very well.

Principal Jensen discussed the Cougar Pride program. Teachers work hard to recognize students for the good things they are doing. Community members have also been supportive in providing prizes for drawings, etc. At Canyon View, 8th period “extensions” have been implemented over the last couple of years. These classes give students unique opportunities to develop talents and interests. They have been very beneficial since the class schedule doesn’t allow for many electives. This year, all students are taking interventions on Monday and Tuesday with extensions held Wednesday through Friday.

Principal Jensen also discussed recent safety concerns. She noted that during the school day, entry is only through the front door. Vice-President Johnson thanked Principal Jensen for her report. Member Marie Johnson added that Principal Jensen’s enthusiasm permeates the school and she also appreciates how dedicated the teachers and staff are.

Report Item (E2): Superintendent Larry Davis recognized the Canyon View Middle School 8th grade chorus for a great job in providing a few holiday numbers at the recent Administrative Council. He thanked member Jessy Johansen for attending a portion of Administrative Council where she was able to introduce herself and meet our Principals and Supervisors. He gave a brief report on the recent SESC legislative luncheon, attended by himself, Board member Tracey Johnson, and Mr. Black. Important topics relevant to the upcoming session were discussed and Mr. Davis commented that he felt good support from our local legislators on these topics.

Superintendent Davis thanked member Marie Johnson for attending the Juvenile Justice committee in November. He reported that the Coal County strike force team has been working on a significant grant application that would provide funding to boost the local economy. The grant concept is to develop a Silicon Slopes “East” in the Castle Valley. He added that it was recently announced that the grant proposal is a finalist which is excellent news. He also reported that the Technology committee will be meeting next week and has accomplished an enormous amount of work. Vice-President Johnson thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

Public Comments (F): Dillon Smith with ETV news asked about the current status of Board leadership and the process for electing new Board leadership. It was explained that Tracy Johnson is currently the Vice-President and that in January, a President and Vice-President will be elected for two-year terms. Gloria Wilson asked about school safety. Superintendent Davis discussed safety measures being taken at Canyon View and throughout the District. He also mentioned that school safety will be a priority in the upcoming Utah legislative session.

Closed Meeting (G): At 7:35 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Kenzi Guymon 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:

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

Certification of Closed Executive Session (Utah Code 52-4-206)

I, Tracey Johnson, Acting 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, this closed executive session discussion is exempt from recording requirements and therefore, the closed executive session was not recorded.

Tracey Johnson, Acting Board President

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Canyon View Middle School on Wednesday, December 5th, 2018, beginning at 7:45 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. Also in attendance were the following District employees: Jed Jensen, Yvonne Jensen, Ryan Maughan, Lance Whitesel and Ralph Worthen.

The closed meeting finished at 9:00 pm.

Adjournment (H): Upon reconvening to open meeting, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.