

Emery County School District | Board of Education

The January 2018 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Green River High School, was called to order at 5:00 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.

At 5:00 pm, Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations & Recognitions (B1&2): Superintendent Davis presented GRHS student Lindsey McFarlane with a District certificate of recognition for recently being a recipient of the UHSAA Academic-All-State award for Girls 1A Volleyball. Members of the Board also expressed their congratulations to Ms. McFarlane.

Ryan Hepworth presented the College & Career Ready (CCR) school counseling report for Green River High School. He was excited to report that three new academic/career pathways are now available at GRHS. He and Kathy Brady have completed 11th & 12th grade CCR plan interviews with all students. Mr. Hepworth briefly reported on his data project that has focused on basic college information & understanding. A FAFSA parent night was held in October. GRHS now has a Student Advisory Committee (SAC) that has been valuable in providing the counseling department insights from the student perspective.

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

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

<i>Rob Smith:</i>	<i>Head Baseball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High School</i>
<i>Joleen Begay:</i>	<i>Library Aide, 5.9 Hr</i>	<i>Canyon View Middle School</i>
<i>Angelena Behling:</i>	<i>Library Aide, 5.9 Hr</i>	<i>San Rafael Middle School</i>
<i>Andrea Erwin:</i>	<i>Resource & Preschool Aide</i>	<i>Book Cliff Elementary School</i>
<i>Gayna Salinas:</i>	<i>ELL Aide & Ednet Facilitator</i>	<i>Green River High School</i>

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 (C3): Chandler Peacock, Automotive teacher at Emery High, requested to take five students to the annual competition in Hobbs, New Mexico, on February 5th & 6th. 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. Kenzi Guymon motioned to approve the travel as presented. Tracey Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C4): No action was taken.

Report Item (D1): Principal Kayce Fluckey welcomed all in attendance to GRHS. She mentioned recent facility upgrades to the school, including a new trophy case, a newly painted library, and an upgraded baseball field. She recognized several of her faculty and staff members who were present, commenting individually on their importance to the high school. Dale Roundy, along with student Lindsey McFarlane, presented a robotics demonstration. Ms. Fluckey indicated that her faculty and staff have been working diligently on PLC's. They have also developed a new mission statement, vision and goals for the school. She shared these with the Board of Education.

Principal Fluckey recognized members of the student council in attendance, adding that their focus has been on service projects. She is happy that the school is now about to offer robotics and other elective classes. Staffing changes have also allowed Language Arts and Math courses to now be offered every day for grades 7-10. Students are also using the Aleks Math program. A brief video presentation was shown, highlighting student participation in several classes and activities. President Johansen thanked Principal Fluckey for her report.

Principal JR Jones of Book Cliff Elementary thanked the Board of Education for coming to Green River. He reported that his staff have been involved with PLC's and it has been productive for each grade level. Students participated in Veterans Day by making pictures for Veterans and handing the pictures and flags to the Veterans during the school program. Book Cliff will shortly be adding an afternoon preschool session. The school science fair is coming up on the 29th.

Principal Jones mentioned that Book Cliff is starting to develop a student council. There will be an upcoming student art show—in affiliation with the John Wesley Powell Museum. Staff are also working to put a school chorus together, with many students interested. Mr. Jones indicated that the Kindergarten class is doing great and performed very well on a recent assessment. The Kindergarten students will be singing the national anthem at an upcoming boys basketball game. Mr. Jones expressed his gratitude for his faculty and staff, commenting that they have a great comradery and work well together. President Johansen thanked Principal Jones for sharing many of the good things happening at his school.

Report Item (D2): Mr. Black had nothing to report.

Report Item (D3): Superintendent Davis expressed his appreciation to Principal Fluckey and Principal Jones for their commendable leadership. He mentioned that the 2nd term full-day PLC meetings will be this Friday. Elementary PLC teams will be at Cottonwood Elementary, with secondary teams housed at Emery High. He discussed the tremendous growth in the District robotics program. He explained that future funding for the robotics program has been a concern. He was pleased to report that recent discussions have given the District reason to believe that additional funding will be secured for the next 3-5 years.

Superintendent Davis reported that an Emery County team with ECSD representation will be meeting with Governor Herbert tomorrow to discuss how the "25,000 Jobs for Rural Utah" initiative can benefit Emery County. The top priority for the County team has been identified as continuing development of the STEM Ed / CTE Pathways programs. Mr. Davis noted that the District evaluation committee has been meeting to discuss procedural changes to the evaluation process—with the goal of providing a friendlier approach to evaluation. The committee is also looking to change the stakeholder surveys. He also discussed a recent USSA resolution in support of encouraging people to get the "Our Schools Now" initiative on the ballot.

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

Closed Meeting (F): At 6:10 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to move to a closed meeting for the purposes of: discussion related to the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; holding a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and to discuss matters 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 Library at Green River High School on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018, beginning at 6:30 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 7:15 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 7:15 pm.