

The February 5, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education, held at Cleveland Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Jessy Johansen were also present. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were in attendance.

At 7:00 pm, President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation (B1):** Linda Hapsmith, representing the Gear Up program at USU-Eastern, provided the Board with information about the program and how Gear Up benefits students in the Emery School District. She encouraged support for the Gear Up program.

**Presentation (B2):** Yvonne Jensen and JR Jones shared up-to-date information about projected student enrollment for next school year. Kindergarten enrollments are being held in February and the goal is to have more firm numbers by the end of the month.

**Presentation (B3):** Mr. Black discussed the progress of the District facilities committee. Committee members are working to put together a prioritized plan for facilities replacement.

**Board Action Item (C1):** Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the January 2020 Board meetings and financial reports for December 2020. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon to approve the warrants, minutes, and financial reports as presented. Vice-President Marie Johnson abstained from voting due to not having reviewed the minutes. The motion otherwise passed by unanimous vote.

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

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| • Ryan Jensen       | Assistant Softball Coach    | Emery High School             |
| • Courtnee Justice  | Girls' Track Coach          | Emery High School             |
| • Nicole Maxwell    | Bus Aide, Special Education | Transportation                |
| • Angela Paskett    | Aide, Special Education     | Cottonwood Elementary School  |
| • Sara Collard      | Aide                        | Castle Dale Elementary School |
| • Hugh Christiansen | Boys' Track Coach           | Emery High School             |

Kenzi Guymon motioned to approve the above hiring recommendations as presented. Jessy Johansen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

**Board Action Item (C4):** Members of the Board reviewed proposed schedules for the Emery High softball and track teams. Following brief discussion, Royd Hatt made a motion to approve the extracurricular schedules as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Principal's Report (D1):** Principal Jenny Gagon welcomed everybody to Cleveland Elementary School. She briefly spoke about her goal of improving the culture of teamwork & collaboration among the faculty and staff at Cleveland

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Elementary. She then reported on the progress being made in areas of Literacy, Math, and Science. Mid-year testing shows promising results in each of these areas.

Principal Gagon also expressed appreciation for additional resources being made available to schools to address social-emotional learning. She remarked that Felicia Jeffs has become invaluable to everything happening at Cleveland Elementary. Faculty and staff are working hard to implement restorative practices for managing behavior instead of punitive practices. Principal Gagon thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to work in Emery School District and thanked her faculty & staff for the wonderful work they do.

**Superintendent's Report (D2):** Superintendent Larry Davis recognized the recent passing of former transportation supervisor Ralph Ison. He also spoke about the district spelling bee, held earlier today. Schools were well represented and the students did very well. He then provided an overview of several Legislative bills being considered in the current session:

- HB152: Potentially repeals the high school civics exam requirement
- House Resolution 3: Encourages school districts to study late starting times for secondary schools
- Juvenile Justice: Districts are hopeful this bill will remove a sunset clause so court referrals can continue to be made as a means of preventing truancy
- HB77: Recommends capping the WPU at a 4% annual maximum
- HB84: Increases fines for passing school buses illegally
- HB145: Redefines how distances are calculated when considering eligibility for school transportation
- HB79: Changes regional service centers to regional service agencies, also allowing for more dedicated financial support

Superintendent Davis outlined efforts being made to develop the grant application for a new 5-years cycle of Digital Teaching & Learning (DTL) funds. The amount for our district in the upcoming cycle would be around \$100,000 per year. He added that the DTL grant has been very beneficial to our District over the course of the first grant cycle. The District will also be working on an application for the second year of the mental health grant, with a funding estimate of \$93,000 for next year.

The Technology committee met yesterday and is working on several initiatives to help expand technology services throughout the district. They are hoping to expand attendance at the UCET conference over the next couple of years. The Juvenile Justice committee will meet at end of February to discuss related legislation and also to receive a report from schools on tiered intervention efforts.

President Johnson thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

**Public Comments (F):** Carli O'Neil thanked board members for coming to some of the programs at Cleveland Elementary. She also shared her thoughts about teacher staffing for next year. Marie Johnson mentioned that her trip to South Africa gave her perspective on how fortunate we are to have what we have. Neal Peacock expressed interest in having a committee to advise the school board regarding the hiring decision for a new Superintendent.

**Closed Meeting (G):** At 8:25 pm., a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to move to a closed meeting for 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
- Marie Johnson           Aye
- Kenzi Guymon           Aye
- Royd Hatt                Aye
- Jessy Johansen         Aye

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

I, Tracey Johnson, 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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Tracey Johnson

The closed meeting was held in the library at Cleveland Elementary School on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, beginning at 8:30 pm. All board members were in attendance, as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. Yvonne Jensen, JR Jones, Ryan Maughan, and Kayce Fluckey also attended a portion of the meeting. The closed meeting finished at 10:05 pm.

**Adjournment (H):** A motion was made by Jessy Johansen and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.