

# Emery County School District | Board of Education

The July 2020 meeting of the Board of Education, held in the Little Theater at Emery High School, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Tracey Johnson. Other Board members present were Vice-President Marie Johnson, Kenzi Guymon, Jessy Johansen, and Royd Hatt. Superintendent Jared Black and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also present.

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

**Oath of Office (B1):** Superintendent Black and Business Administrator Allred were led in their oaths by President Johnson.

**Board Action Item (C1):** Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the June 2020 Board meeting and financial reports for June 2020. A motion was made by Royd Hatt to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (C2):** Superintendent Black recommended the following individuals for board approval:

- Heidi Lindsey                      Library & Media Specialist                      San Rafael Middle School
- Kerri Allred                              Accounting & Payroll Specialist                      District Office
- Tyler Tuttle                              Custodian    Emery High
- Brittany Cox                              PE Specialist Aide                                      Cottonwood Elementary
- Dawn Winn                              Resource Teacher                                      Cottonwood Elementary
- Tammy Payne                              Music / Art Aide                                      Huntington Elementary
- Rexanne Huntsman                      Accompanist                                      Emery High School
- Tanyon Allred                              Asst Girls Soccer                                      Emery High School
- Jordyn Wolford                              Asst Girls Tennis                                      Emery High School
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Kenzi Guymon motioned to approve the 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 (C3):** The district’s Literacy Plan was presented by JR Jones, Elementary Supervisor. The plan will identify growth measures. Writing is encompassed in many learning areas encouraging elementary students to write in different subjects. After a discussion of aggressive reading goals, the motion to approve was made by Marie and seconded by Jessy Johansen. All members voted unanimously.

**Board Action Item (C4):** School TSSA plans were discussed realizing that some budget adjustments were made as the allocations were changed. Marie Johnson made the motion to accept as presented with Royd Hatt seconding the motion. All members voted in favor of the plans.

**Board Action Item (C5):** 2021 School Board Meeting Calendar was approved with a motion by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt.

**Board Action Item (C6):** High School Fall Extracurricular Schedules were presented to the board. Physicals for students will still be required this year in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. Royd Hatt commented that the state has a website that helps with the contacting information to help tracking. The app is called healthytogether. Kenzi Guymon made the motion with Marie Johnson seconding and all members voting to approve.

**Board Action Item (C7):** Because of the pandemic COVID-19, the USBE mandated all LEAs approve a Back to School Plan that coincides with the State Guidelines. After much discussion with current administrators and faculty, a plan was presented to the Board for approval. Supt Black presented a background of the discussion process to

formulate a plan that gives an environment that is the best for the students and the employees. Realizing this is a sensitive subject for the entire community, administration has tried to develop a reasonable plan following state guideline and working with the health department. The district is presenting a one-page flyer to send to our families and students summarizing a lengthy required plan.

Supt Black recognized that teachers have been consistently working on this throughout the summer preparing for the change in delivering instruction. Schools and teachers will have autonomy to design their spaces as needed in compliance with state guidelines. Supt Black reminded the attendees that because everyone is feeling more stress than normal, we have counseling services available to all employees. The emotional/social needs of the students were also addressed by Yvonne Jensen and JR Jones. The board complimented the plan, and a motion was made by Jessy Johansen with a second by Marie Johnson; all approved unanimously.

**Superintendent’s Report (D):** Superintendent Black gave an update on our Facilities Committee working toward a bond election this November. All finance and construction professionals have been hired at this point with the intent to pass a resolution at a Board meeting in August. President Johnson thanked Superintendent Black for his report.

**Public Comments (E):** Neal Peacock commented that teachers worked extremely hard during the Spring during the school shutdown and meeting the needs of all students with distance education. He also expressed gratitude to Supt Black and the board for appreciating the teachers and trying to help them. Doug Johnson also commented on all employees of the school stepping in and helping to educate students during the shutdown. Carli O’Neil was concerned about students not enrolling in school decreasing the WPU funding. JR Jones also added that students need to be back in the classroom to help them feel balance and normalcy.

**Closed Meeting (F):** At 8:09 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:

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

The closed meeting was held in the Little Theater at Emery High School on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, beginning at 8:16 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Supt Black and Business Administrator Allred were also present.

**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 finished at 9:22 pm.

**Adjournment (G):** Upon convening in regular session, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Jessy Johansen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.