

The June 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, and Royd Hatt. Member Jessie Johansen was absent. Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

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

Board Recognition—The following employees were recognized for their respective awards:

- Justin Thornley—District Teacher of the Year
- Bridgit Grimm—Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Tawni Jensen—Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Tracy Rowley—Classified Employee of the Year
- Misti Bastian—Volunteer of the Year

Members of the Board and Superintendent Davis expressed their congratulations to each of these individuals.

Retiring employees were also recognized, including:

- Denise Chapman, Teacher at Huntington Elementary
- Dianne Carter, Teacher at Emery High
- Marilee Cox, Accompanist
- Leo Wright, Custodian at Emery High
- Larry Davis, Superintendent

Members of the Board thanked these individuals for their exemplary service. Superintendent Davis shared that he has worked with a lot of amazing people. He noted that anything accomplished in the District was the product of really good people working together. He feels the District is in good hands with tremendous employees throughout.

President Johnson also recognized EHS senior Connor Cramer for his service over the last year as a student school board member. His perspectives have been valuable in many discussions.

Presentation: Superintendent Davis briefly reviewed the TSSA program. Last year, the Board established the program framework with goals focused on literacy, social & emotional development, and curriculum advancement. An annual report is required and the focus of the report is to show how grant funds have helped the district in these goal areas.

Yvonne Jensen reported on the outcomes of secondary school TSSA plans. She mentioned that literacy is such an important area district-wide. Although we didn't have end-of-year testing results, she stated that all indications are that significant student growth occurred. She mentioned that TSSA funds were used to hire Greg Daniels and he has had a huge impact on secondary schools. He was able to meet with many kids and helped with their emotional progress. JR Jones gave a similar report regarding elementary school TSSA plans. He noted that adding social worker time to elementary schools was very beneficial. District data that was tracked through the 3rd term shows significant growth with elementary students.

Public Hearing (C1/C2): A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn the regular meeting to a public hearing to receive comment on the original budget for fiscal year 2021 as well as opening and adjusting the final budget for fiscal year 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Black gave a presentation on the final budget for fiscal year 2020 as well as the original budget for fiscal year 2021. No other public comments were made. Kenzi Guymon made a motion to declare the hearing closed and the general session reconvened. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (D1): Member Royd Hatt made a motion to approve a resolution adopting tax rates for the 2020 tax year. It was noted by President Johnson that the Basic State Levy is determined by the Utah State Tax Commission and is yet to be determined. She added that the proposed rates are within the certified tax rate and a truth-in-taxation hearing is not planned or anticipated for August. The tax rates (and corresponding revenues) will be:

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| • Basic State Levy (Estimated) | 0.001661 | \$3,511,267 |
| • Board Local Levy | 0.002033 | \$4,507,083 |
| • Charter School Levy | 0.000023 | \$50,990 |
| • Voted Local Levy | 0.001585 | \$3,513,884 |
| • Capital Local Levy | <u>0.000446</u> | <u>\$988,765</u> |
| | 0.005748 | \$12,571,989 |

Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (D2): A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the final legal budget for fiscal year 2020, authorizing the Business Administrator to adjust final fiscal year 2020 budgets to reflect revised amounts as necessary prior to final reporting. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (D3): Royd Hatt motioned to adopt the original budget for fiscal year 2021 as presented. Kenzi Guymon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (D4): Members of the Board considered the warrants, minutes for the May 2020 Board meeting and financial reports for May 2020. A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (D5): Superintendent Davis recommended the following individuals for board approval:

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| • Kristen Daniel | Teacher | Canyon View Middle School |
| • Maegan Butterfield | Credit Recovery / Suspension | Emery High School |
| • Jake Mecham | Teacher | Book Cliff Elementary School |
| • Anjelena Behling | Teacher | San Rafael Middle School |
| • Julie Justice | Assistant Volleyball Coach | Emery High School |

Marie Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis then recommended to the Board that the following individual be approved for the position indicated:

- Crosby Rich Teacher Book Cliff Elementary School

Kenzi Guymon motioned to approve Ms. Rich for the recommended position. Marie Johnson seconded the motion. Royd Hatt abstained from voting due to his family relationship to Ms. Rich. The other board members voted in favor of the motion. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (D6): Mr. Black presented the following policies for approval.

- **JJE—Fundraising:** Updated to comply with new school fee rules.
- **JQ—School Fees:** Updated to comply with the new school fee rules.
- **JQA—Student Fee Waivers:** New policy related to the new school fee rules.
- **KCD—Donations & Gifts:** Updated to comply with new school fee rules.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the policies with one correction to be made to the fundraising policy. The motion was seconded by Kenzi Guymon and passed by unanimous vote.

Superintendent’s Report (E): Superintendent Davis gave a staffing update. He discussed relevant updates regarding the COVID-19 situation. Emery County is currently in the yellow phase. Summer activity restrictions have been developed through consultation with the health department and district health & P.E. teachers. The State has issued phased guidelines regarding returning to school in the fall. Schools have received funding through the CARES Act for catch-up plans. Some of these plans are already underway and will continue through the fall.

Mr. Davis reported on a variety of District programs. PLC’s are at a place in the District where they are efficient and effective. PLC teams are working well together. The DTL grant was successfully renewed for a 5-year grant cycle. He commented that the juvenile justice committee has accomplished a lot over the years. Progress was made with inclusive governance – including stakeholder groups in all of our committee work. The district has successfully reestablished the employee recognition program. Teacher licensing & endorsement is now in compliance. The District specialist program has allowed for some of our teachers to attend curriculum meetings in the place of administrators. Robotics has grown exponentially and is very successful.

Superintendent Davis reviewed progress on the administrative goals for the year. He added that he hopes progress can continue to be made with providing additional resources to the schools in Green River. When funding is available, he would like to see a full-time CTE director position created. He would also like for the Hope Squad to be established.

President Johnson thanked Superintendent Davis for his report. All Board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Davis for his years of service and for the many things that have been accomplished in the District during his time as Superintendent.

Public Comments (F): Wyatt Gardner presented a request to improve the dugouts at Cleveland Elementary School for an eagle scout project. He showed pictures of the project and discussed options for funding and supplies. Members of the Board indicated an agreement to allow the project. Mr. Black will work with Wyatt on arrangements.

Closed Meeting (G): At 8:42 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 Absent

The closed meeting was held in the Little Theater at Emery High School on Wednesday, June 17th, 2020, beginning at 9:00 pm. All Board members except Jessy Johansen were present for the closed meeting. Business Administrator Jared Black was 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.

Tracey Johnson

The closed meeting finished at 9:30 pm.

Adjournment (H): Upon convening in regular session, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.