

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2020

Closed Meeting (A): At 6:30 pm, a motion was made by Jessy Johansen and seconded by Marie Johnson to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of holding a strategy session to discuss the sale of real property. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Tracey Johnson Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Kenzi Guymon Aye (electronically)
- Jessy Johansen Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Canyon View Middle School on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020, beginning at 6:30 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Jared Black and Business Administrator Jackie Allred. The closed meeting finished at 7:00 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

The October 2020 meeting of the Board of Education, held in the Commons area at Canyon View Middle School, was called to order at 7:05 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.

Regular Session (B) At 7:06 pm, President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bond Public Hearing (C1): Royd Hatt motioned to move to open meeting to hear public comments with Jessy Johansen with a second, all in favor. A presentation was given by Jackie Allred and Jared Black to the Board and also the public attending in person and online regarding the site and building plans for Emery High, Ferron Elementary, and Bookcliff Elementary. Several comments and questions were made by the public. Marie Johnson motioned to close the public hearing and Royd Hatt made the second motion with all members in agreement.

Presentations:

(D1) Online Learning update was presented by Yvonne Jensen and JR Jones. Teacher interaction is by far the best avenue, but the schools have incorporated software programs to help with Distance learning. The students don't seem to have issues with wearing the masks after two months of school. Language Arts represents the lowest scores in our District in all grades. Math has outstanding scores at the elementary level. JR acknowledged the principals and teachers for the amount of time they have put in to strategize within schools and district-wide. Yvonne Jensen presented data for the secondary levels with the biggest gap in writing. The faculties are encouraged that the gaps will be able to be covered. Teachers meeting the needs of students in class and also online has been a real struggle.

(D2) Without regular testing in Spring 2020, data and testing scores are not readily available as presented by Ryan Maughan. With test scores being glaringly incomplete, the data we do have represents progress. AP tests from students is higher, ACT test are getting closer to state average each year. Teachers are using current data to guide instruction. Summative testing from the state is only once a year. There might be a waiver for state testing due to COVID pandemic and summer slide.

(D3) A Technology Safety Report was presented by Doug Johnson. As required by law, the inventory and status of computers was presented which represents a large increase in the preceding years. State Wi-Fi grant will need to be completed by December 30, 2020. Our Firewall protects our system from 10,000 to 15,000 attacks each minute. Continual work is being done for online filtering which allows students to take chrome books home for distance learning. Longer passwords are essential for protection. Additional training was given during the summer to teachers for support in blended learning.

(D4) As required by the Office of the State Auditor, the annual Fraud Risk Assessment was presented by Jackie Allred. This indicates our level of risk based on current employees and policies. Our risk is currently in the Low category.

Board Action Items (E1) Members of the Board considered the warrants for the September 2020 Board meeting and financial reports for September 2020. A motion was made by Jessy Johansen to approve the warrants, and financial reports as presented, Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

Board Action Item (E2): Superintendent Black recommended the following individuals for board approval:

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| • Shadleigh Gordon | Teacher Half-Time | Huntington Elementary |
| • Kolleen Christiansen | Preschool Aide | Ferron Elementary |
| • Jessie McElprang | Resource Aide | Huntington Elementary |
| • Lyndsie Pentico | Library Aide | Canyon View Middle |
| • Savannah Williams | Resource Aide | BookCliff Elementary |
| • Kaleb Sitterud | Wrestling Coach | Canyon View Middle |
| • Casey Jo Reid | Preschool Lead Teacher | Cottonwood Elementary |
| • Abby Farley | Preschool Assistant Teacher | Cottonwood Elementary |

Royd Hatt 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 (E3): A Landtrust Amendment for Cleveland Elementary was submitted for board approval. Cleveland has a large first grade class where it was previously decided to have 1.5 teachers. There are some challenges with that, and principal Jenny Gagon proposed to use the half time teacher partially in the afternoon with Landtrust funds. Marie Johnson motioned to approve the plan with Royd Hatt seconding and all voting to approve.

Board Action Item (E4): A Landtrust Amendment for Canyon View Middle School was submitted for board approval. Money originally designed for literacy conference that was cancelled, is now being used for classroom libraries and individual teacher professional development as presented by principal Jeff Winget. Royd Hatt and Jessy Johansen made the motions. Vote passed positively.

Board Action Item (E5): The District participated in a new logo contest and then had the employees of the District vote on their favorite design of the top 10 submitted. The new logo represents the desert appearance of our county and also Education. Marie Johnson and Jessy Johansen motioned to approve the new logo and all voted to approve.

Superintendent's / Principal Report (F): Lance Whitesel, CVMS counselor, presented current and previous goals for lowering the rates of students failing classes. Seventy-five percent of students were at the desired 3.0 range. Data is tied to a survey being conducted this year to analyze emotional support to evaluate scores tied to that.

Jeff Winget reported that they have altered lunches to allow students to eat outside. Last Spring, the faculty revised the handbook based on district policy and school vision. A major change was made with the literacy program as students are placed in tracks based on reading ability. Many extra-curricular and academic activities have been performed and planned for all students.

Superintendent Black expressed the enormous amount of time spent on getting school going with COVID guidelines/restrictions and getting ready for the bond election. We are still working through the ups and downs of distance learning. He also recognized the dedication of all faculty and staffs throughout the district. Our Oct 1 count is 32 higher than last year. Distance Learning numbers have also decreased since the start of school. It has been daunting to work through the changes of this year.

Public Comments (G): Courtnee Justice as a representative as EEA wants to support the bond and would like the Board to let them know how those members can help.

Closed Meeting (H): At 9:02 pm., a motion was made by Jessy Johansen and seconded by Royd Hatt to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of finalizing the discussion for the purpose of holding a strategy session to discuss the sale of real property. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Tracey Johnson Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Kenzi Guymon Aye (electronically)
- 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 sale of real property. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

Tracey Johnson

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Canyon View Middle School on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020, beginning at 9:10 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Jared Black and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also present.

Adjournment (I): Upon convening in regular session, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.