

MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2021

WORK SESSION (6:30 pm):

- A1.** Tracey Johnson sent questions for the Board Review survey. Responses were received from several administrators. A survey will be sent out with questions the public would be able to respond to.
- A2.** Negotiation Committee members were assigned with Kenzi Guymon and Tracey Johnson assigned to the Certified committee; Marie Johnson and Todd Huntington assigned to the Classified committee.
- A3.** Announcements: Board Training for School LandTrust is required with a video and documentation.

REGULAR SESSION:

The March 3, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education, held at Huntington Elementary, 70 East 100 North, Huntington, UT, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Todd Huntington were also present. Superintendent Jared Black and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were in attendance.

B1/B2: President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

- C1:** The representatives from Nielson Construction presented their proposal for an RDA which would give a tax incentive for new development. Revenue Drivers are cabin rentals and RV Spots. Depending on the percentage of occupancy, their plan can be re-evaluated every 5 years.
- C2/3:** Green River Solar #1and #2 representative presented the RDA proposals. Luigi Radstead presented the project as a developer for solar power. The #1 and #2 are combined for one project that is part of an RFP for Rocky Mountain Power. This will be a 500-Megawatt power source with 200-Megawatt Battery capacity. Discussion was had on useful life and restitution. Kent Wilson, commissioner, also commented that this will not negatively affect the Emery County power plants.
- C4:** Christine Michael presented a solar project called Hornshadow 1 and 2 projects in Castle Dale / Lawrence area. This will cover 2400 acres along Highway 10 ending at the substation by Hunter powerplant. This will also have a battery addition in the project.
- C5:** The first hearing for FY22 School Fees was presented to the board by Jackie Allred with one minor change in the high school spirit pack fee. The next hearing will be on the next board meeting.
- C6:** Yvonne Jensen presented the proposal to change EHS graduation requirements to move from 1 CTE credit to 2 CTE credits. The exchange would decrease the elective credits by one. This would go into effect for this year’s sophomores, class of 2023 graduates. This would update the policy which puts the district in compliance with the state.
- C7:** This item involves a specific individual and will be discussed in closed meeting.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- D1:** Royd Hatt motioned to approve the Consent Items a) February Warrants b) Minutes from February 3rd and 15th, 2021 meetings and c) Monthly financial reports for February 2021. Marie Johnson seconded the motion with all approving.
- D2:** Superintendent Black recommended the following individuals for board approval:

• Chris James	Lead Cook	Cleveland Elementary
• Jamie Murdoch	SFS Worker	Ferron Elementary
• Kathy Mecham	Kindergarten Aide	Huntington Elementary
• Tifnie Hansen	Special Ed Aide	Huntington Elementary

Marie Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

D3: The award for the Bookcliff Elementary addition project was recommended to approve KMA Architects by Jackie Allred and the Facilities Committee. Royd Hatt motioned to approve with Marie Johnson seconding and all voting unanimously with approval.

D4: The CM/GC for the Bookcliff Elementary project was recommended to award Bud Mahas Construction by Jackie Allred and the Facilities Committee. Royd Hatt motioned for the approval and Marie Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted to support the motions.

D5: Policy DKAA: Time & Effort Standards was presented for approval. JR Jones presented the information from the Title One audit just completed this month. This policy contains the federal requirements for Title One and other federal programs. The District has been following all the guidelines, but also needs a policy approved by the Board. Marie Johnson motioned to approve with a second from Todd Huntington and all members voting positively.

D6: Policy DJB: Cash Disbursements is another policy with an amendment for Federal Programs spending with the Supplement Not Supplant wording. The motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Todd Huntington with all members voting unanimously.

D7: Additional high school extracurricular schedules were presented for the board to approve for Spring. This motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt with motion passing successfully by all members.

D8: Jared Black presented a small modification to the TSSA Framework. Motion to approve was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt. All members voted with support.

REPORTS:

E1. Principal report was given by JR Jones, Elementary supervisor, as Jody Carter, principal at Huntington Elementary, was unable to attend because of illness. HE has seen several new employees this year including a new ½ teacher which has alleviated a high class-size. By the end of the year, each classroom will have a Smart TV using LandTrust funding. The Maintenance crew has worked on several projects to keep the building open this year based on water leaks and roof issues. G&T program has brought in author Gary Hoggs and artist Chase Jensen to work with students. PTO had wreath auctions and provided lunches for PT conferences and bookfairs. Robotics program competed at regional competition with K-3 grades. Approx. 5 students as of this date are still on distance learning. The Language Arts, Reading and Math assessments are now completed for beginning and middle of year. Title One department is working with the lower scoring students from the data. Interventions meetings are held every 6 weeks. Jody wants to make sure everyone knows that the faculty and staff at HE are amazing.

E2. The Superintendent Report was given by Jared Black. Jared acknowledged the Business office receiving the ASBO recognition award for the FY2 CAFR. An email from a Grantsville parent was sent to complement our school on the athletes and other students that represented Emery High. RISE testing window is

March 16 to the end of school. Kindergarten registration is open now and will help complete staffing information for next year. Legislative session will end this Friday with 63 bills relating to education.

E3. Business Administrator Jackie Allred presented the Moody's Rating score of A1 for our GO Bond issuance 2021 of \$50 Million. This is a great rating and indicates the strengths of the application was our financial management. The weaknesses represent high centrally assessed tax base and decreasing student enrollment. Allred also mentioned the bond sale for the first issuance was completed this morning with a sale of \$45.9 M. All sales go through Parity electronic bid submission platform. Winning bidder was Wells Fargo Bank, National Association at 1.64%. Plans for all three projects (EHS, FE, and BCE) are well underway and ground breaking for the Emery High Fields should happen on March 22nd. With permission from Castle Dale City, parking stalls are being painted on the East side of Center street to help with the loss of the student parking lot during construction.

E4. Board Member Committee reports were given by Tracey on the President/Vice President training online. They were given good insight from a panel that could answer relevant questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): Yvonne thanked the commissioners for supporting the Farm Bureau food project at San Rafael by providing \$25,000 from the county's CARES funding.

CLOSED MEETING (G): At 9:00 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon 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
- Todd Huntington Aye

The closed meeting was held in Room #22 at Huntington Elementary School on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021, beginning at 9:09 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Black and Business Administrator Allred were also present.

ADJOURNMENT (H): A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

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