

MINUTES FOR MARCH 31, 2021

REGULAR SESSION:

The March 31, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education, held at Cleveland Elementary, 30 South 100 West, Cleveland, UT, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board Vice-President Marie Johnson. Members Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt, and Todd Huntington were also present. Business Administrator Jackie Allred was also in attendance. Board President Tracey Johnson and Superintendent Jared Black were not able to attend.

A1/A2: Vice-President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

B1: The second hearing for FY22 School Fees was presented to the board by Jackie Allred with no other changes from the presentation on March 3rd.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

C1: Royd Hatt motioned to approve the Consent Items a) March Warrants b) Minutes from March 3rd, 9th, 15th and 25th, 2021 meetings and c) Monthly financial reports for March 2021. Todd Huntington seconded the motion with all approving.

C2: Superintendent Black recommended the following individuals for board approval:

- Becky Cummings Drill Advisor/Coach Emery High
- Ky Horrocks Social Science Teacher Emery High (trfrd from SRMS)

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

C3: The requested tax incentive for the Hornshadow CRA was approved at a 40% incentive rate not to exceed 20 years. If the proposal is approved by Rocky Mountain Power, the Interlocal Agreements will be signed at following meetings. Royd Hatt motioned to approve with Todd Huntington seconding and all voting unanimously with approval.

C4: The requested tax incentive for the Green River Solar CRAs were approved at a 40% incentive rate not to exceed 20 years. If the proposals are approved by Rocky Mountain Power, the Interlocal Agreements will be signed at following meetings. Royd Hatt motioned to approve with Todd Huntington seconding and all voting unanimously with approval.

D5: The requested tax incentive for the Huntington Commercial Corridor Solar CRA was approved at a 75% incentive rate. This rate, as proposed, will be reviewed every 5 years to renew at 75%, 50%, or 25% based on the percentage of occupied rooms from Memorial Day to Labor Day using the previous 5 years average. This tax incentive is not to exceed 20 years. Royd Hatt motioned to approve with Kenzi Guymon seconding and all voting unanimously with approval.

C6: Policy IKF: Graduation Requirements policy is meant to increase the CTE requirement by 1 credit starting with the 2023 graduates. This will be offset by decreasing an elective credit. The motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Todd Huntington with all members voting unanimously.

C7: Policy JQB: School Fee Schedules. Based on the previous two hearings on March 3 and 31st, the motion to pass this policy for the 21-22 school year was made by Royd Hatt with a second from Kenzi Guymon. Motion passed with all members in agreement.

REPORTS:

D1. Principal report was given by Jenny Gagon, Principal at Cleveland Elementary. The theme this year was “Kindness and Growth”. They are concerned with the learning gap from last year’s closure. K-2 Team and 3-5 Teams vertically collaborate such as interventions, data walls celebrations, narrowing curriculum standards, and Mastery grading. Language test scores and Dibels proficiency scores reflect proficient levels, but science and math are trending low since closure. Cleveland was recognized by Lexia Reading tool as a top school based on nation-wide results. Cleveland has started an after-school tutoring to help real-time lessons. New science programs are being used, but Reading is their base for knowledge in all subjects. Social-emotional issues are the pandemic after the pandemic. Cleveland is focusing on this area as well with team leaders and games to increase students’ emotional well-being. Three student council members addressed the board: Abi O’Neil loves the activities that help improve grades and brings fun to school, along with passing out rewards for students with most growth, Maycin Sitterud is excited about their weekly reminders of videoing themselves and sending out to classes. They’ve also started basketball, chess, and cornhole tournaments. Lilly Cowley also represented student council. Some other student council and SEL events have been Food drives, Christmas for families, yoga lessons and many other things to regulate emotions.

D2. The Superintendent Report was read by Marie Johnson. Shellet Rowley was recognized as the UCET Innovative Teacher, Thomas Hughes as the 1A Coach of the Year, Katie Hreinson named UHSAA female official of the year. The Sterling Scholar winners were Luke Stilson, Haylee Guymon, and Braidon Howard. Shaylee Grange, Allison Thomas, Wade Huggard and Dani Jo Thatcher were runners up. Also, the Rise testing window is March 16 to May 15. Covid has decreased in case numbers and there are no adult cases at this point. Mask wearing will remain a requirement in public K-12 schools until June 15th. The Emery High Construction ground breaking was on March 29th. PLC Committee is gathering survey input to determine best option going forward. Johnson also commented that there is a warm, cohesive atmosphere here at Cleveland when she visits.

D3. Business Administrator Jackie Allred commented on the successful ground-breaking ceremony for the Emery High fields this week. With the State Legislature session finalized, budgeting for the new school year has begun.

D4. Board Member Committee reports were given by Todd Huntington for current CRAs, Marie Johnson will be reviewing PLC surveys, and Royd Hatt will be interviewing IT position after Spring Break.

D5. JR Jones and Yvonne Jensen presented student enrollment estimates for 21-22 school year. BC and CE are maintaining enrollment while other elementaries have dropped from 9 to 12 students each for a total of 44. Secondary enrollments have increased a total of 16 with fluctuation between schools. Emery High gains 45 students. Jensen also reviewed the current secondary openings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (E):

Julie Johansen requested where students were going at Emery High with more students and science wing removal in 21-22 school year. Courtnee Justice also answered how the school has been addressing the concerns and changes.

CLOSED MEETING (F):

At 8:00 pm., a motion was made by Todd Huntington 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 Absent
- Marie Johnson Aye
- Kenzi Guymon Aye
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Todd Huntington Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at Cleveland Elementary School on Wednesday, March 31st, 2021, beginning at 8:05 pm. Four Board members were present for the closed meeting. Business Administrator Allred was also present.

ADJOURNMENT (G):

A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

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

I, Marie Johnson, Vice-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.

Marie Johnson