

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2021

REGULAR SESSION:

The November 3, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Green River High School, 745 W Pirate Ave, Green River, UT, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Vice-President Marie Johnson and members Royd Hatt, Kenzi Guymon, and Todd Huntington were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance.

WORK SESSION:

A1. The FY21 Financial Audit Report was given by Jackie Allred and auditor James Gilbert from Gilbert & Stewart. The fund balances and FY21 data were presented for each fund along with some statistical information on student counts, staffing, and tax information. Mr. Gilbert also included what the audit entails and what data is comprised.

A2. The Board reviewed additional ethic videos that help with their knowledge of board rules and procedures.

A3. Tracey Johnson presented information on the Youth Court process. The implementation would involve a school SRO and student youth court council. Discussion was made about the possibility of starting a program.

A4. Supt Maughan discussed equity procedures and presented examples from other Utah school districts.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

C1: Bud Mahas was not able to attend this meeting. Jackie Allred reported on the status of the Bookcliff Elementary addition. On the previous evening, a ribbon cutting event was held along with a parent night at Bookcliff to celebrate the opening of the addition. Even with a few items not complete, the students and staff will be able to transition into the new addition shortly.

C2: Trent Huntsman and Jessica Dahl from Westland Construction gave the board an update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High Field construction projects. Details included the timeline and upcoming tasks. Wes Christensen from KMA Architects joined with presenting the timeline of the bid for the Emery High Building. The complete package is scheduled to bid February 15th.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Royd Hatt for the a) October warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for October 6 meeting was made and seconded by Kenzi Guymon with all approving.

D2: Superintendent Maughan recommended the following individuals for board approval:

- Kaitlyn Mecham Teacher San Rafael Middle
- Erika Olsen Preschool Aide Huntington Elementary
- Stasha Bradley Sped Aide Cottonwood Elementary
- Darrell Guymon Asst Swim Coach Emery High

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: Along with the Audit presentation in the work session, James Gilbert reported on the financial audit for FY21. Business Administrator Allred also expressed appreciate to the business staff and other employees involved in the accounting activities. With a complete department shift in duties, this year has been educational, but added extra stress. With a motion from Marie Johnson and a second from Kenzi Guymon, the board passed the audit report unanimously.

D4: The Emery High automotive program is scheduled to attend a competition in New Mexico as in previous years. Discussion of the itinerary was given and motioned to approve by Royd Hatt. A second followed by Kenzi Guymon and all voted in unison.

D5: The Green River FFA advisor, Kent Nelson, and FFA President Joseph Vollmer presented a proposal to use District land adjacent to the high school property for FFA purposes that include fencing the desired 9 acres and then a phased planning to plant crops and institute a gardening portion. The FFA group asked permission to start the project with a survey and fencing. Funding options will be discussed for subsequent year portions. This motion carried with Royd Hatt and Kenzi Guymon making the motions.

D6: Discussion was held on the litigation issue regarding the suit against Juul Inc for targeting School-aged population on vaping which is shown to have a high nicotine addiction. Afterwards, the motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson where the motion was passed with all in agreement to join other school districts in the joint lawsuit.

D7: Jade Powell from the SEUALG updated the board on the final approval for the Huntington City Community Reinvestment Agency regarding the Huntington City Commercial Corridor Project area. First motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and a second by Marie Johnson. Item was passed unanimously.

D8: The motion to approve the Winter extra-curricular activity schedules was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt. This motion passed unanimously.

D9: The update of Policy GEC is in reference to a URS requirement to pay unused sick leave be part of District policy. The current practice has followed these guidelines. Motion was made by Marie Johnson. Todd Huntington seconded the motion with all in agreement.

REPORTS:

E1: The Principal Report was given by Kayce May-Riches, principal, from Green River High School. Mrs. Riches started with their theme of "Getting back in the Boat". After a coaching presentation today with A2A program, the data has shown improvement in just one month. After introducing the dedicated and mostly alumni staff, she commented on using 7 mindsets to help students with social/emotional focus. CTE is an important focus for GRHS to build more career options for students. Mrs. Riches was complimented by Yvonne Jensen as an incredible asset to our school District with her involvement with the school and community. She uses data and designs programs to improve her staff and is exceptionally willing to grow.

F2: The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, expressed appreciation for the Professional Development day on October 25th with so many presenters and options for instructors.

F3: Jackie Allred gave the Business Report with appreciation to everyone involved in the Bookcliff addition and the ribbon cutting event last evening. Tracey Johnson also commended Gaylene for a great parent-night that was well attended.

F4: Committee reports: Kenzi Guymon has visited the two Ferron schools and reports many activities and learning programs .

PUBLIC COMMENTS (E): Lilliana Gonzales , senior at Green River High, has requested to address the board on her concerns with Green River High busing issues, track condition, and additional CTE courses to be offered. Brian Meadows also addressed the board regarding the drainage problems on the baseball field. The Board members and Kerry Lake, Maintenance Supervisor, addressed the concerns.

CLOSED MEETING (F): At 8:40 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
- Todd Huntington Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at the Green River High School, November 3rd, 2021, beginning at 8:50 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance.

A motion from Marie Johnson to return to Open meeting was made with Todd Huntington following with a second. All approved. Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Marie Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 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