

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2021

REGULAR SESSION:

The October 6, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Canyon View Middle School, 550 N 400 W, Huntington, UT, was called to order at 6:30 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. Joel Wright from Kirton/McKonkie law firm presented on possible class act litigation against Juul Inc. and Phillip Morris for soliciting vape products on underage individuals.
- A2. Two Board Ethics Videos were shown and discussed on state Board rules.
- A3. Critical Race Theory Discussion was held in regards to State law.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

- C1: Todd Barney from Bud Mahas reported on the status of the Bookcliff Elementary addition. The two-classroom and teacher prep room addition is scheduled to be open to the students mid-November.
- C2: Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board an update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High Field construction projects. He reviewed the opening of the football/soccer stadium for the home game on September 24th. Sod for the baseball and softball fields were also laid on October 1st. Masonry on Ferron gym should be done mid-October and working toward the East wing.
- C3: The Data Privacy and Security Risk Assessment was given by Doug Johnson, IT Supervisor. All were reminded to be cautious on downloads and where documents are saved. Password safety indicates using a longer password. Information was also given to protect personal student and staff information. Risk factors were presented along with the number of technology devices the district operates with two firewalls to protect the backbone system. Disaster recovery was explained with current backup systems.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Royd Hatt for the a) September warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for September 1 meeting was made and seconded by Kenzi Guymon with all approving.

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

- Rebecca Higbee Feller Teacher LA Emery High
- Connie Wilson TSSA Aide Cleveland Elementary
- Cody Jensen Softball Coach Emery High

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.

D3: The PTIF Entity Resolution was presented to add Ryan Maughan as a signer on the District’s account. Motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Todd Huntington with all approving.

D4: Additional teachers are added to the District's Specific Licensing Plan. Minor changes from the State regarding the Special Education programs was explained by Yvonne Jensen. Royd Hatt motioned to approve this item. Marie seconded with all in favor.

D5: The resolution to approve the Green River I solar project Interlocal Agreement was presented by Jade Powell from the South Eastern Utah Government. As discussed in previous meetings, the Agreement reflects 40% tax incentive for the solar project in regards to the School District's tax collection for 20 years. This motion was made by Todd Huntington with a second from Royd Hatt. All members voted unanimously.

D6: The resolution to approve the Green River II solar project Interlocal Agreement was also discussed with the same details as the previous agenda item. Marie Johnson motioned to approve and was seconded by Royd Hatt with all in unison approving.

D7: The resolution to approve the Green River Pivot 13 solar project Interlocal Agreement was also discussed with the same details as the previous agenda item. Royd Hatt motioned to approve and was seconded by Todd Huntington with all affirmative.

D8: The motion to approve Ryan Maughan and Doug Johnson as LEA Data Managers was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt. This motion passed unanimously.

D9: The renewal of Doug Johnson as the LEA IT Systems Security Manager was motioned by Royd Hatt. Marie Johnson seconded the motion with all in agreement.

REPORTS:

E1: The Principal Report was given by Jenny Gagon, principal, from Canyon View Middle School. Mrs. Gagon expressed appreciation for the staff working well. Rise scores are a concern and the school is focusing on the many IEPs for students in the school. Attendance is an issue with covid and other sickness concerns. Areas of focus are literacy, targeted intervention, professional development for teachers, and social/emotional learning. Goals that have been set are to establish trust, engage Cougar PRIDE system, PLC practices, and additional intervention in the 4th hour with reading a book on that student's grade level. Ryan Maughan recognized Mrs. Gagon with appreciation for her willingness to be the principal at CV this year.

F2: The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, opened by excitement for the 1,100 Chromebook grant for students. Many students will enjoy the new Emery High athletic field and opportunities at the athletic complex. Yvonne Jensen, Supervisor, presented the assessment score information that was made available today. Scores will be shared at school PLC meetings to address successes and concerns.

F3: The Business Report was given by Jackie Allred with appreciation to the Business Department staff for another year of a successful financial audit. Appreciation was also given to all workers on the building projects. All projects are almost on schedule in spite of material delays and sometimes lack of workers in the construction field. The District Maintenance staff has also been available for inspections allowing us to stay on schedule.

F4: Technology Committee was presented by Doug Johnson. A grant for 1,100 Chromebooks for the sum of \$405,000 was awarded for students that do not have technology access at home. Mini-grants are being offered again this year through the DT&L program along with professional development for teachers at several levels.

Tracey Johnson attended EHS community council and commended them on focusing on the academic successes as well as the athletic spotlight. Marie Johnson attended Cleveland’s community council and was pleased with the progress there. Todd Huntington reported that Castle Dale’s meeting organized their members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (E): No comments were made.

CLOSED MEETING (F): At 8:50 pm., a motion was made by Todd Huntington and seconded by Marie Johnson 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 Canyon View Middle School, October 6th, 2021, beginning at 9:00 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also present along with District Supervisors: Doug Mecham, Yvonne Jensen, JR Jones, and Doug Johnson.

A motion from Kenzi Guymon to return to Open meeting was made with Todd Huntington following with a second. All approved.

ADJOURNMENT (G): A motion was made by Royd Hatt and 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