

MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2022

**REGULAR SESSION:**

The July 13, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the District Office, 120 N Main, Huntington, UT, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Members Royd Hatt, Kenzi Guymon, and Todd Huntington were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance. Marie Johnson was absent.

**WORK SESSION:**

**A1.** A discussion regarding Elementary centers for K-2 and 3-5 elementaries was led by JR Jones, elementary supervisor.

**A2.** With an average of 32% student enrollment decline over the past 11 years, Supt Maughan presented information and the possible adjustments needed. Changing to elementary centers is one of the options to balance class sizes within those community areas. Larger classes or split classes would also be realistic options.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**C1:** Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board the monthly update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High construction projects. Both projects are moving ahead, but the deadline for Ferron to finish is rapidly approaching. He discussed tasks such as the hardwood floor that has been difficult to get finished on schedule. The timeline is set for August 1<sup>st</sup> for teachers to have access to the classrooms.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**D1:** A motion from Royd Hatt for the a) June warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the June 15th meeting was made and seconded by Todd Huntington with all approving.

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

- Elise Livingston                      Reading Aide                      Huntington Elementary
- Kodi Caldwell                        TSSA / PE Aide                    Huntington Elementary
- Seth Justice                            PE Aide                                Cottonwood Elementary
- Adrian Jensen                        Special Ed Teacher                Huntington Elementary
- Deanna Hansen                        Speech Language Technician     District-wide
- Kaytlyn Farley                        Teacher                                Green River High
- Sheri Vetere                            Volleyball Head Coach             Green River High
- Doreen Lehnhoff                      Volleyball Asst Coach             Green River High

Todd Huntington 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:** A motion to approve the reappointment of Jackie Allred as Business Administrator was made by Royd Hatt with a second from Todd Huntington and all voting in favor.

**D4:** A revision for the School Foods Service employees was presented to the board for negotiations. In an effort to equalize hourly rates between lunch workers and teacher assistants, the hourly rate will be increased by \$1.00 / hour with an additional \$0.60 / hour quarterly payment based on the funds available. All other negotiation items remain the same as previously approved for Classified employees. A motion to approve the revision for FY23 Classified Negotiations was made by Royd Hatt. The second followed from Todd Huntington. All approved.

**D5:** Fall Extra-curricular activities for the secondary schools were reviewed with little discussion. A motion to approve the schedules was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Todd Huntington. All voted in favor.

**D6:** Out of state travel for the FFA State winners was presented by Haylie McArthur, student at Emery High. The 1<sup>st</sup> place Livestock Judging group is Haylie McArthur, Haiden Thayn, Jaxsten Thayn, and Garrison Staples. The group will be going to Indianapolis in October to compete at the National Competition. Todd Huntington motioned to approve the travel for students and advisor with a second from Royd Hatt. All votes were aye.

**D7:** The annual fraud risk assessment was given by Jackie Allred. The District remains at a low risk category. With no questions, Royd Hatt motioned to approve and a second from Todd Huntington with all in agreement.

**D8:** With the Utah State requirements for Financial Literacy decreasing .5 credit, policy IKF Graduation Requirements was adjusted to reflect the change. Doug Mecham, secondary supervisor, explained the .5 credit switch to an elective choice. Todd Huntington made the motion to approve and Royd Hatt made the secondary motion. Vote was unanimous.

#### REPORTS:

**E1:** The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, acknowledged the Maintenance Department for their many talents in keeping our district in compliance and comfortable which makes educating our students possible. They work behind the scenes and have many stressful moments. The new building projects have added another level of responsibility to their regular duties. The crew of 7 were presented with a small gift of appreciation.

**E2:** No comments for the Business report.

**E3:** Committee reports: The strategic planning committee will add Royd Hatt as a member. Kenzi Guymon has been added to the Evaluation Committee and Marie Johnson will also be added to the Instructional Coaching.

Tracy Johnson also asked for a representative to attend the pre-delegate assembly on August 26/27 at Canyons School District. Royd Hatt will represent the board at the conference.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (F):** Wyatt Gardner presented a proposal for an Eagle Scout project at Cleveland putting roofs on dugouts by the school. With price escalation, they had postponed the project from 2 years ago. The

revised estimate is \$2,639 for materials only and they plan to have the labor volunteered. Tree removal is also included because of the interference of trees with the dugouts.

**CLOSED MEETING (G):** At 8:15 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           Aye
- Marie Johnson           Absent
- Kenzi Guymon           Aye
- Royd Hatt                Aye
- Todd Huntington       Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Board room at the District Office, July 13, 2022, beginning at 8:40 pm. All Board members except Marie Johnson was in attendance for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance.

A motion from Royd Hatt to return to Open meeting was made with Todd Huntington following with a second. All approved. Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Todd Huntington to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 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.

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Tracey Johnson