

MINUTES FOR MARCH 30, 2022

**REGULAR SESSION:**

The March 30, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Cleveland Elementary, 30 South 100 West, Cleveland, UT, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Tracey Johnson. Members Kenzi Guymon, and Todd Huntington were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance. Vice-President Marie Johnson and member Royd Hatt were absent.

**CLOSED SESSION (A):**

At 6:00 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Todd Huntington 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                Absent
- Todd Huntington        Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at the Cleveland Elementary School, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, beginning at 6:02 pm. All Board members but Marie Johnson and Royd Hatt were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance.

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

**WORK SESSION:**

**B1.** Board ethics videos were watched and then discussed by all board members with the topics of “A Fine Job” and “Fix It”.

**B2.** The revised EHS building bid was discussed with Westland Construction team. Discussions revolved around the details of an updated proposal cost and the funding avenues.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**C1/C2:** President Johnson welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**D1:** Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board an update to the Ferron Elementary and Emery High Field construction projects. The Fire Marshall is schedule for next Thursday to inspect the EHS field areas – this will allow the school to have home baseball and softball games on the fields without the full project scope complete. Dugouts are finalizing within another week. The crews have been pouring concrete like crazy. The fieldhouse two-lane track should be finished this Friday. The material for the court arrived today – installation crew will start tomorrow. Painting is ongoing this week. For Ferron Elementary, the truckload of drywall will arrive this week. The interior framing is almost complete. Exterior insulation and conduit are also finishing shortly with drywall as the next step. They have recently made all connections to the city’s existing sewer and water lines.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**E1:** A motion from Kenzi Guymon for the a) March warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup> meetings was made and seconded by Todd Huntington with all approving.

**E2:** Superintendent Maughan recommended the following individuals for board approval:

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| • Tristan Reeder     | Band/Choir Teacher      | Canyon View |
| • Shawnee Snow       | Attendance Secretary    | Emery High  |
| • Justina Butler     | Science Teacher         | Emery High  |
| • Angela Huntington  | Art Teacher             | San Rafael  |
| • Lysie Pentico      | Art Teacher             | Canyon View |
| • Nicole Maxwell     | Lead Cook               | Castle Dale |
| • Jamie Murdock      | Lead Cook               | Ferron      |
| • Lynsey Brinkerhoff | Lead Cook               | San Rafael  |
| • Brittanie Olsen    | Drill Advisor           | Emery High  |
| • Katelyn Magnuson   | Assistant Cheer Advisor | Emery High  |
| • Brayden Huntsman   | Maintenance worker      | District    |

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.

**E3:** The Hornshadow Solar Interlocal Agreement was presented by Commissioner Kent Wilson and Jade Powell. This revised agreement has additional landowner properties as negotiated with the SEUALG. The properties involved consist of the areas starting with the Wilberg wash and wraps around to the Hunter power plant. The solar specifications include 200 megawatts solar and 100 megawatts for the batteries. The acreage involved is close to 2,500. The tax incentive was previously agreed to 60% for entities and 40% back to the developer. When construction starts, a charge of \$200,000 will be given to the district based on the agreement by the county commissioners. Approval of the agreement as presented was motioned by Todd Huntington with a second from Kenzi Guymon. All agreed.

**E4:** Janet Ewell, principal of Cleveland Elementary, presented the school’s proposed LandTrust revision. The school’s community council voted to spend the FY21 carry-over funding for technology to replace older equipment. With no discussion, a motion to approve was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Todd Huntington. This was passed by all members.

**E5:** The athletic director positions for Emery High and Green River High were discussed. The request was for two prep periods which is no extra cost to the district, maintain AD stipend, but to add a Game Management line item to the extra-curricular schedule. Kayce Fluckey and Steven Gordon explained the amount of time needed for game time supervision and the struggle with it overtaking their time to oversee academics and other curriculum issues. The increased responsibility is partially caused by additional required paperwork and added UHSAA sanctioned activities. A motion to approve was made by Todd Huntington and seconded by Kenzi Guymon. All voted in favor.

**E5:** With the volatility of the construction market, the EHS building architectural plan had a major revision in January to reduce footage and items that were not considered absolutely necessary for a functioning high school. All extra classrooms were removed along with square footage in other areas. Alternate material options were also considered for different areas. The new high school is proposed to be built over two phases. CTE rooms and shops, engineering, history rooms, second story science/math/medical rooms and labs, kitchen, commons, office, counseling area, weights, auxiliary gym, ednet room, and media center would all be built in Phase I. After moving students to the newly built areas, the existing building (with Spartan Center and Auditorium exceptions) would be demolished allowing the construction of the remaining English, resource, music, arts, and drama rooms to be built attaching the new construction to both the established auditorium and Spartan Center. Finishing touches would be the parking lots and landscaping along with grass soccer field.

The bid came in 13 million over budget even with the cutbacks. Soaring fuel prices were an instrument of the instability. Funding consists of using district funds, anticipated solar taxes, and a future increase of the capital levy.

After discussion in the work session and also the regular session by all members, the motion to approve the bid for a new Emery High school for \$50,998,497 was made by Todd Huntington with a second from Tracey Johnson. Kenzi Guymon voted to oppose based on the need to raise the capital levy.

**REPORTS:**

**F1:** The Principal Report was given by Janet Ewell. Writing has been a big focus this year at Cleveland Elementary. The students have also been allowed to create their own theatre productions. The staff holds monthly intervention meetings to discuss each child. Grades K-2 have improved using phonic blocks and scheduling 30 minutes of daily intervention. Felicia Jeffs, elementary counselor, has been helping with SEL concerns at the schools and has fulfilled a great need for students. Attendance is another struggle at the school which is consistent throughout the district. They would like to bring back the robotics program. Ms. Ewell reported that she has really enjoyed her first year as principal at Cleveland.

JR Jones, elementary supervisor, took the opportunity to recognize Ms. Ewell as administrator at the building. As a first-year principal, Janet has done a great job and has great rapport with her teachers. She makes a difference; JR also wants to recognize Cleveland staff who are always working to improve everything at the school.

**F2:** The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, acknowledged those who have already retired this year. Tracey Johnson added recognition to those students who received the academic all-state awards for the Winter sports. These are:

Elli Whitesel	Swim
Katie McCandless	Swim
Abigail Johansen	Swim
Cambrie Jensen	Swim
Tyler Stilson	Wrestling
Byron Christiansen	Wrestling—State Champion
Tambrie Tuttle	Basketball
Tylee Norton	Basketball
Brynn Gordon	Basketball
Baylee Jacobson	Basketball
Madisyn Childs	Basketball

**F3:** Jackie Allred gave the Business Report with a wonderful Annual Review audit for the School Foods Service Program. This audit is intensive and has an estimated 5-year rotation. A review with no findings was given which is rare and will officially be received from USBE within 30 days. The District also received notification that the FY21 Financial Report received the ASBO Certificate of Excellence. This is an ongoing award for the previous 14 years.

**F4:** Committee reports: Community Councils are ongoing and members have been attending those with their precinct schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (G):** Carli O’Neil gave appreciation for the support of the board and also Janet Ewell for supporting the Cleveland Elementary faculty.

**CLOSED MEETING (H):** At 7:45 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Todd Huntington 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                Absent
- Todd Huntington       Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at the Cleveland Elementary School, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, beginning at 7:55 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting, except Marie Johnson and Royd Hatt. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance.

A motion from Kenzi Guymon to return to Open meeting was made with Todd Huntington following with a second. All approved. Todd Huntington motioned and was seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 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