

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2022

REGULAR SESSION:

The October 5, 2022 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Canyon View Middle School, 550 North 400 West, 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. A discussion regarding declining enrollment and review of the September Town Halls for that purpose was held. Discussions revolved around the original options to change some elementaries to K-2 and 3-5 centers along with additional options provided at the town hall meetings. The affected principals were in attendance and gave their opinion about the pros and cons of each option. It was stated that changing to centers allowed for the most flexibility with enrollment and education opportunities. It was requested for understanding that the sooner the decision is made, it will allow the logistics of the change to be arranged if centers was the option chosen.

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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. EHS Phase 2 (building): The schedule is currently set to pour concrete slabs and continue grades in a couple of areas. Underground infrastructure is still continuing in all areas of Phase 2. Interior footings along with exterior foundations are continuing. The parking lot will be paved next week allowing the parking to move off of Center Street.

Ferron Elementary: No significant changes since the opening of the school. Mr. Huntsman gave a final report on the progress of the school including inspections and the tasks/items that have been performed for the District by Westland Construction.

C2: The Data Privacy and Security Risk Analysis was presented by Doug Johnson, IT Supervisor. This data showed technology inventory, data point accesses, interactive televisions, and the rewiring of many district buildings during the summer recess. Mr. Johnson explained the firewall restrictions, and the threat map that shows our system receiving 10 to 15 thousand attacks every second. There are only two portals open to our network: viewing student grades and employees' personal information. Classroom management is the highest security to our internet. The District has off-site backup programs for all data. Disaster recovery would be about less than a week for complete recovery. Passwords are not to be shared even with other employees. The IT support team expressed their appreciation for the summer internship program that helps to complete the summer projects.

C3: Yvonne Jensen, District Supervisor, along with Elementary Supervisor, JR Jones, and Secondary Supervisor, Doug Mecham, presented the Summative Testing Review for School Year 2021-22. With the data missing in 2020 because of Covid-19 mandated school closure, the years of 18-19 through 21-22 were reviewed with that 19-20 year missing. The current grades given the district are six schools with C grades, three schools received B's, and the remaining school received an A. A school grade is made

up of four different components with achievement being only one portion and CTE being a huge piece for secondary schools. National average for ACT scores is 20.8, Utah 20.6, and Emery High is 19.2 with Green River at 17.1. Four sections are scored ranging from 1 to 36. The different areas are given an average along with a composite average. A 24 or higher will allow students to be enrolled at a higher education school.

State assessments were given in Language Arts, Math, and Science with further breakdown by school and grades. Other data discussed was school comparison scores. This allows those areas of study to be compared to other Utah schools that have similar demographics and sizes. Improvements come from looking at the data and implementing solutions.

C4: School reports for the TSSA Framework was presented by JR Jones and Doug Mecham. The schools were required to submit plans that followed the approved district framework using funds for Literacy, Social Emotional, and also increasing test scores by 1%. Bookcliff’s focus was 7 mindsets with decreasing office referrals and had higher engagement in academics increasing more than 3% overall. Castle Dale focused on software and behavioral incentives and RULR training. Cleveland started the RULR training and used funds to supplement social/emotional help, STEM materials and personnel additional hours. Cottonwood has a huge focus on mastery learning and has spent the funds on local professional development for teachers, writing continuum, and personnel hours for literacy. They have seen a 20% increase in proficiency in reading in grades 3-5 and K-2 banded testing. Ferron had literacy and SEL focus with additional summer tutoring, SEL resources, RULR training, and achieved higher than state average reading scores. Huntington also had literacy and SEL focus with reading programs. Lexia has been a software program with positive results for all schools and will be needing to be purchased for 4-6 grades with state funding being discontinued.

For secondary schools, it was confirmed that schools were using the funds very effectively. Programs are becoming costlier for continued licensing. Schools are purchasing high-interest books. It is becoming more critical for students to have the social and emotional support in schools. Programs and personnel opportunities are being purchased with these funds and the data has supported this choice. Additional matters were Summer school activities, ACT prep classes, and STEM/robotics courses.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Kenzi Guymon for the a) September warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the September 7th meeting was made and seconded by Royd Hatt with all approving.

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

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| • Kalani Rhodes | Kindergarten Aide | Huntington |
| • Elyssa Suwyn | LandTrust PE Aide | Huntington |
| • Toni Kropf | Custodian Part-time | Canyon View |
| • Kadie Allred | Girls Basketball Coach | San Rafael |
| • Rachel Hallows | Girls Basketball Asst | Emery High |
| • Kayden World | Wrestling Asst | Emery High |

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

D3: The renewal for Ryan Maughan and Doug Johnson as LEA Data Managers was motioned by Marie Johnson with a second from Royd Hatt. All approved.

D4: The motion to renew Doug Johnson as the LEA IT Systems Security Manager was made by Kenzi Guymon. This motion was seconded by Marie Johnson with all unanimous.

D5: A proposed 2023 Board Calendar was reviewed. This calendar remains similar to that of previous years. A motion to approve was made by Royd Hatt. The second was from Kenzi Guymon. The vote was undivided.

D6: Winter Extra-Curricular Activity Schedules for secondary schools were discussed. With no substantial questions, the motion to approve was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Marie Johnson. All members voted affirmative.

REPORTS:

E1: Principal, Jenny Gagon, reported on the status for Canyon View Middle School. Ashley Hawkins, Language Arts teacher, and Dayna Hansen, counselor, also presented information. Four common goals came from a combined school retreat. 1) Reading: Using formative data, staff is analyzing how to engage the students in reading. The progress this year is double than the entire previous year. The focus is measured by growth. 2) Math: Aleks program will be used to track mastery. Current growth for two months in the current year is already 5%. Students are incentivized by tracking their own data. 3) Attendance: This is a concern nation-wide. Canyon View's goal is 90% attendance and current tracking is 88%. 4) Low-Achievement: Staff is analyzing grades vs. mastery content on state testing. They are now using a flex period that provides extensions to address results. General highlights are to help students be proud of their school and themselves.

E2: The Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, acknowledged the many accomplishments of the IT (Technology) staff. They work tirelessly all year, but especially during the summer to have school happen as scheduled. There are many behind-the-scenes tasks that are accomplished daily that are rarely seen. He also recognized Dr. Connell from USU Eastern with the CTE program and appreciated his help with our district.

E3: For the Business report: The annual external financial audit was completed and comprehensive financial reports will be submitted this month. Jackie Allred and Ryan Maughan were able to be a part of the UAMMI – Utah Advanced Materials & Manufacturing Initiative - tours that have community discussions regarding the future of coal and other possible economic factors in our area. Ms. Allred also attended a discussion with other Utah Districts and contractors regarding the unprecedented construction issues. The purpose was to verify that our issues and solutions were similar to other districts. This was verified by good discussions from experts in both owner and contractor management.

E4: Committee reports: Community councils have been starting. The tech committee set the budget and will be issuing the mini-grant awards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): Chandler Peacock presented the opportunity to take students to Farmington, New Mexico for competitions. This has been attended for many previous years. A vehicle has been donated to the school with this opportunity. There will be about 6-8 students over the two-day activity.

CLOSED MEETING (G): At 8:40 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon 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 Canyon View Middle School, October 5, 2022, beginning at 8:50 pm. All Board members were in attendance for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance along with supervisors: Yvonne Jensen, Doug Johnson, JR Jones, and Doug Mecham. Maintenance staff: Kerry Lake and Wayne Huntsman.

A motion from Marie Johnson to return to Open meeting was made with Royd Hatt 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 9:55 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