

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2023

REGULAR SESSION:

The February 1, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Ferron Elementary, 45 N 100 W, Ferron, UT, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Board President Royd Hatt. Vice President, Tracey Johnson, and members Kenzi Guymon, and James Winn were also present. Todd Huntington was absent. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance.

WORK SESSION:

A1. Future Building Needs for Student Enrollment: JR Jones, Elementary Supervisor, reviewed the information that has been discussed previously in board meetings and town meetings. A concern is to have enough time to plan for the changes and financial plans for each school. Centers is a viable option with huge benefits. John Hughes, Cottonwood principal, indicated that changing enrollment at the elementaries in the Fall 2024-25 school year would be possible if the decision was made this summer. Four other elementary principals agreed.

A2. Judgment Levy Reserves: The board would like this kept in the forefront to allow funding for possible future levies.

A3. Capital Levy Reserves: The capital tax increase from August 2022 is being set aside for new construction purposes.

A4. Construction Manager: Wayne Maxwell, District Maintenance, indicated that the two superintendents from Westland are working on different perspectives of the job and are able to cover more areas. He also is on the construction site daily and asks questions to the superintendents and subs if needed. Wayne Huntsman, District Maintenance, described communication processes that have improved the overall projects.

A5. Cheerleading Extra-Curricular Stipend: Kayce Fluckey, Green River High Principal, reviewed the details for cheer stipend with the aide period included. Administration will work with both high schools to look at solutions and equity.

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B1/B2: President Hatt 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 Emery High construction project. The past few weeks have been very difficult with severe weather. Concrete has not been poured for a week and half and not planned for in the near future. Masonry is currently working in the CTE shop areas and will be there for another few months as the work continues across into the commons area and auxiliary gym - under tents with the weather conditions. The high winds have made the tents hard to maintain and has slowed progress. The concern of masonry supply has loosened a little bit and they anticipate most of the delivery in time. The schedule is possibly a month away from starting to install steel roof and deck.

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C2: The first presentation for FY24 School Fees was opened with a discussion on Driver's Education Fees. The revenue currently collected does not cover the costs of the expenses. An increase of \$50 / student is proposed to cover anticipated expenses. Dean Stilson, Driver's Education Instructor, explained the course requirements and differences between the online option or in-person classes. There has been and will continue to be a course offered during the summer along with online options.

The second fee proposal is to add a football helmet fee of \$50 for both high school and middle school programs. With the new regulation of refurbishing helmets every two years and a total helmet lifetime of 10 years, the costs have been very burdensome for the program.

A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon to move to an open meeting for Public Comment and was seconded by James Winn. All approved. No public comments were received.

Motion from Kenzi Guymon to close the open meeting and reconvene to regular session was made by and seconded by Royd Hatt. Voting was non-opposed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Kenzi Guymon for the a) January warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the January 4th meeting was made and seconded by Tracey Johnson with all approving.

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

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| • McKenzie Allred | CNP Lead Cook (transfer) | Emery High |
| • Kyla Ryan | Speech Aide (transfer) | Cleveland Elementary |
| • Lisa Winn | Kindergarten Aide (transfer) | Cleveland Elementary |
| • Craig Rowley | Asst Baseball Coach | Emery High |
| • Ren Hatt | Boys Basketball Coach / Middle School | Green River High |
| • Anna Jenkins Curtis | PE Specialist | Cottonwood Elementary |
| • Ty Mecham | Edgenuity / ISS | Emery High |
| • Ariana Derrick | Student Advocate | San Rafael |
| • Thomas Burr | Business Teacher (one year only) | Emery High |

Kenzi Guymon 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: The annual water lease renewals were recommended to the board to continue for the following water year from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Fees that are charged to the cities or towns only cover the local assessments. A motion was made to approve the lease renewals as presented by Kenzi Guymon. The second motion was made by James Win followed by full approval.

D4: The schedules for the Extra-Curricular Spring Activities for the secondary schools were presented with recommendation to approve. Kenzi Guymon motioned to approve with a second from Royd Hatt. Motion passed with all ayes.

D5: A request for out-of-state travel to Virginia for the School Foods Director to attend a Produce Safety Conference was presented with the explanation that this is a grant from the PSA and will not burden the district for costs. James Winn moved to approve the travel with Kenzi Guymon as a second. All approved.

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D6: With Green River High being located near the Colorado border, there are two high schools located in Colorado that have requested to have athletic events with GRHS. These schools are much closer than many of the regional games that are currently scheduled. Under State Risk liability guidelines, the caps are not held outside of Utah. The understanding that the district may be liable for an incident over \$1 million would be required. A motion to table this item until next meeting to review the liability caps in Colorado was made by Kenzi Guymon. Seconded by Royd Hatt and all voted in favor.

D7: Supt Maughan presented the proposed 3-year calendar which has been reviewed and adjusted by the calendar committee. The template remains similar to this current year with four Professional Development days and a full week for Spring Break. Proposed changes are to add an additional day to Fall Break and minimize half days before holiday breaks. The motion to approve the calendar as presented was made by James Winn and seconded by Tracey Johnson. All agreed.

REPORTS:

E1: Principal, Heather Behling, started Ferron Elementary's school presentation with the appreciation of the newly constructed building with acknowledgement that it's been exciting but also a lot of work. She appreciates the exceptional staff at Ferron and the immense effort and love shown by all. Ferron has been very intentional on addressing different academic skill levels. Math blocks are divided into groups every day to work on unmastered skills. STEM classes are held after school once a week for fifth graders to expand their experiences with science and technology. The robotics program has been brought back but redesigned to be offered to all students and is also coordinated with SESC resources. An additional language platform has been added which is a Spanish-based program to allow students to participate in after fulfilling their regular language arts unit requirements. The book fair was also brought back this year along with "Grandparent Lunch". These activities allowed the purchase of new books and activities for the media center. Specialists for PE and Art have also been very beneficial to instruction and prep time. An increasing concern is to provide the right support for students with social emotional stressors. Ferron is very grateful for the increased attention to the counseling programs in the district. Attendance is another critical component for student success and is a concern – Ferron created an attendance incentive plan which is showing success. Mrs. Behling asked the board for consideration on student-to-teacher ratio at Ferron with the increased anticipated Kindergarten students.

E2: Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, summarized the legislative bills that are currently being discussed during the session.

E3: Business report: The Superintendent and Business Administrator presented to the Senate Education Committee to propose a change to the eligibility of the Small School District Capital Funding. The district could potentially receive state capital funding if the eligibility was changed.

E4: Committee reports: Tracey Johnson reported on the evaluation committee looking at a software version. Both Kenzi Guymon and Tracey Johnson were part of that committee. Schools' Community Councils are reviewing last year's plans.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): No comments.

CLOSED MEETING (G): At 8:16 pm., a motion was made by James Winn and seconded by Kenzi Guymon 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. The second purpose of the closed meeting was to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Royd Hatt Aye
- Tracey Johnson Aye
- Kenzi Guymon Aye
- Todd Huntington Absent
- James Winn Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Library at the Ferron Elementary School, February 1st, 2023, beginning at 8:26 pm. All Board members except Todd Huntington were present for the closed meeting. Superintendent Maughan and Business Administrator Allred were also in attendance.

Certification of Closed Executive Session (Utah Code 52-4-206)

I, Royd Hatt, 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. The portion of the meeting which related to the discussion of pending or reasonably imminent litigation was recorded and will be kept on file by the District.

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ADJOURNMENT (H): A motion from James Winn to return to Open meeting was made with Kenzi Guymon following with a second. All approved. James Winn motioned and was seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.