

MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2023

The June 14, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the District Office, 120 N Main, Huntington, UT, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Royd Hatt. Vice President Tracey Johnson, and members Kenzi Guymon, Todd Huntington, and James Winn were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance.

CLOSED MEETING:

A1: At 6:00 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by James Winn to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing matters related to collective bargaining. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

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

The closed meeting was held in the board room at the Emery County School District office on Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred. A recording of the closed meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District. The closed meeting finished at 6:37 pm with a motion from James Winn and a second from Todd Huntington. All approved.

WORK SESSION:

B1. Capital Project Updates: Jackie Allred and Wayne Maxfield, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the updated status for the summer capital projects: The larger projects consist of: The EHS North Parking Lot opening expansion, CWE & EHS flooring, EHS Auditorium curtains, Cleveland water systems, GRHS Baseball Backstop, roofing at both middle schools, and GRHS Natural Gas conversion. All of these projects are well underway.

B2. 2024 Board Meeting Schedules: Jackie Allred recommended changing the board meetings from a regular first Wednesday schedule to the second Wednesday to align all months with the same number of weeks in-between. Possible work session every quarter was proposed. Supt and BA will work on a schedule reflecting this for proposal later in the year.

B3. Social Media Litigation: A proposal was received to participate in a group litigation case for social media platforms targeting youth. The advice from the district’s attorney is to wait for more information which was the consensus of the group.

An additional item to work session was to allow several teachers to address the board. Audrey Winn was the spokes person for teachers from Ferron Elementary. They were concerned that some decisions made are not in the best interest of students, or teachers/staff regarding hiring of unlicensed teachers, LETRS training, Title One staffing, class sizes, and mental health staffing. The board asked to have their concerns in writing so they can address them by each topic.

REGULAR SESSION:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

D1: A motion was made by Tracey Johnson and seconded by James Winn to adjourn the regular meeting to a public hearing to receive comment on the original budget for fiscal year 2024 as well as opening and adjusting the final budget for fiscal year 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Business Administrator Jackie Allred gave a presentation on the final budget for fiscal year 2023 as well as the original budget for fiscal year 2024. She also answered questions from members of the Board and the audience. No other public comments were made. Kenzi Guymon made a motion to declare the hearing closed and the general session reconvened. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

E1: Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board the monthly update to the Emery High construction project. He presented slides showing the difference from this week to 5 weeks ago from the last board meeting. There has been significant progress in the masonry, especially in the areas of the offices and second story. Painting has begun in the shop areas along with HVAC installation. Major changes happening in the north parking lot with underground infrastructure and installation of the auditorium chiller. The Spartan Center boiler system has also been a major summer task.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

F1: A motion was made from Tracey Johnson for the Consent Agenda items: a) May warrants, b) Monthly financial reports, c) Minutes for the May 3rd meeting and d) Names for New Hire approvals and seconded by Royd Hatt. All members approved the consent agenda.

Ashton Rowley	Custodian	San Rafael Middle
Jessica Fox	TSSA / LandTrust Aide	Cleveland Elementary
Kimaree Hall	PE Specialist	Cleveland Elementary
Mishayla Waite	Kindergarten Aide	Huntington Elementary
Thomas Burr	Adult Ed/Corrections facilitator	District
Amber Simmons	Music Teacher	Canyon View Middle
Eric Hansen	Head Girls Basketball Coach	Canyon View Middle
Abbie Hansen	Asst Girls Basketball Coach	Canyon View Middle
Tyler Price	Social Studies Teacher	Green River High

F2: Member James Winn made a motion to approve a resolution adopting final tax rates for the 2023 tax year. Motion was seconded by Tracey Johnson. The proposed rates are within the certified tax rate and a truth-in-taxation hearing is not planned or anticipated for August. The final tax rates set by the school board will be:

- Board Local Levy 0.002147 \$4,571,200
- Voted Local Levy 0.001673 \$3,562,001
- GO Bond Levy 0.002173 \$4,627,300
- Capital Local Levy 0.001127 \$2,399,507
- Charter School Levy 0.000024 \$ 52,141

F3: A motion was made by Tracey Johnson and seconded by Kenzi Guymon to approve the final legal budget for fiscal year 2023, authorizing the Business Administrator to adjust final fiscal year 2023 budgets to reflect revised amounts as necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

F4: Kenzi Guymon motioned to adopt the original budget for fiscal year 2024 as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

F5: Negotiation items were presented for both Classified and Certified associations. Proposed Certified increase to the salary schedule is 11.22% with costs for steps/lanes and medical premiums as additional increases. Classified wage schedule increase is 10.56% with School Food Services wage schedule as 15.33%. The increase for SFS integrates the partial increase from last year to be officially on the salary schedule. Leave days were also established for maternity/paternity to be 5 days along with changing the health waiver by the same percentage as medical premiums.

The Certified proposal was motioned to pass by James Winn and seconded by Tracey Johnson with the change to clarify the annual leave wording.

The Classified proposal was motioned to be approved by Kenzi Guymon with a second from James Winn with all in agreement.

Substitute Pay Schedule as proposed was motioned by Royd Hatt with a second from Kenzi Guymon and all members approving.

The Extra-Curricular Schedule as proposed was motioned to be tabled by Kenzi Guymon. Todd Huntington seconded the motion. The vote to table the changes on the schedule was Kenzi Guymon aye, Todd Huntington aye, James Winn Nay, Royd Hatt Nay, and Tracey Johnson aye with an amendment to address it at next month's board meeting.

F6: Kallee Lake has petitioned the board for an appointment as a student board member for 2023-24 school year. With pending additional required signatures, a motion was made to approve her appointment by Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon with all approving.

F7: A final change order for the construction contract with Westland Construction company for Ferron Elementary was presented to reduce the contract by \$227,578. The motion was made by James Winn and seconded by Royd Hatt. All approved.

F8: The final change order for the construction contract with Westland Construction company for Emery High Bid Package #1 was presented to reduce the contract by \$17,349. This motion was also made by James Winn and seconded by Royd Hatt. All approved.

F9: Jr Jones, Supervisor, introduced the District's Special Education Policy Action with minor changes to reflect compliance to the state's requirements. A motion was made to revise the policy by Tracey Johnson with a second from Kenzi Guymon. The motion passed unanimously.

F10: An extra-curricular schedule for Emery High Band was presented for the summer parades. An additional activity is planned for the Days of 47 parade. A motion to approve was made by Kenzi Guymon. The second was followed by Royd Hatt with all votes in support.

F11: The annual Risk Assessment required by the State Auditor was presented by Jackie Allred. The District maintains a level of Low Risk according to the scoring system. A motion to accept this document was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Tracey Johnson. All agreed.

F12: The action item to Renew or Non-Renew the Superintendent was tabled based on the unavailability to review survey results as a complete board before meeting. This motion was made by Royd Hatt with a second from Kenzi Guymon. Non-opposed.

After reconvening from closed session, a motion was made by James Winn and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the reappointment of Superintendent Maughan. All votes were aye except Kenzi Guymon.

REPORTS:

G1: Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, gave the following calendar items:
Employee Opening Social / Benefit Fair: August 10th 4-8 pm at the Emery Aquatic Center. A new event is a Back to School Kick Off: First week of August in Huntington and Green River to provide free haircuts, backpacks, school supplies, hygiene kits, clothes etc. for students. Donations are still being requested along with volunteers.

G2: Business report: Many building capital outlay items have been started and some are reaching completion.

G3: Board Committee reports: Audit committee met this month to review both FY23 and FY24 budgets. Four members were also part of the negotiation meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (H): Steven Gordon, principal of Emery High, asked for clarification on the requested information for athletic expenses for each sport/activity. The request will require many hours to complete. Ms. Guymon asked Mr. Gordon to thank his secretary in advance for working on obtaining this information. It is most appreciated.

CLOSED MEETING (I): At 8:30 pm., a motion was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Todd Huntington to move to a closed meeting for the purpose to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Royd Hatt Aye
- Tracey Johnson Aye
- McKenzi Guymon Aye
- Todd Huntington Aye
- James Winn Aye

The closed meeting was held in the board room at the District Office on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, beginning at 8:45 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. The closed meeting finished at 10:50 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

ADJOURNMENT (H): Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:51 pm.