

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The September 6, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the San Rafael Middle School, 390 West 500 South, Ferron, UT, was called to order at 6:30 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 along with student board member, Kallee Lake.

**WORK SESSION:**

**A1. Construction Progress:** Jackie Allred and Wayne Maxfield, Maintenance Supervisor, presented a long-term plan to address the water system issues in the older schools. With a recent bid for one school, the price was much higher than expected. The discussion looked at both contracting projects over a period of 3-4 years or hiring a certified plumber as a district employee to work year-round on the waterline issues. Funding could come from the Flexible allocation state allotment received this year that has origins to be spent on capital facilities. Possibilities for a state grant was also discussed with realizing the district would need to commit 50% of project costs.

**A2. Fundraising Discussions:** A meeting was held at EHS on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the fundraising procedures. From this meeting, procedures were either explained or proposed for change. Discussion on these points were held with the board.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**C1: Westland Construction:** Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction was unavailable, so Wayne Maxfield updated the board with the Emery High construction project. This last month has brought full masonry walls in the gym/weight area and also decking on the majority of the classrooms in area B and Media Center. There is also infrastructure being installed in the shop areas and other rooms that have the roofing complete. Masonry will continue for another 6 weeks. Permanent power is also expected to be energized in about 4 weeks.

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**D1:** A motion was made from Todd Huntington for the Consent Agenda items: a) August warrants, b) Monthly financial reports, c) Minutes for the August 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> meetings and d) Names for New Hire approvals and seconded by James Winn. All members approved the consent agenda.

Allison Jackson	½ Day At-Risk Teacher	Castle Dale Elementary
Lucy Lesh	Lead Aide 5.9 hour	Cottonwood Elementary
Erica Jewkes	Sped Aide 5.9 hour	Cottonwood Elementary
Maree Hansen	Title I Aide 3.5 hour	Cottonwood Elementary
Sophia Seely	Class Size Aide 4 hour	Cottonwood Elementary
Loye Tucker	Full-time Custodian	Emery High
Samantha Morrill	TSSA Aide 3.5 hour	Castle Dale Elementary
Kendall Guerrera	Speech Aide 5.9 hour	Cottonwood Elementary

Kimberly Kay	Lunch Worker	Huntington Elementary
Rebecca Thomas	Lunch Worker	Cottonwood Elementary
Michelle Birth	Lunch Worker	Emery High
Mistyna Sorensen	Lunch Worker	Emery High
Shancee Christiansen	Kind Aide 5.9 hour	Ferron Elementary
Kim Behling	PE Specialist 12 hour/week	Ferron Elementary
Courtney Hinckley	At-Risk Aide 3.5 hour	Castle Dale Elementary
Shaylee Allred	Kind Aide 5.9 hour	Cottonwood Elementary
Sierra Price	Librarian 3 hour	Cottonwood Elementary
Sareena Price	Student Advocate 5.9 hour	San Rafael Middle

**D2: Out of State Travel for Emery High FFA:** Emery High Ag Students presented the itinerary for the FFA officers to attend the National conference in Nashville, TN. Students that presented were Easton Thornley, Macie McArthur, Cassidy Gilbert, Cy Weber, Monte Christiansen, and Ryleigh Allred. They informed the board that 213 Emery High students are enrolled in FFA and explained the many events that FFA students participate in. Justin Thornley, EHS Advisor, explained that the students chosen to travel are scored based on their activities with the FFA during their high school years. With much appreciation for their academic achievements, it was motioned by Kenzi Guymon to approve the travel request and seconded by Royd Hatt. Motion passed unanimously.

**D3: Board Calendar for 2024 meetings:** With the board calendar presented, the regular board meetings would be consistently scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month – except August. Other potential extra work sessions are scheduled in April and June for Legislation review and Negotiation/Budget discussions. With little discussion, the motion to approve was made by James Winn and seconded by Todd Huntington with all votes unanimous.

**D4: National Archery in Schools Program at Huntington Elementary:** As presented at the meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Huntington Elementary would like permission to start an archery program with early morning sessions. Funding has come from grants and donations with a highly-skilled archery instructor, Justin Carter. It was motioned by Tracey Johnson to approve the program as presented with Kenzi Guymon making the second motion. Motion solidly passed.

**D5: Transportation Solutions:** In the work session on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jackie Allred and Tracy Rowley, Transportation Supervisor, explained the state funding for transportation. Because of Emery’s efficient status, the state funding was reduced from last year. Efficiency rates are based on qualifying to/from miles and minutes along with basic transportation staff and measured to the state’s average.

- A.** Coupled with the challenges the transportation dept is having with maintaining fleet and drivers, it was proposed to add an additional mechanic position that will help to alleviate the daily challenges. At least 50% of this cost is anticipated to be state funded. The motion to approve was made by James Winn and seconded by Royd Hatt. With no objection, the motion passed.
- B.** To address the driver shortage, it was proposed to increase the driver salary wages from Lane 7 to Lane 8. This is approximately \$1 more an hour. The hope is that the district can maintain competition with the area’s availability of qualified drivers. The motion to table this item was made by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt. Motion passed unanimously.

**D6: LEA Specific Licenses:** Yvonne Jensen, District Supervisor, presented the status of the employees who have been hired on an LEA approval basis. Many employees have been working extra hours to complete the state requirements to be licensed. Tracey Johnson motioned to approve the LEA specific Licenses as presented with James Winn seconding. All agreed.

**REPORTS:**

**E1: The principal report:** Jarett Gilbert, San Rafael Middle School Principal, reported that they are excited to get the year underway. The focus this year is on Information Text Reading and Comprehension. This enables students to have the skills to continue to learn throughout their life. Their second initiative is attendance which continues to be a large issue throughout education. Incentives are given to students with consecutive attendance. SRMS has some new teachers and support staff that are joining the school. Appreciation to the board was made for building positive relations with the community.

**E2: Superintendent Report:** Ryan Maughan reported preschool is now in session which makes all students now in school. USBA convention will be showcasing a performing group from EHS at the convention in January.

**E2: Business report:** No report given this meeting.

**E3: Board Committee reports:** James Winn attended the USBA delegate assembly this month. Training was given on legislative funding. Highlights of USBA's priorities were also given. James informed all that Constitutional Amendments on the ballot will be presented this year. The experience was very positive.  
Todd Huntington attended a CRA meeting this month. An item built into the CRA agreements is a required housing allowance of 10%. The committee doesn't have a clear idea on the use the funds yet. Green River City presented to the committee a potential housing project.  
Tracey Johnson and Kenzi Guymon attended a CTE meeting and met with several community members. A current CTE plan is now being drafted and will have future discussions on what the schools can offer. James and Kenzi met with a county commissioner and citizens about the tax discussions from the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (F):** Audrey Winn, a teacher from Ferron, reported that teachers have struggles regarding continuous attendance with students being partially enrolled. Supt Maughan reported that Full Academic Year scores are not included with assessment state scores.

**CLOSED MEETING (G):** At 8:15 pm., a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Todd Huntington to move to a closed meeting for the purpose to discuss strategy sessions in regards to the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property (including water rights or shares) when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the value of the property or prevent the school board from completing the transaction on the best possible terms. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

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

The closed meeting was held in the media center at the San Rafael Middle School on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, beginning at 8:30 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting. The closed meeting finished at 9:15 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District. James Winn motioned to convene closed session and return to open session with a second by Royd Hatt and all approving.

**ADJOURNMENT (H):** Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.