

Minutes of School Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 8, 1999  
San Rafael Jr. High School  
Ferron, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Laurel Johansen, Roger Swenson, Marie Johnson, Royd Hatt and Sharman Seamons. Also present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Merlin Weber, Principal at San Rafael Jr. High School (SRJHS) was welcomed to the meeting. After explaining to the Board about a number of successes at SRJHS, Mr. Weber thanked them for their support with all of the physical improvements. The Board then thanked Mr. Weber and his staff for their excellent efforts towards education and for all they do to help kids.

Garth Johnson and Randy Winn, representing the Emery Education Association (EEA), presented information to the Board about EEA's proposal to change one of the allowed sick days per year to a personal leave day. After lengthy discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve one additional day of sick leave to be used for personal leave on a pilot basis for one year and then a comparison made of personal and sick leave used this school year to prior school years. Motion passed, with members Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Roger Swenson and Laurel Johansen voting aye and member Sharman Seamons voting nay.

Superintendent Sitterud recognized the passing away of Joyce LeMay a teacher at Huntington Elementary. Joyce died suddenly at home on August 26, 1999. Her funeral was held at the elementary school on Tuesday, August 31. She taught in the Emery District for nineteen years. She will be greatly missed by her friends throughout the District.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the following people be approved for hire: Tammy Gilson, In-school Suspension Coordinator at Emery High; Jodi Truman, teacher at Huntington Elementary; and, Cindy Fillmore, Title I Educational Assistant at Huntington Elementary. A motion was made by Sharman Seamons and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent presented information about a proposed change in the Necessarily Existent Small Schools formula which, if enacted by the legislature, would increase revenues to the District by about \$148,000 annually. He also presented beginning school enrollment figures showing a district wide decline of 140 students. The official count will not be made until October 1.

A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the fee schedule for the 1999-00 school year, noting that all fees on the schedule had previously been approved by

the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. J.J. Grant, Secondary Supervisor, presented the Emery District's Truancy Plan to the Board. Following discussion, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to approve the plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud explained the six year curriculum textbook review cycle to the Board and then showed them a video about the State Trust Lands.

A motion was made by Roger Swenson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the contract with Bloomquist Hale Consulting Group for the Employee Assistance Program. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sharman Seamons to donate the 1983, gas powered, 42 passenger bus, to the Emery County Sheriff's Department and Emery County Search and Rescue. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Roger Swenson to adjourn. Motion passed.