

Minutes of the Board of Education
Emery County School District
May 7, 2003
Castle Dale Elementary School, Castle Dale, Utah

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were Rue Ware, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Royd Hatt. Others present were Kirk Sitterud, Superintendent and Ross Huntington, Business Administrator.

A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the warrants as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Ralph Worthen, Principal at Castle Dale Elementary was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Worthen expressed appreciation to the Board for their support this year. The new computer lab has sufficient computers that there are enough for even the largest class. The new intercom system has made it so that messages can be heard throughout the building. The new physical education equipment provided through the PEP grant has both students and faculty excited about the program. All of the teachers are now using the Shurley method for language art instruction. Students are very enthusiastic about this program and really enjoy learning. There are also several reading programs currently being used to help students.

Superintendent Sitterud informed the Board that in addition to his principal duties, Mr. Worthen will be doing substitute teacher training for the District. He will conduct the training at least twice each year.

Jed Jensen, Principal at Ferron Elementary School was then welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Jensen requested Board approval and funding for the installation of 16 swamp coolers at his school. Bids from Dugmore Appliance and Heating of \$10,139 and Snow's Heating and Air Conditioning of \$10,500 were considered. Following discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the project in concept, with the exception of the two roof mounted coolers. Ferron Elementary is to pay one-half the cost of the coolers plus installation and to work with Dugmore Appliance on the project. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other bidders and the amount determined to be reasonable, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Marie Johnson to award the bid for asbestos removal at Huntington Elementary to Eagle Environmental at their bid price of \$28,975. The motion passed unanimously.

The following bids for the exterior painting of Huntington Elementary were then considered: O'Shea Painting of Price, \$19,380 for oil base or \$17,380 for latex and \$35 per hour for labor; B & T Builders of Clawson, \$8,650, which includes labor. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the bid of B & T Builders. The motion passed unanimously.

The final architect's drawings not be completed, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to table approval until next board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board accept the resignation of Vera Dooley who has served the district for many years as an educational assistant at Ferron Elementary and as a bus driver. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve a revision to policy JECA which would allow the District to collect tuition, at the rate defined by the Utah State Office of Education as the "Net Current Expenditure Per Pupil" (\$6,248 for 2002), from foreign exchange students who are not on a one-to-one exchange. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve the policy change as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

Next item on the Superintendent's report was his recommendation that the Board approve the Trust Land Reports and Plans as submitted by the following schools: Emery High, Cottonwood Elementary, Canyon View Jr High and Book Cliff Elementary. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to approve the plans as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud recommended the Board approve the Quality Teaching and Interventions Block Grant Plans for the 2003-2004 school year, noting the basic programs are the same as this year but that funding has been adjusted to reflect the reductions from the legislature. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the plans with the changes as suggested by the Superintendent. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Sitterud requested the Board authorize he and the Board President, Laurel Johansen, to sign a letter of assurances to the State Office of Education indicating that the Emery County School District is in compliance with the law in the following areas; that we properly display "In God We Trust" signs in our schools, that we have the Pledge of Allegiance as prescribed by law, that we have a community council policy in the District, that we have approved block grant plans, that we have an education association leave policy, that we have an SEP/SEOP policy, that we do U-PASS testing, that we do not have payroll deductions for political purposes, that we have an administrator training program, and that we have an educator evaluation program. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to authorize the Superintendent and the Board President to sign the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

Sam Singleton then presented Carol Ediger, President of the Emery Education Association with a card and small bouquet of flowers in recognition of her and her daughter recently having graduated from Utah State University with Masters Degrees in Education. Congratulations Carol!

Ralph Worthen then reminded everyone present that Castle Dale Elementary and the Emery District will be losing a very special teacher next year. Brigid Wickersham who has taught for 38 years, 23 of which have been in the Emery District, will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has touched many lives over the years and will be greatly missed. Good luck Brigid!

A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and possible litigation. The motion passed unanimously

Upon reconvening to general session, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve Beulah Oveson's request to work until December 31, rather than retire June 30, 2003. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to approve Mrs. Oveson's request. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a recommendation by the Superintendent a motion was Sam Singleton and seconded by Marie Johnson to authorize the payment of a small bonus to Teresa Jensen, Secretary at Cleveland Elementary and John Jerel Lofley, a teacher at Cleveland Elementary, who have both taken on additional duties during the illness of Sid Lancaster. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Sam Singleton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.