

# Emery County School District | Board of Education

The February 2012 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Castle Dale Elementary School, was called to order at 7:00 PM by Board President Laurel Johansen. Other Board members present were Vice-President Royd Hatt, Marie Johnson, Sam Singleton and Nanette Tanner. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud was also present as was Business Administrator Jared Black.

President Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Action Item (B1):** Members of the Board reviewed the consent agenda, including the warrants and minutes for the January 2012 Board meeting. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants and minutes as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (B2):** Mr. Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

<i>Shawn Alton:</i>	<i>Assistant Baseball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Matt Bunnell:</i>	<i>Assistant Baseball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Elise Curtis:</i>	<i>Assistant Softball Coach</i>	<i>Emery High</i>
<i>Dennis Robertson:</i>	<i>Bus Driver</i>	<i>Transportation</i>

Royd Hatt motioned to approve the hiring recommendation as presented. Nanette Tanner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

**Board Action Item (B3):** Mr. Sitterud presented the following policy changes to the Board. He recommended that each be approved as presented:

- a. **Policy JLCDA: Treatment for Asthma (Rescind)** – Recommendation to rescind this policy in order to combine it with policy JLCD.
- b. **Policy JLCD: Administration of Medicine to Students (Revise)** – Recommendation to revise in order to include self-administration of certain medicines as permitted by law as well as to add policy language from former policy JLCDA.

Following a brief discussion and explanation of each of the policy recommendations, Nanette Tanner motioned to approve the policy actions as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (B4):** Mrs. Johnson made a motion to table this item until additional information is gathered to evaluate bus purchases. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

**Report Item (C1):** Principal Ralph Worthen expressed his appreciation for the support he receives from both the School Board and District staff. He noted that the enrollment at Castle Dale Elementary has grown from 165 to 210 over the last several years. He commented on the progress his faculty and staff are making in using new technologies in their teaching. The school has implemented many new technologies in the last few years and these technologies are improving education. He also mentioned how pleased he is with the success of the reading partnership between Emery High and Castle Dale Elementary. High school students come over during two semesters each year to read with elementary students and both benefit from the program.

Mr. Worthen mentioned his respect for the great faculty and staff at Castle Dale Elementary. President Johansen thanked Principal Worthen for his report and indicated her appreciation for all that Mr. Worthen and his staff accomplish.

**Report Item (C2):** Superintendent Sitterud invited Gwen Callahan, Secondary Supervisor for the District to report on progress in implementing the new common core curriculum. Mrs. Callahan reported that the transition has gone smoother than the District anticipated. There have been some challenges, particularly in remediation for math classes, but overall she feels good about the transition. Teachers are attending core curriculum professional development each summer and this training has been excellent in preparing the teachers to implement the new curriculum. Following Mrs. Callahan's report, Mr. Sitterud reviewed several education related bills currently being considered by the Utah Legislature.

**Report Item (C3):** Mr. Black indicated that the district-wide facilities assessment has begun.

**Public Comments:** No comments were made.

At 8:00 PM a motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Nanette Tanner to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.