

# Emery County School District | Board of Education

The January 2015 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Ferron 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 and Sam Singleton. Board member Nanette Tanner was absent. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

At 7:00 pm, Mrs. Johansen welcomed all in attendance and led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Action Item (B1):** Mr. Black administered the Oath of Office to newly re-elected board members Royd Hatt and Marie Johnson.

**Board Action Item (B2):** Laurel Johansen was re-elected to a two year term as Board President by unanimous vote following a motion by Royd Hatt and a second by Marie Johnson. Royd Hatt was re-elected to a two year term as Board Vice-President by unanimous vote following a motion by Sam Singleton and a second by Marie Johnson.

**Board Action Item (B3):** Marie Johnson made a motion to reappoint Jared Black as the Business Administrator of the School District for a two year term. Sam Singleton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Presentation (C1):** Craig Smith, representing Green River City, made a presentation to explain how tax increment financing would work with the refinery project near Green River. It was indicated that he would be working in the near future with the School District and other taxing entities in the County to negotiate proposals.

Mr. Black left the meeting at this point.

**Presentation (C2):** Dayna Terry presented the comprehensive guidance program plan for the 2014-15 school year. She noted some of the highlights and challenges of the program and outlined how the program is structured to meet State of Utah requirements. Members of the Board thanked her for her presentation.

**Presentation (C3):** Nanette Harrison presented information about the new Upstart Preschool program. The District has received grant funding for this program and she presented an update and some data on how the program is working.

**Board Action Item (D1):** Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the December 2014 meeting, and financial reports for December 2014. A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Sam Singleton to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (D2):** Superintendent Sitterud recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

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| <i>Staci Mason:</i> | <i>Occupational Therapy Assistant</i> | <i>Special Education Programs</i> |
| <i>Stacy Moss:</i>  | <i>Bus Driver, Route</i>              | <i>Transportation</i>             |

Sam Singleton motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt and passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

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**Board Action Item (D3):** Marie Johnson made a motion to approve the 2014-15 comprehensive guidance plan as previously presented by Dayna Terry. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (D4):** Superintendent Sitterud presented a request for students from San Rafael Junior High and Canyon View Junior High to attend the Honors Choir competition at Lakeridge Junior High School in Orem, held on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The trip would require an overnight stay. It is anticipated that the trip would involve 8 students total and two chaperones. Royd Hatt motioned to approve the travel request as presented. Marie Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Board Action Item (D5):** Superintendent Sitterud presented water lease arrangements for 2015. He explained that it is the recommendation of Mr. Black that these arrangements be approved on the same terms as the previous year. A motion was made by Sam Singleton to renew all water share lease agreements for the 2015 season as explained by Superintendent Sitterud. The motion was seconded by Royd Hatt and passed by unanimous vote.

**Board Action Item (D6):** Superintendent Sitterud presented the Board with one request for unpaid medical leave. Jackie Wilson, an educational assistant at Huntington Elementary, has requested 8-10 weeks of unpaid leave for personal medical purposes. She does not have remaining leave days and has not worked enough hours to qualify for family medical leave. Mrs. Wilson has not worked since the Christmas recess and anticipates returning in mid to late March. A motion was made by Marie Johnson to approve the requested unpaid leave. The motion was seconded by Sam Singleton and passed by unanimous vote.

District Student Services Director Jon Crawford discussed the Title I program with members of the Board. He reviewed the purposes and structure of Title I in Emery District and talked about some of the specific challenges and successes at each of the Title I schools.

**Report Item (E1):** Principal Dawes mentioned that students are excited about the upcoming geography bee. He also informed the Board that Ferron Elementary was recently named a Distinguished National Title I School, one of only two schools in Utah to receive this designation. A recognition will be made at the upcoming National Title I conference in Salt Lake City. Principal Dawes expressed his appreciation for each member of the Title I staff, as well as all other employees at Ferron Elementary. President Johansen thanked Mr. Dawes for his report and expressed congratulations to Ferron Elementary for the Title I recognition.

**Report Item (E2):** Mr. Black was absent at this point in the meeting so no report was given.

**Report Item (E3):** Superintendent Sitterud reviewed Governor Herbert's recommended budget as well as several early bills for the upcoming legislative session. He also notified members of the Board that the USBA Day-on-the-Hill is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments (F):** No public comments were made.

**Closed Meeting (G):** A closed meeting was not held.

**Adjournment (H):** A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.