

Emery County School District | Board of Education

The September 2015 meeting of the Emery County School District Board of Education, held at Huntington 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 Julie Wilson. Superintendent Kirk Sitterud and Business Administrator Jared Black were also present.

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

Board Action Item (B1): Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the August 2015 meeting, and financial reports for August 2015. A motion was made by Sam Singleton and seconded by Julie Wilson to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (B2): Superintendent Sitterud indicated that there are no names for approval this month so action was not taken on this agenda item.

Report Item (C1): Principal Garth Johnson welcomed members of the Board of Education to Huntington Elementary School and thanked them for their support. He also expressed thanks to District Office employees and the faculty and staff at Huntington Elementary. He discussed some of the technology initiatives being implemented at the school. There are now 160 iPad's and 40 iPod's being used by students. He indicated that the upgraded internet capability has made a huge difference in how many devices can be connected at one time. This has helped with many of the iPad and iPod programs being used by teachers and students. Principal Johnson also discussed an interactive program called Nearpod now being used in the school. He mentioned that the goal in using technology is to enhance learning, but that technology will never replace teachers. Board President Johansen thanked Principal Johnson for his report.

Report Item (C2): Mr. Black distributed a report on the completion status of major capital projects. He also reported that the benefits fair & employee luncheon went well. He expressed thanks to those who helped organize it. He mentioned that the District financial audit is underway. He also thanked those involved in preparing for the audit.

Report Item (C3): Superintendent Sitterud reported on the beginning of the school year, attendance numbers, and Opening Institute. He expressed condolences for the recent passing of teacher Heather Jacobsen, and her son Broc, who was a student at Cleveland Elementary. He also updated the Board on the status of a couple of employees who have experienced health problems at the start of the school year. He discussed an upcoming legislative tour that will be stopping at Green River High School. District administrators will be presenting on the challenges and opportunities of rural education. Board members are invited to attend. He also discussed the progress being made on an addendum to the aquatic center agreement between the school district and Emery County. Concluding his report, Superintendent Sitterud recognized that a graduation ceremony was held this week for 72 preschool students in the I-3 Upstart Waterford program.

Public Comments (D): No public comments were made.

Superintendent Sitterud asked if the Board members would like to discuss visiting schools. Board Member Wilson had asked about the possibility of doing this. Various ideas were mentioned and members of the Board indicated that they would like to know what would work best for Principals. Superintendent Sitterud agreed to discuss this at the next administrative council meeting and report back to the Board.

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

Adjournment (F): A motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.