

The May 2018 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 Tracey Johnson, Kenzi Guymon, Royd Hatt and Marie Johnson. Superintendent Larry Davis 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.

Presentation: Cannon Sharp proposed an Eagle Scout project that would involve planting trees on district property at Cleveland Elementary School following an upcoming road widening project. This would require planting 15 new trees to replace those being removed during the road project. Cannon indicated that he would like to organize the effort to haul the trees to the site and plant them. He requested that the Board approve funding to purchase the trees, at a total cost of around \$2,000. The trees have been recommended by Ward’s landscaping as being appropriate for the area. Member Hatt asked if we would be replacing the trees anyway. Superintendent Davis indicated that we likely would be. Marie Johnson made a motion to approve funding for the trees as requested. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C1): Board members considered the warrants, minutes of the April 2018 meeting, and financial reports for April 2018. A motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon to approve the warrants, minutes and financial reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Action Item (C2): Superintendent Davis recommended to the Board that the following individuals be approved for the positions indicated:

Bridget Meadows	Cheer Coach	Green River High School
Christina Knight	Cheer Coach	Green River High School
Kodi Caldwell	Assistant Cheer Coach	Canyon View Middle School
Dave Justice	Teacher, Resource	Emery High School
Dane Worwood	Teacher, CTE	Canyon View / Emery High
Deanna Maxfield	Custodian, 4 hr	Cottonwood Elementary School
Danyale Service	Custodian, 4 hr	Castle Dale Elementary School
Kellie Worwood	Teacher, Band	Canyon View Middle School

Member Kenzi Guymon motioned to approve the hiring recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Marie Johnson and passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

Board Action Item (C3): Superintendent Davis presented highlights of the School Land Trust plans submitted by each school. He noted that these plans are developed by school administration and school community councils, but also require approval of the Board of Education. Following brief discussion regarding the plans, Marie Johnson motioned to approve the Landtrust Plans as presented. Royd Hatt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report Item (D1): Principal Melinda Durrant welcomed the Board of Education to Castle Dale Elementary. She reported that the school continues to have a successful “Reaching for the Stars” program where students are rewarded for good behaviors. Danyale Service was recently hired as a part-time custodian. Character education has been an important part of the school year and has been taught through several Marvin & Jessie skits. Each skit has focused

on a different attribute, such as self-control, positive attitude, being a peacemaker, serving others, respect, responsibility, and self-confidence. The final skit on courage will be presented on May 10th.

Principal Durrant expressed thanks for the opportunity to participate in the STEM Academy for Administrators. She was able to participate in several meetings with principals from throughout Utah. They discussed a variety of ways to create a good STEM school. They also visited schools with strong STEM programs. She mentioned that it was inspiring to see what the possibilities are. She has been excited to see teachers at Castle Dale Elementary implementing STEM activities. The library has also implemented a Maker Space and STEM activities. Principal Durrant reported that she has enjoyed participating in the District blended learning trainings this year. Teachers at Castle Dale Elementary have also supported and appreciate the District's PLC opportunities.

She indicated that the school schedule will be very busy through the end of the school year. Recently completed were competitions in checkers, chess and speed stacking. The school carnival is Thursday and a lockdown drill will be held on Friday. Many classes and grades will be going on field trips and holding closing programs. Ms. Durrant added that she appreciates the hard work & effort of teachers, staff, volunteers & students.

President Johansen thanked Principal Durrant for creating a positive environment where students can succeed. She also thanked school secretary Colleen Bott for all she does.

Report Item (D2): Superintendent Davis provided a staffing update. He announced that, following an evaluation inclusive of all stakeholders, the District is moving forward with plans to provide full-day Kindergarten at each elementary school. This will be done without requiring additional funding and without laying off any current employees. It will require one split-grade class at both Castle Dale and Ferron Elementary schools. He mentioned his appreciation for teachers Lindsay Hinkins, Lyndi Brady, and Dani Tuttle, all of whom have willingly accepted transfers to help facilitate the changes in our elementary schools.

Mr. Davis noted that this Board meeting is Neal Peacock's last as EEA President. He commented that Neal has done an excellent job representing teachers and students and has been very dedicated to his responsibilities. Mr. Peacock thanked the Board for being wonderful to work with.

Superintendent Davis mentioned that Emery High student Laine Jensen was recently named as Academic All-State in 3A girls' golf. He also announced that the District teachers of the year, classified employee of the year, and volunteer of the year will each be recognized in the June school board meeting.

Mr. Davis reported that a collaborative team meeting for the District music programs was recently held to address concerns expressed during the April school board meeting. Classroom data indicates that band program participation is growing at all schools except San Rafael middle school. Our current music teachers expressed their support of allowing 6th graders the option to take either band or chorus. New course offerings in music are being made available at Emery High School through concurrent enrollment. The band teachers feel that band instruments are readily available for students at each school. All involved agreed to work at communicating better in order to coordinate the music programs between schools.

Superintendent Davis said that he is beginning the process of writing and amending policies as required by recent legislative action. He reported that the technology committee is going through a program review for the current school year. Funding has been secured for the upcoming year and will be budgeted in June. The STEM/CTE committee has been working to advance pathway courses with USU-Eastern. The District will be starting a teaching pathway and plans are in place to advance a medical pathway through a talent-ready grant, in coordination with Castleview Hospital and Pinnacle Academy. The robotics program grant is close to being finalized and submitted. President Johansen thanked Superintendent Davis for his report.

Public Comments (E): Alice Wadley mentioned that from August 9th-11th, USU-Eastern will be holding an Aggie aviation camp. It is open to students in 7th grade and up. It will be held at the Carbon airport hangar and has a cost of \$225. Those participating will gain experience in drones, aircraft maintenance, and flying.

Closed Meeting (E): At 7:50 pm, a motion was made by Marie Johnson and seconded by Royd Hatt to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of holding a discussion related to collective bargaining. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Laurel Johansen Aye
- Tracey Johnson Aye
- Kenzi Guymon Aye
- Royd Hatt Aye
- Marie Johnson Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Faculty Room at Castle Dale Elementary School on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018, beginning at 7:57 pm. All five Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Larry Davis and Business Administrator Jared Black. The closed meeting finished at 8:50 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

Adjournment (F): Upon reconvening to regular meeting, a motion was made by Royd Hatt and seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.