

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6, 2023

The December 6, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Cottonwood Elementary School, 55 East 200 South, Orangeville, UT, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Royd Hatt. Vice President Tracey Johnson, and members Kenzi Guymon, Todd Huntington, and James Winn were also present. Superintendent Ryan Maughan and Business Administrator Jackie Allred were also in attendance along with student board member, Kallee Lake.

WORK SESSION:

A1. District Logo on Debt Cards with Eastern Utah Credit Union: Joel Hatch, representing Eastern Utah Credit Union (EUCU) asked for permission to allow the logo of Emery High and Green River High to be represented on the debit cards issued by EUCU in their spirit lineup. Other districts in the area are currently being represented. The consensus of the board was to allow the use of school logos in a non-exclusive purpose. Other financial institutions may request to use school logos for debit cards if desired.

A2. Review Positive Behavior Plans: Each school has written a positive behavior plan representing the procedures currently being used for substance intervention purposes along with the procedures that are currently being worked on or in the planning stage. These plans coordinate with the Substance Abuse funding received for advisor stipend and supplies.

A3. IHBE Policy Review: New mandates from USBE require LEAs to approve policy regarding Language Access for all students. The proposed policy follows USBE guidelines. Requires LEAs to provide language helps and translators as needed. Translators may be contracted with a third party – the fee is not finalized as of this meeting.

A4. Bus Lift Purchase: In light of the current transportation building bus lift not being able to pass inspection (and parts are not available), a quote has been received from Rocky Mountain Lifts from West Valley City in the amount of \$275,215 which represents the state contract. The quote includes demo, concrete of new pits, delivery, unloading, equipment, labor, installation, and testing. The current lift is over 40 years old and creates potential hazards.

A5. HB61 Amendment: Information regarding this amendment proposed for the 2024 legislature session was given by Supt Maughan with the many concerns of implementation as currently written - both funding and practicality.

REGULAR SESSION:

B1/B2: President Hatt welcomed all in attendance and led all attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

C1. Westland Construction: Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the status of the Emery High construction project. The main vestibule area has had large components added with the column structures and stone masonry. The commons area has had trusses and deck added this month with roofing following through that area and finishing the weight room. All of the mechanical roof units have been set in the last two weeks in area A. Stone Masonry is still continuing, but the structural portions have been completed. Roll up doors will start to be installed next month. HVAC and dust

collection systems duct work and painting have been completed in the shop areas. It is critical to have the building dried in to continue the infrastructure and stay on schedule.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion was made from James Winn for the Consent Agenda items: a) November warrants, b) Monthly financial reports, c) Minutes for the November 1st meeting and d) Names for New Hire approvals and seconded by Tracey Johnson. All members approved the consent agenda.

William Mark Babcock	Plumber	Maintenance
Jessica Greenhalgh	Sped Aide 3-hour	Emery High
Kacie Hadden	Sped Aide 3-hour	Emery High
Marilyn Bonner	CNP Manager	Ferron Elementary
Debbie Bennett	CNP Worker	Huntington Elementary
Cassie Phillips	CNP Worker	Castle Dale Elementary

D2: Positive Behavior Plans for FY24: With the information presented in the work session by JR Jones, the Positive Behavior Plans were motioned to be approved by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by Royd Hatt. Motion passed unanimously.

D3: SRMS and CVMS games outside CVAA: With discussion from recent meetings, the middle schools have scheduled away and home basketball games with districts outside the CVAA. Discussion was held about students missing additional school time, but the proposed schedule doesn't have much conflict as most games are on Friday after school session. Concern was stated about the precedence with extra games for every sport. This proposal schedules one away trip for each middle school and 3-5 added home games. The motion to approve was made from James Winn with a second from Royd Hatt. Board voting: opposed by Kenzi Guymon, Tracey Johnson, Royd Hatt, and Todd Huntington with support by James Winn. Action failed with 4-1 votes.

D4: IHBE Policy – Language Access: In using a template model policy from USBE, the Language Access policy was written to comply with recent mandates that provide procedures for all students and parents to receive Language Helps where needed. It was motioned by Kenzi Guymon to approve the policy as presented with Royd Hatt making the second motion. Motion solidly passed.

D5: GED Policy – Staff Vacation and Holidays: This new policy is a combination of GCD (Licensed) and GDD (Support Staff) for Staff Vacations and Holidays. All language and purposes were left intact as currently written and previously approved. This action will create one policy under the GE section of policies that address all categories of employees (GED) and rescind the GCD and GDD policies. Motion was made to approve by Royd Hatt and seconded by James Winn. All voted in favor.

D6: Capital Item – Bus Lift Purchase/Install: Tracy Rowley, Transportation Director, explained the status of the original bus lift in the transportation shop building. It is no longer able to pass inspection and repair parts and service are not available. A quote from Rocky Mountain Lifts using a state contract is \$275,215 for demo, equipment, and installation. Tracy also reported another Utah district had a similar situation, and the experience with this vendor was very positive. The motion to approve the Bus Lift Capital Project was made by Kenzi Guymon with a second from Tracey Johnson. No member opposed.

REPORTS:

E1: The principal report: John Hughes, Cottonwood Elementary School Principal, expressed appreciation for the new carpet throughout the school this year and for the two board members' time this week to view part of their classroom instruction. They have provided intentional training for school employees to have additional professional development. Some examples included a recent training with a math expert from USBE, a seminar on vape protection, and the Dept of Health & Human Services to provide training for school staff. Prof Dev with Acadience training was also held for teacher assistants. Attendance is a constant goal and has improved this year. Focus has been placed on the SEL needs of students. Ms. Debry, school counselor, meets with classes and individual students as needed along with daily curriculum in the classroom focusing on SEL. Core values are focused on every week to help students with their own responsibility. The math/phonics blocks have been very successful. At-Risk funds at the school were used with support staff in each classroom. UEN has scheduled to feature Cottonwood recognizing the school as a successful school in Utah.

E2: Superintendent Report: Ryan Maughan gave a summary of the upcoming 2024 legislative priorities from the Governor's Budget and JLC. There are some concerns with the proposed changes in funding for some programs, especially those that would affect rural districts.

E2: Business report: No items at this time.

E3: Board Committee reports: Kenzi Guymon attended the Thanksgiving dinner at Ferron Elementary. Tracey Johnson attended the community council with Cottonwood Elementary. Todd Huntington will have CRA meeting in a few weeks to finalize the affordable housing in Green River. James Winn attended the regional legislative lunch and had good conversations with our local legislators.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): Several students from EHS US Government class attended the meeting.

CLOSED MEETING (G): Not Held.

ADJOURNMENT (H): James Winn motioned and to adjourn with a second by Royd Hatt. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.