

MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2023

REGULAR SESSION:

The March 1, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Huntington Elementary, 70 East 100 North, Huntington, UT, was called to order at 6:30 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.

WORK SESSION:

A1. Future Building Needs for Student Enrollment: JR Jones, Elementary Supervisor, has contacted two schools in Sevier County that operate K-2 and 3-5 schools to arrange a site visit for board members to see that structure. Kindergarten registrations will be completed in March to enable better class numbers in subsequent meetings.

A2. Levy Reserves: The board reiterated its request for the creation and oversight of a line item tracking the Capital Levy revenues and expenditures. These funds should primarily be saved and used for new construction to replace existing facilities in need. The board would like to view the line item each month and make any approvals prior to the spending of these funds.

A3. Construction Manager: Kerry Lake, District Maintenance, started with the extended cold weather making things very slow. The door assignments have been reviewed. Wayne Maxwell, indicated that the back-punch list for Ferron and the EHS Armory is scheduled next Thursday. Steel workers will be here Monday to start the roof on EHS school. Underground items have been at a stand still with the frozen ground.

A4. Assign Negotiation Committees: The following board members were assigned to the Certified committee: Tracey Johnson and James Winn. Kenzi Guymon and Todd Huntington were assigned to the Classified committee.

A5. Audit Training: Jackie Allred led the board in the annual audit training for board members. A link to the official training videos has been provided to all members.

Supt Maughan acknowledge the presence of a student requesting a 24-credit graduation and asked if there were any questions for the family. No questions were made.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

C1: Recognition for Winter Academic All-state Recipients: The following students received the Academic All-State for Winter sports:

BrinLee Hurdsman	EHS Cheer
Danielle Wolford	EHS Cheer
Maddex Behling	EHS Cheer
Alexander Frederick	EHS Swim
Bryant Durrant	EHS Swim

Oumar Diarra	EHS Wrestling
Alexia Mortensen	EHS Basketball
Brielle Rowley	EHS Basketball
Makaila Peacock	EHS Basketball
Sabrina West	EHS Basketball
Kallee Cook	EHS Drill
Ashlyn Durrant	EHS Swim
Aspen Jensen	EHS Swim
Aubrey Guymon	EHS Swim
Easton Nielson	EHS Basketball

It was stated by several board members that this is a great accomplishment that requires hard work and is very commendable to these students.

C2: Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board the monthly update to the Emery High construction project. The past few weeks have been very difficult with severe weather. Concrete crews have not been on site through all of February with the 20-degree highs. The masonry schedule is the critical path and has put the project behind predictions. There is still a lot of background work going on with supply chain reviews and stockpiling supplies that are available. Block has been arriving as scheduled even though the supply is limited each week. Julie Johansen from the community commented that the Armory has been used extensively this year and has been a great boon for the students.

C3: A Library Book Review is currently in progress with 5 employees on the committee. The timeline to review a questioned book is no more than 60 days for a recommendation. Amanda Bennett, citizen, asked to comment about the book review policy and how to access the book list currently in our school libraries. Doug Johnson, IT Supervisor, explained the process of the committee’s recommendation to the board. JR Jones, Elementary Supervisor, also commented on the process and that it is reviewed by our own community for our students.

C4: A motion was made by Kenzi Guymon to move to an open meeting for Public Comment and was seconded by Tracey Johnson. All approved.

The second presentation for FY24 School Fees was opened with a discussion on Driver’s Education Fees. The changes from the February hearing was to clarify the full cost of Driver’s Education regardless of where the course is taken.

The second fee proposal is to add a football helmet fee of \$50 for both high school and middle school programs. With the new regulation of refurbishing helmets every two years and a total helmet lifetime of 10 years, the costs have been very burdensome for the program.

No public comments were received.

A motion from James Winn to close the open meeting and reconvene to regular session was made and seconded by Kenzi Guymon. Voting was non-opposed.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion from Todd Huntington for the a) February warrants, b) Monthly financial reports and c) Minutes for the February 1st meeting was made and seconded by Tracey Johnson with all approving.

D2: Superintendent Maughan recommended the following individuals for board approval:

- Dani Thurman Preschool Aide 5.9 hour Huntington Elementary
- Claire Yost Spec Ed Aide 5.9 hour Cottonwood Elementary
- Courtney Reid Castle Valley Bus Asst Transportation
- Amy DeWitt PE Specialist, 7 hours/week Cottonwood Elementary
- Mike Grange Law Enforcement Emery High *LEA Specific License

Tracey Johnson motioned to approve the hiring recommendations as presented. Todd Huntington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. All approvals are subject to the completion and review of a background check.

D3: The School Fee Schedule for FY24 was motioned to be approved as indicated in the previous open hearings by Royd Hatt with a second from James Winn. Motion passed with all ayes.

D4: LandTrust FY22 Final Reports were given to board members earlier to review. Community Council discussions are very helpful and the funding has improved the opportunities for the schools. Kenzi Guymon motioned to approve the FY22 LandTrust Final Reports. The second motion was made by Tracey Johnson with all members approving.

D5: The TSSA Framework plan for FY24 was motioned to be approved by Kenzi Guymon and followed by a second from Todd Huntington. Voting was non-opposed.

D6: Emery High’s Auto Team traveled to Idaho for a CTE competition in February which was previously approved by the board via email. Kenzi Guymon motioned to officially approve the out of state travel with a second from James Winn. All approved. Steven Gordon, principal, reported that the students represented our area very well placing 7th or 8th in areas and felt it was very beneficial.

D7: The JUUL Settlement has been finalized with JUUL and JUUL’s Board Members. Details have been itemized in February’s closed meeting. A motion to approve the settlement was made by James Winn and seconded by Tracey Johnson. All approved.

D8: Policy GDBD – Support Staff Fringe Benefits proposal provides a mechanism to calculate benefit percentages for employees with fluctuating hours. The motion to approve was made by Tracey Johnson and followed by James Winn. All approved.

D9: Policy KFB – E3 Building Permit Fee Schedule addresses the addition of fees for the Emery High Armory (Fieldhouse). Preliminary fees have been used since the opening in July 2022. Jake Atwood, EHS Athletic Director, presented the number of activities and participants that have been using The Armory along with preference scheduling. Motion to approve was made by James Winn. The second was made by Royd Hatt. Other board members voted unanimously.

D10: As discussed in the February meeting, Green River High has been asked to travel to similar schools in Grand Junction, CO. The travel time is much less than some of the regular region games for Green River High. With additional information from other districts and State Risk, it was motioned by Royd Hatt to approve trips for Green River High to have activities with the two Colorado schools presented. The second was made by Tracey Johnson with all approving.

D11: An application to graduate with 24 Credits for a student at Emery High was reviewed. Motion to approve was made by James Winn. The second motion was made by Kenzi Guymon. All members approved.

REPORTS:

E1: Principal Jody Carter started off with the biggest concerns for Huntington Elementary. The largest concern is attendance. To address this, the staff holds different activities to encourage improved regular attendance. Paraprofessional turnover has been much higher this year than in previous years. Science scores have been a target of focus based on the RISE scores. Interventions have been put in place which also involves critical thinking skills. Reading fluency is also a focused goal with data tracking and having students create their own goals. Great things happening is the two in-house instructional coaches: Tiffany Cowley and Emily Mills. Robotics was also restarted this year with classes instructed by grade levels to allow all students to participate. A PE specialist was hired to provide teachers some prep time during the week. The music/art specialist has been amazing for the students and is a favorite part of the day. Destri Gray is the new counselor at Huntington this year. The mental health focus is to help students know where their emotions are and how to regulate them. Principal Carter invited all to come and sit in classes and is very excited to work with a great faculty. JR Jones, recognized Jody’s excellence at the school.

E2: Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, summarized the legislative bills that are currently being discussed during the session. Appreciation was given for the 24-credit graduation opportunity even though it affects very few students but in a very positive way.

E3: Business report: Health Committee has met to review current information. The renewal information won’t be available until April.

E4: Committee reports: James Winn indicated that the health insurance offered good suggestions to review with the medical provider. He has also met with his principals with their council plans. Kenzi Guymon attended the PLC at the high school and community councils with her respective schools. Tracey and Royd also attended community councils.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): No comments.

ADJOURNMENT (G): Kenzi Guymon motioned and was seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Approval Signatures

President

