

MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2023

The May 3, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Bookcliff Elementary, 255 S Solomon, Green River, 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 / Kindergarten enrollment:** Sherrie Buckingham, Grand County School District’s Director of Special Education and Preschool, attended the session to review the perspectives of Centers based on her experience with a K-3 grade school for ten years. The opportunity to service 4 beginning grades gave them a better ability to communicate and keep alignment tight between classes. Overall the experience was positive. They were able to have specialized instructors with concentrated focus on the early learning throughout curriculum and activities. Supt Maughan reported that current enrollment is stable for Emery, but has decreased for the last two decades. Future enrollment for our county is dictated by the energy economy.

**A2. Construction Progress:** Wayne Maxfield, District Maintenance, reported that Emery High’s project has really changed since the weather has warmed. 100% of the cement on the main floor is poured. CTE shop mezzanine cement areas are completed. Masonry crew of 14 are here this week with possibly 20 next week. 90% of Area A is poured and steel trusses are being installed on the roof. Area B is up 16 feet in kitchen area. Crews have started to install the new chiller in the spartan center. Ferron is down to 5 or 6 punch list items which will probably be done after school recess. The EHS Fieldhouse punch lists are also getting complete.

**A4. Board Strategic Planning Meeting or Retreat:** After having a USBA board training, board members felt that a meeting would be helpful to organize the focus and communication. Changes are happening more rapidly and it would be good to be proactive. Looking at pairing with Administrative summer meeting.

**A5. Quarterly Meetings with associations:** No discussion at this time.

**A5. Legislative Review:** Because of the high number of passed education legislation bills, USBE will be working on rules and code changes longer than usual timeframe. The FY24 budget estimates have been issued for individual districts.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**C1:** Trent Huntsman from Westland Construction gave the board the monthly update to the Emery High construction project. Last month’s report indicated the schedule was behind because of the hard winter. More masons are on site and more will come soon. With the additional crews and better weather, about two weeks of the 6 week lag have been recovered. The compressor for the second-floor deck is now on site. Roofing should begin mid-May.

**C2:** The Counselor Annual Report was given by Doug Mecham, District Supervisor. Each school has presented the board with their SEL program improvement data. Dayna Hansen presented Canyon View's data project on attendance. Last year Canyon View dropped from 75% to 47% regular attendance which is consistent with the district and state percentages. The school's goal is to focus on the chronically absent students and is tied to Cat Parties and other incentives. Tier 1 intervention is to create a slogan and advertise the importance of attendance. Mr. Mecham presented the district's counseling reports which encompasses the SEL group (Social Emotional Learning). The counseling employees are an incredible asset to the schools and are the frontline for students. Emery is scheduled for a USBE Counseling review next year in April 2024. All counselors and principals have attended and participated in essential training.

### BOARD ACTION ITEMS

**D1:** A motion was made from Tracey Johnson for the Consent Agenda items: a) April warrants, b) Monthly financial reports, c) Minutes for the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and d) Names for New Hire approvals and seconded by James Winn. All members approved the consent agenda with an exception from Kenzi Guymon on names for approval.

**D2:** Superintendent Maughan recommended a motion for a vote of support for administration to realign grade bands or consideration of consolidation (brought to the board) between community schools when enrollment and need meet proposed thresholds of 100 students with more than two grade levels if combined would only require one teacher. It was proposed by Kenzi Guymon to address this topic in the strategic planning in June. This item will be postponed until that meeting and was not voted on.

**D3:** The Sex Education Assurance annual report was given by Doug Mecham. These assurances certify that educators have received the required professional development along with the USBE recommended materials. Manikins were also purchased using a CPR grant and students will be certified after taking those classes. James Winn made the motion to approve the assurances with Tracey Johnson as a second. All members voted unanimously.

**D4:** FY24 TSSA Plans were submitted to the board for review. Each plan has been designed in line with the District's TSSA Framework plan that was reviewed in the October 2022 board meeting. School allocations are driven by a base amount prorated by the Free & Reduced Lunch percentage with the remainder divided by student count. Schools objectives are geared toward increasing curriculum scores or addressing STEAM needs. Tracey Johnson proposed to look at the status of the goals since the covid testing gap is over. A motion to approve the TSSA school plans was made by Tracey Johnson with a second from Kenzi Guymon. With no questions, all approved.

**D5:** FY24 LandTrust Plans were also submitted to the board for review. These plans have been designed in coordination with each school's community council. Goals are prioritized and funded based on the school's LandTrust allocation received by the USBE School LandTrust Program. Budgets are designed to have less than 10% carryover. Tracey Johnson motioned to approve the plans with a second from Kenzi Guymon and all approving.

**REPORTS:**

**E1:** Principal Gaylene Erwin expressed some challenges and successes for Bookcliff Elementary. As with other schools, attendance is also a struggle. The days off for sickness are extended compared to 3 years ago. Social Emotional Wellbeing is also a struggle. A portion of students have irregular housing which affects their learning ability. 89.75% of students are economically disadvantaged with 10% of the population that have lost a parent or a sibling in the recent month. The school is the safest place for most students. Strengths of Bookcliff are connection and relationship and they are considered the most important things to give students. Hiring substitutes has been a struggle in this area, but this year has been a success with teachers supporting the substitute. Communication with parents has been a focus and has improved greatly this year in both English and Spanish. Bookcliff is stronger in math and science. Their 5<sup>th</sup> grade was very successful in the writing test. The theme this year is “It’s Grow Time!” and the foundation for academic growth has been palpable. Mrs. Erwin thanked the district personnel for supporting the school.

**E2:** Superintendent Report, given by Ryan Maughan, recognized the additional following students for Academic All-State Winners that weren’t available for last board meeting:

Alexander Fredrick	Forensics
Haylie McArthur	Forensics
Zayne Perea	Forensics
Bryant Durrant	Instrumental Music
Alexander Fredrick	Instrumental Music
Elyza Taylor	Instrumental Music
Danika Farley	Theatre
Haylie McArthur	Theatre
Sabrina West	Theatre

The following students will represent Emery High for the 23-24 school year as Sterling Scholars:

Luke Justice	Business
Tyler Frandsen	Computer Technology
Tyson Laws	Science
Morgan Luke	English
Kelsey Jorgensen	Social Science
Jorgen Robinson	Math
Amy Sorenson	Theater
Elizabeth Carroll	Music
Taya Cowley	General

**E3:** Business report: Jackie Allred reported one of the focuses this month has been summer construction projects. A few of the larger projects are as follows: The district has received the Emery High North Parking Lot expansion plans and will have a walk through and bid opening this month. Green River High Baseball backstop has been in the planning stage for 6 months with that contract is almost finalized. The assessments for water lines on Cleveland and Bookcliff were received and directive given to the engineer for plans to continue for Cleveland this summer. A walk through and bid day will be scheduled for mid-June.

**E4:** Board Committee reports: The technology committee meeting was postponed based on power outages that day. Kenzi reported wrapping up both community councils for both Ferron schools. Ferron was able to hold an etiquette dinner for students.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (F):** Yvonne Jensen acknowledged the 5/6 grades at Bookcliff who achieved over 50% proficiency on the science test. Tessa Bridge, counselor at GRHS, reported that there have been many parents that have passed away recently with the community being very supportive for each other. Greg Daniels, social worker at EHS and GRHS, explained the HOPE squad at Emery High this year. There are currently 3 students representing each grade nominated by their peers.

**CLOSED MEETING (G):** At 8:10 pm., a motion was made by James Winn and seconded by Tracey Johnson to move to a closed meeting for the purpose of holding a strategy session to discuss collective bargaining. Member voting on this motion was as follows:

- Royd Hatt                   Aye
- Tracey Johnson           Aye
- McKenzi Guymon        Aye
- Todd Huntington        Aye
- James Winn               Aye

The closed meeting was held in the Commons Area at Bookcliff Elementary School on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, beginning at 8:15 pm. All Board members were present for the closed meeting, as were Superintendent Ryan Maughan, and Business Administrator Jackie Allred. The closed meeting finished at 9:40 pm. A recording of the meeting was made and will be kept on file by the District.

**ADJOURNMENT (H):** Royd Hatt motioned and was seconded by Kenzi Guymon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.