

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2023

The November 1, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the Green River High School, 745 West Pirate Avenue, Green River, 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. Independent Audit Report: James Gilbert from Gilbert & Stewart reported on the Audit Review for the FY23 Financial Report. Auditors confirm third party information and inspection of documents. State and Federal regulations and major programs are specifically audited. Jackie Allred also presented some financial highlights reviewing fund balances, budget changes, and construction progress. Overall, all balances were positive except the capital project fund which is expected to decline as the construction projects are continuing.

A2. What Counts Community Collaboration: Superintendent Maughan presented the proposed forum presentation for the community input for November 15th meeting at Castle Dale Elementary. Many community and staff members have been invited and over 60 attendees are expected.

A3. Policy Committee Process: Policy making is a board authority, so the process is to portray the input procedures to present policies for approval. Tawni Jensen, representing EEA, spoke in favor for the process to allow staff to add input and review before approvals.

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 roof systems of the library, aux gymnasium, and front entrances have been completed within the last month. The challenge at the current time is getting trusses on the main commons area. There are still a few bearing walls within the commons that remain which will carry the trusses. Trusses on the big commons is expected within the next two weeks. Foundation pads have been built for the portable trailers to be moved during Spring Break in 2024 with the third trailer already in place. It is intended to get all of the roofs installed before the worst of winter. Interior framing is almost complete within the classrooms.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

D1: A motion was made from Tracey Johnson for the Consent Agenda items: a) October warrants, b) Monthly financial reports, c) Minutes for the October 4th meeting and d) Names for New Hire approvals and seconded by Todd Huntington. All members approved the consent agenda.

Madison Miller
Michael Brereton

5.9 hour SpEd Aide
Mechanic

Cottonwood Elementary
Transportation

D2: Independent Audit Report for FY23 Financial Report: With the information presented in the work session by James Gilbert and Jackie Allred, the Audit Report was motioned to be approved by Kenzi Guymon and seconded by James Winn. Motion passed unanimously.

D3: Social Media Litigation: It has been proposed by Frantz Law Group based in California for the district to participate in a nation-wide class action against social media groups for targeting youth. Fees will be taken from any funds received if the litigation is awarded. With the presentation in October’s work session from William Shinoff from Frantz Law Group, the motion to approve was made from Royd Hatt with a second from Kenzi Guymon and was passed all in favor.

D4: Use of Mental Health Screener: Template models were presented to the board for possible different anxiety, depression and suicidal scoring models to help students and families. Current staff are already being trained to use these screeners. Screeners will not be administered without parent approval. It was motioned by Tracey Johnson to approve the program as presented with Todd Huntington making the second motion. Motion solidly passed.

REPORTS:

E1: The principal report: Kayce Riches, Green River High School Principal, expressed appreciation for the board to arrive early and view the FFA farm with the students explaining their project. She also expressed gratitude for the PD day that was provided by the district. Green River High’s theme this year is ‘Making Connections’. Much appreciation was given to the staff for their great care they have for the students. “Success is the ability of leaving GRHS and being successful and being able to get a job and be competent.” The Ag program has given a great educational opportunity for students. The A2A program has given structure to integrate cross curricular applications to help students bring knowledge of all curriculum together along with helping to remove language barriers. E-sports has also started at GRHS this year and is great to see the students thrive in this area.

E2: Superintendent Report: Ryan Maughan reminded the board of the Nov 28th discussion with legislators and USBA conference in January. The Supt also announced the Academic Allstate Scholars from the Fall Sports at Emery High:

Creek Sharp	Football
Wade Stilson	Football
Cheyenne Bingham	Tennis
Taya Cowley	Tennis
Chase Huggard	Cross Country
Tyler Frandsen	Cross Country
Kade Larsen	Golf
Ryker Mann	Golf
Karleigh Stilson	Volleyball

Other Fall Extra-Curricular results are: Emery High Football ended in the quarter-finals, X Country Boys/Girls both took 4th place with Camdon Larsen taking the Individual State Championship for 3A Boys, Gentry Christiansen third place and Addy Guymon seventh place overall for Girls X Country, and excited to announce the Girls Volleyball 3A State Champions which has only happened once before for Emery. The Girls Soccer team as a whole was also the academic state champion.

E2: Business report: Jackie Allred informed the board that discussions have started with Emery High faculty regarding the timeline for the transition to the new school in a very short window next summer 2024.

E3: Board Committee reports: Kenzi attended community council meetings. Audit committee met earlier this week to review the financial report. Royd also is meeting with staff associations with the Supt and Business Administrator monthly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (F): Wayne Maxfield reported GRHS natural gas conversion will be commissioned next week.

CLOSED MEETING (G): Not Held.

ADJOURNMENT (H): Kenzi Guymon motioned and was seconded by Royd Hatt to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.