

Emery County School District | Board of Education**MINUTES FOR Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

The Wednesday, January 14, 2026 meeting of the Board of Education, held at the 975 N Center St, Castle Dale, UT, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Royd Hatt, President.

Members Present:

Royd Hatt, James Winn, Kenzi Guymon, Neal Peacock, and Todd Huntington

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent James Shank, Business Administrator Jackie Allred, Supervisors Yvonne Jensen, JR Jones, Doug Johnson and Tracy Rowley, as well as student member Byron Roundy.

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A) WORK SESSION

1. Social Media Class Act Litigation
Joel Wright from The Wright Law Group presented an opportunity for the ECSD to participate in a class act litigation addressing social media and its algorithms targeted to effect youth. There are currently over 1,700 districts nation-wide that are participating.
2. Green River High roof repair
Options were presented for the board to review on sections and types of roof repairs for GRHS. There is a section that will require immediate repair, but the entire roof is in poor and failing condition as received by a roof inspection. Discussion included current capital funding and long term status. The board gave direction to move ahead with a full roof replacement given expected solar funding this year or use of current capital funding.
3. Superintendent and Business Administrator Evaluation Survey
James Winn has been working with USBA to create a survey system. The superintendent will be evaluated this year. James will follow up with the rest of the board regarding

selected questions for the survey.

4. Strategic Planning

Supt Shank reviewed the Strategic Plan which is being called Focus 2026. Accomplishments to date include Collaboration with Public input, Institutional Statements, Woolpert enrollment study, Goals, Professional blueprint, Portrait of a Graduate, Literacy Action plan, and Alignment to state and LEA standards. The remaining steps are to create a reporting method and competency based learning development, performance benchmarks, and incorporate safe learning components. Future challenges include the implementation of the Portrait of a Graduate as well as PCBL (mastery grading) development. The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2026.

B) REGULAR SESSION

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance


C) PRESENTATIONS

D) CONSENT AGENDA


1. Warrants
2. Minutes from previous meeting(s) 9 - 19
[December Monthly Meeting - Dec 10 2025 - Minutes - Html](#) 
3. Financial Reports from previous month
4. Names for New Hire Approvals
Bret Broadhead Custodian Emery High
5. Policies for Consent 20 - 46
[BBBA - Board Members - Eligibility and Qualifications PROPOSED.docx](#) 
[CEB - Emergency Response Plan PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[EEBA - District Owned Vehicles PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[ICA - School Calendar PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[JLCDA - Health Requirements and Services Student Asthma
Emergency PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[JLCEC Health Requirements and Services Medical
Recommendations by School Personnel to Parents
PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[JLFA - Child Abuse Prevention Education Parents
PROPOSED4.docx](#) 

[KCBC - School Community Councils PROPOSED.docx](#) 

Motion was made to approve all consent items as presented. 20 - 46

Moved by: Kenzi Guymon

Seconded by: James Winn

Carried

E) BOARD ACTION ITEMS

1. Water Lease Agreements for 2026

Each year, the board authorizes the lease of water shares owned by the District to cities for additional secondary allocation.

A proposal from Brad Giles and Danny VanWagoner representing Castle Dale City was allowed. The city would like to purchase Cottonwood Creek water shares for potential homebuilders to make construction more feasible. Subsequent discussions may be held based on the District's actions to sell building lots as discussed in item #4.

A motion was made to renew the annual leases with the cities for the 2026 year.

Moved by: James Winn

Seconded by: Kenzi Guymon

Carried

2. Foundation Board

Foundation President Mel Hugentobler presented the names for the open positions on the Foundation Board of Directors. Nominations are: Jordan Leonard, Ben Taney and Kayce May-Riches as members, with Jackie Allred as Treasurer. The term of office is two (2) years without limitation on the number of terms served, if still qualified.

Motion was made to approve the names presented for the Foundation Governing Board of Directors.

Moved by: Neal Peacock

Seconded by: Todd Huntington

Carried

3. Social Media Class Act Litigation

Based on the presentation in the work session by Joel Wright, the discussion on the District joining the litigation was minimal. The requirement for the District is to submit the answers to their plaintiff fact sheet involving behavioral incidents and mental health resources.

The motion to approve the District participating in the social media litigation with Wagstaff & Cartnell (The Wright Law Group) was made.

Moved by: Neal Peacock

Seconded by: Royd Hatt

Carried

4. Land Sale for Castle Dale Home Lots

In an effort to provide housing opportunities for potential home builders, the members discussed the different points of view of selling the housing lots near Emery High. The lots were previously created for construction classes, but the instructional and student requirements are not readily accessible at this time.

Kenzi Guymon commented that there are 55 homes and properties currently for sale in the county which indicates no housing shortage. Homes are unaffordable from the

overinflated housing costs.

As Todd Huntington reported from the CRA committee, the potential of that organization to purchase the lots for local housing was a possible interest.

There was a motion made to approve the option for the District to sell the seven housing lots located near Emery High. There is no obligation to sell at this time.

Moved by: Neal Peacock

Seconded by: Todd Huntington

Aye Royd Hatt, James Winn, Neal Peacock, and
Todd Huntington

Nay Kenzi Guymon

Motion Passes 4-1

5. Canyon View Roofing Bid 47 - 48

[CVMS roofing proposal summary.pdf](#) 

After receiving 4 bids to renovate the full roof at CVMS, the lowest bid received was by Northface Construction for \$1,858,201. The District is able to use remaining state grant funding of just under \$700,000 to help finance this project.

A motion was made to approve Northface Roofing as the lowest bidder for the CVMS roofing capital project. 47 - 48

Moved by: Kenzi Guymon

Seconded by: Royd Hatt

Carried

6. Second Reading Policies 49 - 66

[DA - Fiscal Management Goals & Objectives Proposed.docx](#) 

[FDH - Student Toilet Training PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[FHC - Notification from Juvenile Courts PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[GCH - Professional Staff Orientation PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[JK - Student Discipline PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[KE - Public Complaints PROPOSED.docx](#) 

The motion to approve the policies as presented for final approval was made.

49 - 66

Moved by: James Winn

Seconded by: Neal Peacock

Carried

7. First Reading Policies 67 - 99

[EEAC - Transportation Route Planning PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[EEAD - Transportation Planning and Funding PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[EGE - Records Access & Management Proposed.docx](#) 

[IHAQ - Internship Opportunities PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[JLCA - Education and Family Privacy PROPOSED.docx](#) 

[KFA - Conduct on School Premises PROPOSED.docx](#) 

The motion to approve these policies as First reading and allow a 30 day window for public review was made.

67 - 99

Moved by: Royd Hatt

Seconded by: James Winn

Carried

8. Policies to Rescind 100

[GA - Personnel Goals.docx](#) 

The motion to rescind this policy was made.

100

Moved by: James Winn

Seconded by: Kenzi Guymon

Carried.

F) REPORTS

1. Principal
Emery High Instructional coach Courtnee Justice reported on

the literacy data which is 'fluid' and needs to be broken down to review many factors. EHS looked at data such as informative writing and saw growth with the literacy scores last year. As of September, STAR scores average increased from May's scores. She reported that scores are still struggling from the Covid school closure.

Student council members Beau Stilson, Emma Grimm, and Claire Beagley reported on the leadership conferences that are attended by the council as well as the school activities. The roundtable conversations held with other schools at the leadership conference were very productive. Leadership skills and tools were given by many speakers. This year's activities have been targeted to have increased student participation that included the Spirit Bowl, Homecoming activities, Festival of Trees (which is new this year), and Money Jars. Spartan Rewards has helped student positivity and relationships.

Principal Steven Gordon presented math scores showing growth from the beginning of year tests to second quarter. The teachers were commended for showing up for students and creating a positive atmosphere. Literacy is a goal throughout all curriculum. The new school has also presented a good feel and the students appreciate the building.

2. Superintendent

Supt Shank thanked James Winn and Royd Hatt for filing to run for office again. James Winn also will continue as a leader in USBA for another two years. The Day on the Hill is January 30th.

School report cards will be released to the public on January 26th. It was proposed to push the final policies soon.

3. Business Administrator

Jackie Allred announced that the ECSD Foundation received \$5,000 donation from Enbridge for stem and environmental programs for students.

All of the Emery School Board members completed their USBA Master Board Certifications and were acknowledged at the recent USBA conference.

4. Board Member Committee

James Winn with USBA board are planning the Day on the Hill event and Education Celebration day and possibly changing the Master Board platform. He also met with USBE board as well as policy committee and community council for Cleveland. Royd Hatt attended the USBA conference, three community council meetings as well as Leadership committee. Todd Huntington attended the CRA meeting and discussed the large solar project will be coming through in 2026. Any acreage not needed was amended. Kenzi Guymon also attended the USBA conference, policy meeting and SR community council tomorrow. Neal Peacock met with the strategic planning meeting on metrics, attended Cottonwood's community council yesterday and will attend Castle Dale's council tomorrow.

G) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Giles commented that the new EHS building is a great addition to the city.

H) CLOSED SESSION

I) ADJOURN

At 8:10 a motion was received to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: James Winn

Seconded by: Royd Hatt

Carried.

Board President