

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

Study Session

April 22, 2014

A study session for Granite School District was held in Auditorium D at the Granite School District offices, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m., those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Terry Bawden	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Julene Jolley	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin W. Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Jim Henderson	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Director, Communications Department, and Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services, were in attendance. Merilynn Boekweg, Board Recorder, also attended.

STUDY SESSION:

Mr. Bawden commented on a concern which had come to his attention that far too much testing is being required in schools. He would like to know what the State and District requires, and what individual teachers may be requiring. Is the time being set aside for actual testing or does it include equipment set up? How does Granite District compare to surrounding districts in time used for testing? Dr. Bates said these questions would be answered in an upcoming board meeting.

Mr. Lofgren suggested Granite find some type of relief for teachers as a show of good faith. The teachers need to know the District is aware of the pressure the current amount of testing causes. It was stated that some schools are getting more pressure than others to cut back unnecessary testing. Mrs. Anderson said she is concerned about the morale of the teachers who are under pressure.

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Horsley reported on the legislative outcome for the 2014 session. A total of 56 public education bills passed. He provided the Board with a tracking sheet showing results of the House and Senate education bills that he followed this year. Each board member was provided a copy of the Public Education Summary from the Utah State Office of Education. (Exhibit # 14-28)

2. Preliminary Budget Presentation

Mitch Robison, Budget Director, presented the preliminary budget for fiscal year (FY) 2014-15 with the consideration of the new legislative funding.

Preliminary revenue changes (unrestricted)	\$6,452,222
Required spending increases	-\$3,877,777
Negotiation considerations	-\$3,310,878
Central Office Cuts	<u>\$ 402,878</u>
Balance	-\$333,555

The Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) has been increased 2.52%. Required spending included increased costs in utilities, Utah Retirement System (URS) contributions, and an increase to the charter school levy offset (\$1.5 M to \$1.79 M). Central office cuts will allow \$402,878 to be added back into the budget. (Exhibit #14-29)

Dr. Bates stated an Executive Meeting was needed to discuss collective bargaining/negotiations and personnel.

Motion: I move we move into an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining/negotiations and personnel.

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: The Board was polled and it was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Board adjourned directly from Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.