

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting Study Session February 16, 2016

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 Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

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

John Welburn, Assistant Superintendent, was excused.

Mitch Robison, Budget Director, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary were in attendance. After attending a legislative meeting, Ben Horsley and Doug Larson arrived after the study session began.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Bates recognized David Garrett, who on February 10, 2016 achieved 50 years of employment with Granite School District. Mr. Garrett was presented with a plaque engraved by GTI students.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Mr. Robison presented an overview of the 2015-16 budget. He talked specifically about the general fund, where 62% comes from the State in both restricted and unrestricted funds. The

K12 WPU, or weighted pupil unit funding represents 37.1% in unrestricted funds. Of the general fund, 88.3% is used to pay employee salaries and benefits. Mr. Robison explained how the basic levy revenues are calculated as well as the voted and board levy guarantees. Granite does have an option to increase the voted local levy, the board local levy and/or capital outlay funds, all of which would require a holding a tax hearing. Two spreadsheets were shared with board members: one detailing the minimum school program & school building program, and the second spreadsheet itemizing the programs funded with the general fund monies. This information will be very useful as further budget discussion take place. (Exhibits 1636 & 1637)

Board members discussed ways to get this information to legislators and how to encourage the general public to contact their legislators. Most of the legislators representing a part of Granite District are very supportive of public education. Board members will spread the word for constituents to contact their legislators to support public education bills.

Superintendent stated the need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion: **I move we adjourn to an Executive Session.**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Dan Lofgren

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The Board adjourned from Executive Session

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.