

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting Study Session February 20, 2018

A study session for the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in Auditorium E at the Granite Education Center, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Carrie Johnson	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member
Todd Zenger	Board Member

Connie Burgess, board member, was excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services Director, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary were in attendance.

ACTION ITEMS:

Administrative Appointment

Clay Pearce	Director, Prevention & Student Placement (effective July 1, 2018)
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Motion: **I move we approve the administrative appointment.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Carrie Johnson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Passed Unanimously

John Welburn introduced Clay Pearce who introduced his guest.

Award of Contracts

1. Architectural Services, Evergreen Junior High remodel, VCBO Architecture – \$282,100.00
2. Architectural Services, Valley Junior High remodel, Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects – \$310,000.00
3. Architectural Services, Hunter High addition, MHTN Architects – \$618,400.00

Motion: I move we approve these contracts.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Passed Unanimously

STUDY SESSION:

Instructional Coaching

Linda Mariotti introduced Leslie Bell, Curriculum Director, who presented information on instructional coaching. Currently we have 42 instructional coaches in our Title I schools. Coaching is done in cycles which include a pre-conference with the teacher, the shared event (such as modeling behavior, classroom management and engagement), and then a post conference. Teachers request time to work with the coaches who coach on a voluntary basis. The goal is to improve student achievement by improving instruction. Data from coaching during the past instructional year shows positive results in Median Growth Percentile (MGP) improvement.

Granite is collaborating with the University of Utah for teachers to gain a credential for completing an 18-credit program focusing on the foundations of instructional coaching. The hope is that coaches will be able to receive some compensation, thus encouraging interested teachers to become coaches. Our goal is to have the coaches' time efficiently used so they can focus on coaching the entire day, completing 150 cycles per quarter and teachers participating in 20 coaching cycles annually. (Exhibit #1833)

Business Services

David Garrett described the Business Department. The duties of the Business Administrator (largely written in Utah State Statute) were explained. Chris Lewis, Accounting Director, explained the accounting department; Mitch Robison, Budget Director, explained the budget department; Richard Welch, Payroll Director, explained the payroll department; Jared Gardner, Purchasing Director, explained the purchasing and warehouse areas; and Kieth Bradshaw, Property, Safety and Student Accounting Director, explained the property, risk management and student accounting areas. The Food Services department was also explained. This review of information fulfilled the Board's evaluation of the Business Administrator. (Exhibit #1834)

New State Report Card

Linda Mariotti turned the time over to Rob Averett, Student Assessment Director, who explained changes to Utah's Accountability System. Beginning this year, school grades will be based on achieving standards. Student growth will play a larger role in school grade calculations. Each student will have a growth target to reach proficiency. Students, teachers and principals will be able to check on the student's target throughout the year and work together for success. The new grades for this school year will available in December, 2018. (Exhibit #1835)

President Bawden thanked all for coming.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Karyn Winder

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.