

# Granite School District

## Board of Education Meeting Study Session September 18, 2018

A study session for the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in Auditorium D at the Granite Education Center, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., those in attendance:

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

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.

### **STUDY SESSION:**

#### **Prevent Child Abuse Utah**

Doug Larson introduced Gwen Knight, School Services & Community Outreach Program Administrator for Prevent Child Abuse Utah. HB286, implemented in the 2015-16 school year, mandated that school districts provide child abuse trainings. Prevent Child Abuse Utah created a module for Granite to use in training all our employees regarding child abuse. We also use a parent module at our annual Parent Leadership Empowerment Night. Currently 13 of our elementary schools use additional programs in training children about child abuse. Ms. Knight shared findings from studies showing that children who have adverse childhood experiences have higher risk factors for mental health and chronic health issues. To lower those risk factors,

Prevent Child Abuse Utah aims to teach children to recognize, resist and report abuse. Ms. Knight highlighted several aspects of the grade specific programs that are available. Bullying prevention, internet safety, healthy relationships and shaken baby syndrome trainings are also available. (Exhibit #1908)

### **School Accountability Services**

John Welburn introduced the School Accountability Services directors who shared information about their various departments.

#### **Elementary School Accountability Services**

The elementary directors: Jon Adams, Michael Douglas, Natalie Hansen, and Tina West presented information on their mission and goal to empower principals in becoming instructional leaders, leading students, staff and the community in academic achievement and building character skills. Even though the directors supervise schools in separate networks, they all work as a team and collaborate with one another. They focus on leadership standards during school visits, professional development opportunities and administrator meetings. If principals are successful, the directors are successful. The directors have a goal of visiting each school in their network 5 times per month. (Exhibit #1909)

#### **Secondary School Accountability Services**

The secondary directors: Danny Stirland and Garrett Muse presented information on how we are all accountable to our students. They strive to develop leadership capacity in school administrators, to help them prioritize leadership standards and prioritize their day. As the directors participate on many committees, they do so as a representative of the schools. They take information to the schools from committee meetings and then take school feedback to the committees. Mentoring, coaching and collaboration all contribute in helping school administrators be successful. (Exhibit #1910)

#### **Prevention & Student Placement**

Director Clay Pearce reviewed the multiple programs within the Prevention & Student Placement Department. Turning Point, sStep, truancy, safe & drug free schools, gang prevention, YESS, Granite Connection High School, young mothers and adult education are some of the programs. These programs work with individuals, who for many reasons, are in difficult circumstances. Whether it be unplanned conditions or poor choices on the part of the student, many live in marginal situations and face an up-hill battle in their education and in life. These programs offer support to at-risk students with the goal of helping the students experience success. (Exhibit #1911)

**Motion:**            **I move we adjourn.**

**Made by:**            Karyn Winder

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.