

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting Board Meeting and Study Session November 27, 2018

A board meeting and 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 5:06 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.

ACTION ITEM:

Millcreek City Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Project

David Garrett reminded board members of the CRA proposals which were explained during the November 13, 2018 board meeting. Karyn Winder recused herself from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Motion: **I move we direct Granite's taxing entity committee members to vote in favor of the Millcreek Center Community Redevelopment Area project.**

Made by: Carrie Johnson
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion: I move we direct the administration to proceed with an Interlocal Agreement with Millcreek City for the Canyon Rim Commons and the Olympus Hills Community Redevelopment Area projects.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

The final agreement between the City and District will come to the Board for review.

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Bond Sale Report

Superintendent Bates asked David Garrett for information regarding the bond sale of \$50 million which took place this morning. 15 underwriters expressed interest and submitted bids. Morgan Stanley was the successful bidder. More detail will be given during the Board Meeting on December 4, 2018.

STUDY SESSION:

Construction Cost Escalations

Don Adams explained the volatile construction market and the escalated costs associated with construction at this time. Addressing the Skyline rebuild, Mr. Adams discussed the cost-saving measures put into place, the evaluation of certain program areas and some cost saving items which have been considered but discarded. He also reviewed the cost of certain high school components (black box theatre, pool, stadium, etc.) and shared a comparison of recent high school rebuilds in Utah. Mr. Adams clarified the schedule for the Skyline rebuild. This rebuild will be accomplished in stages due to the property size and the fact that students will be attending school in the existing building while construction takes place on the new building. (Exhibit #1922)

The estimated cost for Skyline will be close to \$117,000,000. The Cyprus rebuild will not be as complex as Skyline but the estimated cost will be about the same. Cyprus will be built on a separate property site and will be a larger building. Due to this higher construction cost, the projected timetable for all rebuilds will be lengthened. Discussion occurred about building

completion. Any delays will be communicated to communities as soon as we receive bids and accurate information.

Rebuild Implications

Don Adams and Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries director, reported on enrollment trends and the impact of decreasing enrollment on our buildings. Currently we have 5 elementary schools with under 350 students. There is a trend towards grade reconfiguration and if more schools continue with that trend, there will be more elementary schools with smaller enrollments. Best educational practices were discussed. A desired minimum size is to have 3 teachers per grade, with the optimum size of 4-5 teachers per grade. Board members discussed if the District is being fiscally responsible by operating a school with 300 students. Board members reviewed the current consolidation policy, which needs to be updated prior to any school consolidations. Language such as what is best for the students, to be fiscally responsible and community engagement needs to be included. Any consolidations need to be data driven, including enrollment and building capacity, and transparent with the community. (Exhibit #1923)

Board members discussed the possibility and value of having a consultant evaluate and develop a plan for possible consolidations. Prior to hiring a consultant and having that person conduct any investigation, we must communicate the “why” of needing the consultant. The message to send is we want to serve children, to listen to community feedback, and to be fiscally responsible, consequently we are hiring a consultant to challenge or confirm assumptions.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Bates discussed the implications for schools remaining in Turnaround status. According to State Board Rule, our Board must report to the State Board about a plan of action regarding Oquirrh Hills Elementary which has not qualified for an extension of time to exit Turnaround status. A meeting will be scheduled with the principal to discuss the implication and options available within state rule, including the involuntary transfer of staff, the change of school boundaries or consolidation. A future meeting will be held with the principals of the three surrounding elementary schools (West Kearns, Gourley, Arcadia) to discuss options. A meeting for the Oquirrh Hills community will also be held. A board recommendation would follow which would then lead to a State Board recommendation.

Board members asked for a report during the board meeting on December 4, 2018 on the meeting with the Oquirrh Hills principal.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.