

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting Meeting and Study Session September 24, 2019

A meeting and study session of 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 Karyn Winder called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Connie Burgess	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Nicole McDermott	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

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

CONSENT ITEM:

Bond Funding for the Driggs Elementary Remodel Project

Motion: **I move we approve the Consent Agenda.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Nicole McDermott

Called for vote: President Winder
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

STUDY SESSION:

Report on Technology Infrastructure

Dale Roberts, Information Systems Director, gave a report on network, wireless and security infrastructure. Mr. Roberts reviewed the network needs in the district and explained how the needs have increased from having just over 20,000 devices on our network in 2014 to over

140,000 devices in 2020. Wireless strength is adequate in most schools, however we know that additional updates are needed. Older switches are being replaced, additional personnel are being hired and existing personnel are undergoing training. Mr. Roberts discussed firewall issues, port exhaustion issues, the proactive efforts, expenditures and challenges related to keeping and maintaining the network and meeting the District's needs. (Exhibit #2007)

Special Education: Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and Mainstreaming

Noelle Converse, Special Education Director, presented information on educating special education students in a least restrictive environment (LRE) required by law. This process is difficult and time consuming. Mainstreaming special education students requires planning, collaboration, training in interventions and additional supports, such as paraeducators. Ms. Converse explained what is being done to address concerns as behaviors become more extreme and more prevalent. Board members asked if there is a process when interventions do not appear to be working. Ms. Converse explained that an individual education plan (IEP) is very specific for each student so a checklist isn't feasible. Some behaviors are due to trauma rather than a disability. Students may be experiencing adverse childhood experiences at home that affect their behavior. These students can benefit from interventions and individual circumstances dictate the type and length of interventions. Training for teachers, administrators and paraeducators were also discussed. Board members mentioned the frustration of some school personnel in the process for determining student placement. Behavioral issues are emotional issues. Ms. Converse asked that she be notified of specific incidents so that she can respond/address the concerns. (Exhibit #2008)

High School Design Report

Don Adams and members of the design team and construction team presented information on the high school designs, the construction schedule and pricing considerations for the Skyline and Cyprus rebuilds. Costs for building a high school have increased to over \$300 per square foot. The Skyline building will be built in phases allowing students to use existing facilities during construction. Because the new Cyprus building will be built on a separate property phasing will not be necessary. Enrollment trends were discussed for each area, both in- and out-of-district. Pricing considerations, or value engineering (such as pool seating, auditorium seating, parking stalls, etc.), were discussed. Savings may be realized in several areas and the board discussed the value of the savings vs. what is needed. Board members asked for more information to be presented during the October 22 study session. A matrix will be developed comparing cost savings possibilities. (Exhibit #2009)

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Winder

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.