

Granite School District

Board of Education Study Session May 18, 2021

A study session of the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in Auditorium A at the Granite Education Center, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Karyn Winder called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., those in attendance:

Karyn Winder	President
Nicole McDermott	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Julie Jackson	Board Member
Clarke Nelson	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	Board Member

Terry Bawden, Board Member, attended the meeting virtually.

The following members of the administration were present:

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

Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services Director, Donnette McNeill-Waters, Human Resource Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary were in attendance.

STUDY SESSION:

Information Items

A/B Schedule Presentation

Craig Stauffer, Secondary School Leadership and Improvement Director, presented information about changes to the A/B Calendar schedule. This adjustment was developed by high school principals and the GTI. The junior high schools with A/B schedules are included as well. A days will be Monday and Wednesday. B days will be Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will alternate to maintain an even amount of A and B days during the year. This allows significant expansion of concurrent enrollment opportunities for students. Board members discussed concerns expressed by teachers and students regarding the change. With organization and school leadership these concerns will be addressed. (Exhibit #2153)

LAND Trust Program 2021-2022

Dr. Aaron Wilson, Organizational Effectiveness Director, discussed changes in LAND Trust

funding guidelines which were effective for the 2020-2021 school year. USBE has updated their website on which school principals enter information, including school plans. Guidelines for LAND Trust expenditures can be found on Granite's website. School Community Councils have met and planned 2021-2022 LAND Trust spending. School principals have input these plans and proposed expenditures. The plans have been approved by the Organizational Effectiveness department and now await board approval. Board members were given information to create an account under the new system to review school LAND Trust plans. (Exhibit #2154)

Study Item

Student Achievement Measures

Dr. Aaron Wilson introduced Dr. Joan Bramble, Student Assessment Associate Director, who reviewed the role of assessment to increase student learning and achievement. The Utah State Accountability System has expanded over the years to measure proficiency, growth, and progress in elementary and middle school students. In addition to those areas, they also use graduation rate, ACT scores, and enrollment in advanced coursework to evaluate high school students. The system is improving, and assessments provide us with valuable information. This year diagnostic assessments will help to identify learning loss during the pandemic. We are able to support schools' continual improvement by evaluating data and trends. Schools can identify areas to focus on and implement successful strategies to address gaps in learning. Understanding individual components allows goal setting at the school and student level. Schools work to align resources, utilizing assessments and important outcome data to target use of ESSER and other funds. The board expressed appreciation to the Organizational Effectiveness Department for their work and for the information presented. (Exhibit #2155)

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: None

Motion: I move we adjourn to an Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy.

Made by: Nicole McDermott

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for voice vote: President Winder

Results:

For:

Terry Bawden
Connie Burgess
Julie Jackson
Nicole McDermott
Clarke Nelson
Kris Nguyen
Karyn Winder

Against:

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. and the board convened an Executive Session.