

Granite School District

Board of Education Study Session Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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. Vice President Nicole McDermott called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., those in attendance:

Nicole McDermott	Vice President
Terry Bawden	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Clarke Nelson	Board Member
Kris Nguyen	Board Member

President Karyn Winder was excused, Julie Jackson, Board Member, arrived at 5:15 p.m.

The following members of the administration were present:

Rich Nye	Superintendent
Todd Hauber	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Leslie Bell	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff, Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services Director, and Stacy Bushell, Executive Secretary were in attendance.

CONSENT ITEM

Clarification of Continuing Health Insurance

Motion: **I move that we accept the Consent Agenda.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Kris Nguyen

Called for vote: Vice President McDermott

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

STUDY SESSION:

Technology Assessment Report and Plan of Action

Rick Anthony introduced consultants Marvin Sauer and Judy Wright from Plante Moran, who conducted a comprehensive technology assessment for Granite School District. Mr. Sauer and

Ms. Wright presented their findings. They received 1811 survey responses, conducted interviews with multiple stakeholders, evaluated processes, and reviewed information provided by Information Systems and Educational Technology. They recognized high satisfaction among end users, positive feedback on the availability and integrity of student data and associated support, 1:1 device program, and significant investment to enhance the technology environment. Potential areas to consider; support structure is complex, professional development challenges, sustainability plan, number of software applications creates unnecessary complexity, and delineation of duties among those who support and manage technology. The action plan suggested ways to stabilize, optimize and sustain key areas of improvement. (Exhibit 2313)

Rick Anthony shared a plan of action which acknowledges celebrations and identifies areas of improvement. The technology support function will be restructured, moving the reporting of Educational Technology from curriculum to the assistant superintendent. The District Technology Steering Committee is established to develop plans and strategies for improvement and upgrades to our processes and technology infrastructure. (Exhibit 2314)

Special Education

Dr. Bryce Day, Special Education Director, gave an overview of Special Education Services. Our responsibility is to provide services to children ages 3 through 21 who are not making adequate progress toward graduation, who have one of 13 documented disability categories, and require specially designed instruction. Eligibility, the referral process, and placement in the least restrictive environment was reviewed. Current issues are funding for all day Kindergarten, providing services near a student's home, and staffing shortages. (Exhibit 2315)
Special Education administrators make recommendations to PAC for placement of unit classrooms as we consider school closures. Parents can access additional training, support, and resources through Granite's partnership with the Utah Parent Center.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Julie Jackson
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: Vice President McDermott
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.