

BOARD OF EDUCATION
STUDY SESSION
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

2500 South State Street
South Salt Lake City, UT 84115

1. Welcome

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 Nicole McDermott called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., the following members of the board of education and administration were present:

Connie Burgess:	Present	Rich Nye, Superintendent
Kim Chandler:	Absent	Todd Hauber, Business Administrator
Julie Jackson:	Present	Don Adams, Assistant Superintendent
Nicole McDermott:	Present	Rick Anthony, Assistant Superintendent
Clarke Nelson:	Present	Leslie Bell, Assistant Superintendent
Kris Nguyen:	Present	John Welburn, Assistant Superintendent
		Ben Horsley, Chief of Staff
Karyn Winder:	Present	Doug Larson, General Counsel
		Stacy Bushell, Executive Assistant

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Kim Chandler: Present, Kim Chandler arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Present: 7.

2. Special Education Update

Dr. Bryce Day, Special Education Director, shared an update on the proposed Special Education Diagnostic Kindergarten (DK) and Functional Kindergarten (FK) class re-designation and service delivery model changes. With the expansion of full-day kindergarten, we need to offer full-day kindergarten to all students. The Special Education Department recommends a new co-taught version of the DK classroom with a total of 10 full-day classes to be located at 10 schools. A pilot co-taught kindergarten classroom was implemented this year. Multiple listening sessions were conducted to gather stakeholder feedback on the proposals for changes to service delivery.

Board members asked questions about funding options, the number of students affected by these changes, and how the co-taught classes will be staffed. Final decisions will depend on the budget allocations for the 2024-2025 school year. Based on estimates from this year's DK numbers, 70 kindergarten special education students will be assigned to co-taught classes and about 45% of 1st - 5th/6th grade (elementary) students currently in special classes will be reassigned next year. Teachers for the kindergarten co-taught classes will apply for these positions. If there is funding, an additional stipend will be offered for these openings to attract highly qualified teachers.

3. Executive Session, Character, and Competence

I move we go to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing character and competence of an individual. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Connie Burgess, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The board convened an executive session in room B-217. Those present for the executive session were Todd Hauber, Rich Nye, Julie Jackson, Clarke Nelson, Connie Burgess, Kim Chandler, Karyn Winder, Kris Nguyen, and Nicole McDermott.

I move we that we close executive session for character and competence. This motion, made by Julie Jackson and seconded by Kris Nguyen, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. Adjourn

I move to adjourn. This motion, made by Clarke Nelson and seconded by Karyn Winder, Carried.

Connie Burgess: Yea, Kim Chandler: Yea, Julie Jackson: Yea, Nicole McDermott: Yea, Clarke Nelson: Yea, Kris Nguyen: Yea, Karyn Winder: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED: February 6, 2024

ATTESTED:

Business Administrator

President, Board of Education