

Park City School District
March 1, 2016
Work Session 9:00 AM

Members present

Tania Knauer, Nancy Garrison, Philip Kaplan, JJ Ehlers and Julie Eihausen

Staff Present:

Ember Conley, Todd Hauber, and Lorie Pearce

Call to Order

Board President Knauer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Member Garrison led the pledge of allegiance.

Capital Outlay Presentation

Building and Grounds Director, Todd Hansen, and Business Administrator, Todd Hauber, presented the Capital Outlay requests to the Board along with discussing needed repairs at Treasure Mountain Junior High.

Member Eihausen asked why we would replace the fire alarm and sprinkler system if we are going to demolish this building. Todd Hansen indicated that for the safety of the students, this would have to be done.

Superintendent Conley stated that now the Board has the list of capital projects, they need to put some timelines together at the March 15 meeting to determine how to move forward.

Member Eihausen asked about the principal requests that are below the "black line" and not being considered as a priority item. Todd Hauber stated that principals do receive some of the capital budget, based on student population, to use at their discretion for their building. If the Board wants to move some of the money from the fund balance for some of the items below the priority list, then those dollars can be accessed.

If there are projects that the schools are requesting that would change the structure of a building, the Board must approve these changes. Two projects that were discussed were adding flags at the Aquatics Center to identify where the pool is located and making some modifications to the dock at Ecker Hill. EHMS would like to make changes to the dock.

Board Engagement Initiative

The Board discussed documents that will be reviewed at the March 15 retreat. Several items that will be discussed are; Academic Focus and Community Engagement Facilities discussion, mid year data, budget information, Lighthouse study, What Counts presentation, Latino population needs, communications, facilities and the process of how to address needs

Update to District Learning Plan

Superintendent Conley reviewed The District Learning Plan with the Board. The conversation centered around STEM, which is part of curriculum and assessment. We have had a fantastic partnership with Utah Valley University and Nape for our STEM activities. Over the past three years, we have developed a learning mission for STEM and implemented STEM in K-5. Charlie Matthews has been instrumental in developing a science curriculum for staff. We are continuing to look at our coding curriculum, which has been very effective with our 1st grade students. Next year, this will take place in the kindergarten classrooms.

Superintendent Conley wanted to make sure that the Board has talking points to address questions regarding the English Language Arts Plan. Starting in 2014 the goal was to get more classroom FTE's. In the last three years, we have added twenty-two classroom positions back into the district. The request will be for two additional classroom teachers at MPES and one at PPES, and looking at some of the other rotations to provide collaboration time. The highest-class average currently, excluding Dual Immersion, is 22.3. With the budget increases and restructuring, the lowest class average will be 16.0. Being able to provide different ways for our students to access learning including art, music, and dance is important and it works.

Public Meetings to discuss the Reading Plan was planned for this week, but the meetings have been moved to an April date.

Julie will be sending the PTO and SCC meeting schedule to all of the Board Members and she is encouraging everyone to try to attend a few of these meetings.

Policy 10010

Business Administrator, Todd Hauber, presented the current open enrollment information to the Board. Board Member Ehlers was concerned that the portable trailers are still being counting as teaching space at Trailside Elementary. Todd mentioned that taking the trailers offline at TES would need to be a decision of the Board. Todd will re-run the class size numbers to determine how changing the portables to a different type of instructional space will make a difference in the capacity numbers.

One policy change discussed was that only kindergarten students who have a parent who is employed in the district would be approved for open enrollment.

Member Kaplan wanted to make sure that we are prioritizing applications and that intra district is considered before inter district requests. Member Ehlers asked if we need to look at a boundary adjustment to help alleviate some of the numbers at the elementary schools. Member Knauer asked about having a boundary committee that will meet to review the numbers at the end of each school year?

Recap - Decisions should be made at the district office, with input from the principals.

Adjourn

Member Ehlers made a motion to adjourn to a Special Regular session on Wednesday, March 2 at 10:10 am. Member Eihausen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Tania Knauer, President

JJ Ehlers, Member

Philip Kaplan, Member

Nancy Garrison, Member

Julie Eihausen, Member

Todd Hauber, Business Administrator

Unapproved