



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## Two board members say farewell to district Lowe serves 16 years and Andrus serves 4 years

**T**wo board members said goodbye to the Board of Education of the Davis School District Tuesday night.

Board member

Tamara Lowe served students for 16 years. Prior to being elected to her seat on 2003, she served as a teacher and principal at Clearfield High School. Commemorating her years of service, Board Member Brigit Gerrard said Lowe was the classic educator who cares deeply about children.

In her tenure, Lowe served as board vice president and president, as well as president of Utah School Boards Association. She was a delegate to the National School Boards Association assembly and served on the boards of the Utah High School Activities Association and Head Start.

“I’m so proud of people that are part of the Davis School District,” Lowe said. “I serve with people that are my family and that matter to me. The people that I know are the people that I dearly love because they feel the same way as I do about serving kids.”

Board member Gordon Eckersley described Vice President Mona Andrus as confident and intelligent. An-

drus’ time as a board member began in 2015. Eckersley said one of the reasons Andrus filed as a candidate was because she felt parents needed a stronger voice. During her time of service, Eckersley said she was instrumental in making changes to the meeting format which allowed for more public input. Additionally, she helped implement an auditing program.

“I want to tell everyone at the district that I’ve had the opportunity to work with what a pleasure it has been to work with you and learn

from you,” Andrus said. “I also need to thank all the people that voted for me and gave me this incredible opportunity. I hope that I served them well, and not just them, but I hope I served everybody in Davis County well. I walk away from this experience a better person.”

Lowe and Andrus did not run for re-election. Two new board members — Marie Stevenson and Cheryl Phipps — will be sworn in during the Jan. 8 meeting.

In other business, the board also honored the district Energy Management department for its work in contin-

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From left: Superintendent Reid Newey, board members Gordon Eckersley, Tamara Lowe, Mona Andrus, Julie Tanner, Brigit Gerrard, Liz Mumford, John Robison and Business Administrator Craig Carter.

## Boundaries approved for Shoreline Junior High in west Layton

**T**he boundaries are set for Shoreline Junior High.

The Board of Education of the Davis School District voted unanimously to approve the recommended boundaries for the school being built in west Layton near Weaver Lane.

Boundary Consultant Dr. Darrell White said no new information has been received regarding the proposed

boundaries. Oct. 1 enrollment counts were reviewed, as well as a handful of emails received since the Nov. 7 meeting.

In moving the proposal forward, White said he considered four concerns. First, a group on the extreme north border of Shoreline Junior High asked to remain at Legacy Junior High. A second group of parents off Layton Parkway questioned why their

area was not considered for a boundary adjustment.

A third area of concern was the safety of students walking to the new junior high. White said 2200 West and Angel Street both have areas of no sidewalk. The city is aware of the need, he said, and the district’s transportation department is looking at space available on current bus routes.

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The Bountiful High Small Orchestra Ensemble started the meeting off with a holiday piece.

The fourth concern came from parents of immersion students. The boundary change affects their transportation to Farmington Junior High. “You built a brand new beautiful junior high school right in between two of your biggest junior high schools, so it was just natural and a huge majority of the parents knew what to expect,” White said. “For those in the areas that we are talking about here, they deserve to be heard, they deserve for us to look very carefully for the chance for solutions. And we’ve done that.”

Shoreline Junior High will open in the fall of 2019.

In other business, the board approved:

- Entering into two agreements with Farmington City for Community Reinvestment Project Areas. Through the agreement, the district doesn’t collect a 70 percent tax increment for 20 years to assist in the development of infrastructure for the area.

- Royalty Service Group for a drainage project at Mountain View Elementary. The cost for the project is \$213,981.

- A bid of \$432,090 by Wasatch West Contracting for the remodel of Layton High School’s welding shop.

- Jorgenson Companies with a bid of \$80,929 for locker installation at Whitesides Elementary.

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ued energy savings. The district recently received the Elevate Energy Award from Salt Lake City and the Department of Sustainability, as well as an award from the National Association of Energy Engineers.

In a workshop on Nov. 7, Utility Services Director Doug Anderson explained how the district’s energy use declined by 17 percent despite the addition of two elementary schools and a high school. Anderson said HVAC upgrades, lighting retrofits, automation, auditing of utility bills, monitoring of buildings when temperatures are extreme, window replacements and use of renewable energy cut energy use.

## Board considers boundary consolidation, separation from adult rehabilitation center

Declining enrollment and an aging school facility has Davis School District looking at a consolidation of Washington Elementary’s boundaries.

Elementary School Director Helene Van Natter told the Board of Education during the past 10 years the enrollment has continuously declined to its current number of 236 students. The small student body size means single classrooms at some grade levels and split classrooms at others. Additionally, Van Natter said, the school building is reaching the point where it is cheaper to rebuild it rather than fix it.

Neighboring schools have the room to welcome the students nearest their school. Van Natter said the district will look at possible new boundaries and continue to accept community feedback as it looks at consolidation. The timeline includes a public hearing on Jan. 15. Ultimately, the Board will make the decision. Currently that vote is scheduled for the Jan. 22 meeting.

Workshop business also included:

- An audit report for the 2017-18 budget, which was given the equivalent of an A grade by Squire & Co. Finance and Accounting Administrator Tim Leffel also briefly reported on the 2018 budget. The district has reached the maximum of \$25 million in its economic stabilization budget, which acts as a reserve for the district. In addition, the district has about another \$21 million in its unassigned fund balance. “Our reserves are just over one month of our expenses, which is way better than we’ve ever had ... but we are not swimming in dollars by any means.” The budget is available online for anyone who wants to look through it.

- The Board of Education is looking at a possible separation from Pioneer Adult Rehabilitation Center (PARC). PARC has the unique mission of advancing the employment opportunities of individuals with disabilities.

Currently, Davis School District supports PARC with indirect costs of about \$395,535. PARC Director Ken Naegle said the goal would be to keep operating as it currently does. A separation could benefit PARC because it allows the non-profit agency to secure work contracts it currently does not qualify for. The study may take up to six months.



From left: Superintendent Reid Newey, Technology Services Director Mark Reid, Energy Auditor Cindy Bingham, Energy Programmer Brandon Williams, Sr. Energy Programmer Jared Arrington, Utility Services Director Doug Anderson, Business Administrator Craig Carter, Board Vice President Mona Andrus and Board President John Robison.