



BOARD BRIEFS

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Board reviews proposed boundary for new elementary Study includes three other overcrowded elementary schools

The boundary study for a new elementary school being built in west Layton is well underway.

Dr. Darrell White, boundary consultant, updated the Board of Education on the boundary study Tuesday during the regular meeting. He also released the proposed boundaries for Elementary No. 63 and the three other schools involved in the study — Ellison Park, Heritage and Sand Springs.

At this point in the process, White said, the boundary study is entering an extensive public input period. During the next few weeks, White plans to meet with community councils at those three schools. He said that is just the first of many possibilities for input. The community council is the first step in helping him be aware of issues not seen in proposing the initial boundaries.

The public may also give input through an email address set up for that purpose. Questions and comments about the boundary study can be emailed to elboundarystudy@dsdmail.net.

Then from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Sept. 26, the Davis School District will host an open house at Shoreline Junior High. White said large maps of the boundary proposal will be on display and patrons can ask questions and give input on the boundaries during that meeting. Later in the year, the

Board of Education will hold a public hearing scheduled for Oct. 15. The initial approval of the boundaries is set for Nov. 6 with final adoption scheduled for Dec. 3.

During the process, it is possible that changes will be made to the boundaries, White said.

“The process that you have established is an outstanding one,” he told the Board. “And like I say, the timeline outlines that process.”

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— Dr. Darrell White

The main goals of the boundary study are to prepare boundaries for the new school, reduce enrollments at nearby crowded

schools and balance the enrollments of schools in the study area. Additionally, White said, parents gave input on the priorities that are guidelines to be considered, which include safe walking routes to school, proximity to school, school feeder patterns, keeping neighborhoods together and the socioeconomics of each school.

An interesting fact, White said, is the three schools in the boundary study are among the largest enrollments for elementary schools in the district. Sand Springs has the most students, Ellison Park has the second largest enrollment and Heritage is the seventh largest. The new school will take Sand Springs and Heritage off the year-round schedule.

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Nine schools benefit from partnership with Apple computers

Davis School District is venturing into a new school technology program with Apple, the Board of Education learned Tuesday.

Business Administrator Craig Carter explained that the program involves nine elementary schools and just under 4,600 Generation 6 iPads. The cost is already in the budget, he said. As part of the program, Apple offers a 0 percent interest lease and 18 three-day training



Fran Bradshaw, center, was honored for her work in STEM.

sessions for educators. The cost to the district is about \$1.7 million. At the

end of the term, the district can keep the devices or turn them in.

The board approved the program.

In other business, the board honored Fran Bradshaw, who retired as the director of Starbase at Hill Air Force Base. Assistant Superintendent Logan Toone, in his introduction of Bradshaw, said she inspired a love of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

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Student board members take oath



Left: Business Administrator Craig Carter welcomes Kiana Madrid, a senior at Davis High, after swearing her in as a student board member.



Jaron Hamblin, a senior at Woods Cross High, is sworn in as a student board member.

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Looking at a map, the boundaries look simple as the schools are each a nice distance from each other. The problem, White said, is currently there are few families near the new school. Growth is expected in that area in the future. In the Sand Springs area, however, the population of students is very compact in several places near the school.

The proposed boundaries draw students north of Sand Springs down to the new school. The boundary proposal balances the enrollments with approximately 706 students at Ellison Park, 804 students at Heritage, 774 students at Sand Springs and 588 students at the new school. Those numbers take into consideration the immersion students who will likely variance to Heritage and Sand Springs.

“There was no way to reduce the enrollment at Sand Springs without taking students from around that very compact residential area,” White said. He further explained that the boundaries for the new school look very large. However, a large portion of those boundaries are not expected to develop.

“We recognize that there is no such thing as perfect boundaries for schools,” White said.

Superintendent Reid Newey said the expectation is that each of the schools will continue to grow in enrollment because they are in high growth areas of the district.

“We’re not going to build this school and then everything’s perfect,” Newey said. “They’re going to continue to be crowded. There is a lot of room for development out there. It’s going to be a continued battle.”

Board member Julie Tanner said she was concerned about the students who would be asked to travel past two schools to attend the new school.

White explained that those students will be bussed. Another option meant taking students right next to Sand Springs in order to reduce the enrollment, but then you cause a proximity challenge, he said.

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(STEM) in many students.

The Board also approved:

- Hogan and Associates as the construction manager/general contractor for the rebuild of South Clearfield Elementary. The new building will be constructed onsite just west of the current building.

- Turning over three water shares to Layton City as required with the building of the new school in west Layton.

- A reorganization of policies dealing with student data and family

privacy protection. District Legal Counsel Ben Onofrio said local, state and federal policies dealing with those issues are now in one place.

- Changes to the policy outlining how board members can request to place an item on the agenda. Board Member Julie Tanner opposed the adoption.

- School fee policy revisions. Onofrio explained the changes bring the district into compliance with state board rule. The policy will come be-

fore the board for a final approval at its next meeting.

- The repeal of the policy governing student uniforms. Currently, no schools have school uniforms.

- A clarification in the policy regarding school clubs. The new wording states that non-curricular student clubs must purchase their own equipment, materials, etc. Non-curricular clubs do not have ties to school curriculum, such as a ski club or frisbee club.