



BOARD BRIEFS

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District to use elementary site for recreation

Plans in place for building removal and future recreational field uses

The Board of Education recently received an update on the Washington Elementary school's site.

According to Business Administrator Craig Carter, custodial staff finished cleaning out supplies and computer equipment remaining in the school and the maintenance department will spend the next several weeks removing heavy mechanical systems deemed of value such as boilers, air conditioning units, and equipment in the lunchroom.

Carter told board members during their regularly scheduled workshop that Bountiful City Police and possibly other law enforcement agencies have expressed interest in using the empty school building for training drills - such as an active shooter situation - before the building is torn down.

"An empty school provides a nice training ground, so we are happy to provide that to them," Carter said.

Carter said the school will get bids for the building demolition in November, which is scheduled to occur next spring. The district does not plan to sell the property.

"The intent is to put sod in after the building is taken away that will be used by the city for their recre-

ational purposes," said Carter.

The district anticipates the fields will be in place by summer of 2020.

The district plans to meet with Bountiful City officials to talk about a shared cost agreement of the maintenance and water on the property moving forward.

Board members asked how the students from Washington Elementary were transitioning into their new schools.

According to Superintendent Reid Newey, "One of our goals has been complete integration of these students into the new sites.

"We visited with every school that Washington Elementary students went to within the first three days of opening and every principal without fail said it's been outstanding. We don't want to make them a subgroup of their school, so we don't want to over-emphasize their integration."

In other business:

- The board approved spending \$323,079 to create a staff parking lot in an unused portion of Clearfield High's parking lot.

It will be used by staff during the school construction. Once construction is complete, the parking lot will revert to Clearfield High.

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New elementary No. 63 boundary begins feedback process

The district has started receiving input from the community regarding Elementary No. 63 boundaries.

Superintendent Reid Newey updated the Board of Education during a recent meeting about the latest feedback.

"As you can imagine, this is going to be a challenging boundary because of the location and the programs at the various schools," said

Newey.

A dominant concern received by the district involves students walking to a school on streets without sidewalks.

"We are currently addressing this issue with Layton city," said Newey. "As the board knows, the city and county are responsible for maintaining and putting in anything off school property in terms of sidewalk. We will continue to work with the city."

Other feedback Newey mentioned includes the splitting of neighborhoods and other group divisions.

"Those are all certainly considerations, but when you break it down strategically, what has to be established in terms of a boundary is based on a best estimate through our experience, dynamics and analytics," said Newey.

"This is going to be an area that is very unpredictably dynamic in terms of growth."