



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## Preliminary boundary proposal approved

### Comments still being heard until final boundary proposal on Dec. 3

The preliminary boundary proposal for Elementary No. 63 was approved by the Board of Education during its regular meeting Wednesday.

The new school is being built to handle student growth in west Layton. With the construction of a new school, boundary adjustments are being made to three nearby elementary schools — Ellison Park, Heritage and Sand Spring elementaries.

Leading up to the preliminary boundary approval, the boundary study group received numerous comments from citizens in a community open house, community council meetings and emails. All comments were reviewed by the group and in many cases, incorporated into the proposal, according to Boundary Consultant Dr. Darrell White.

“We would love to make every single parent in those four elementary school boundaries happy, but it’s inevitable that when you establish boundaries, some people will be inconvenienced more than others because they live further from the school they are assigned to,” said White.

“There’s no such thing as perfect boundaries, but that’s why the process is so extensive, to make sure everything is considered as we move along.”

The boundary group will continue to take comments up until the board considers the final boundary proposal during the next regular meeting on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. To view the preliminary boundary proposal, visit [here](#).

Comments can be emailed to

[elboundarystudy@dsmail.net](mailto:elboundarystudy@dsmail.net). If any input warrants a change, White will present the new boundary to the board on Dec. 3.

“It’s important to remind ourselves that we are here to serve the parents and children of this school district, and we will continue

to do that to the best of our ability,” said White. “We are confident that the changes made to the boundary have improved the situation for more people than are being inconvenienced.”

In a recent meeting with district officials and Layton City regarding the safety of students walking to schools in the boundary study area, city officials confirmed that crossing guards will be placed in every area where a crossing guard is required.

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## Graduation credits may include select junior high courses

Davis School District’s Board of Education approved an update to the district’s policy involving graduation credits from junior high courses.

A new state board rule requires schools to accept graduation credit for some courses taken before eighth grade, leading to the change in district policy.

According to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Logan Toone, “The state board rule, as well as our local board,

has a series of courses required for seventh and eighth-grade in a different policy. The intent here is to ensure the student still completes the junior high requirements and then at that point, the high school credits will be considered.”

Board Member Julie Tanner asked if a lot of students were using junior high credits to go towards high school graduation.

Toone responded saying, “Not presently, but I would expect that we would have that grow with our in-

creased emphasis on personal learning and allowing students to go at their own pace.”

Board Member Liz Mumford commented that the updated policy prevents a double-dipping scenario.

“If students take a course in junior high, it doesn’t count for both junior and high school requirements,” she said. “You have to fulfill the junior high requirements and then any additional requirements taken during junior high could be applied to high school.”

# Boeing partnership committed to helping students in STEM

The Board recognized The Boeing Company for their donation of \$100,000 towards STEM education in Davis School District.

"I've been in education a long time and partnership means a lot of things, especially what Boeing has been willing to give in terms of money, intellectual thoughts and support of where we are trying to go with our future in education," said Superintendent Reid Newey.

Davis Education Foundation Director Jodi Lunt said the funds will help foster creative thinking, critical



Board members recognize Boeing representatives

thinking and collaboration in classrooms.

"Money is an incredible tool that we use to further our work, but the partnership is where the real value is,"

she said. "Boeing picked us because of the work we do and the belief we have in preparing our kids for the global economy. We are not in this alone. Our community really does believe in our children and the work that our teachers are doing."

Boeing Vice President of Manufacturing Doug Dahl said the company is committed to helping students.

"It's a pleasure for me to work for a company that really has the values to invest in our communities where our employees and children live," Dahl said.

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Board Member Marie Stevenson commented on the many sleepless nights she has had going over the boundary. "I am concerned about how we are going to get kids to school on 3200 South right now since that street currently has no sidewalks," said Stevenson.

White responded, saying the transportation department plans to transport the students in that area to school.

According to Superintendent Reid Newey, the boundary process is continually changing to address concerns.

"There is a lot of fixing that takes place with the initial boundaries. While all of the concerns won't be alleviated by establishing the boundary, they will be addressed."

In other business, the Board of Education approved:

- A replacement of the King Elementary kitchen rooftop with two heating and air rooftop units to replace the non-functional units.

The new units supply warm and cool air to the kitchen when the exhaust hoods are turned on. Additionally, the units are more energy efficient than the previous units.

- A bid package for the South Clearfield Elementary rebuild involving the relocation of existing building utilities currently under the footprint of the proposed new building.

It also includes the relocation of playground equipment and demolition of the western most kindergarten classroom of the existing building. The relocation prep work is expected to be complete by the end of December 2019 for \$1,363,255.

- Sending the Davis Enhanced Education Program (DEEP) update to increase enrollment for underrepresented students back to the policy committee for further review.

## Board recognitions



Left: The board recognizes Courtney Ward, Utah After-school Program Director of the Year



The Central Davis Junior High Central Singers performed the National Anthem.

## Education Town Hall

Hear from members of the Davis School District Board of Education. Learn about the District's Strategic Plan, ask questions and share thoughts.

- **Thursday, Nov. 14** - Syracuse Choir Room  
*Cheryl Phipps & Marie Stevenson*
- **Wednesday, Nov. 20** - Layton High Little Theater  
*Gordon Eckersley, Brigit Gerrard & Julie Tanner*
- **Thursday, Nov. 21** - Bountiful High Choir Room  
*President John Robison & Vice President Liz Mumford*