



BOARD BRIEFS

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District purchases land for elementary school 10-acre site in Syracuse prepares for potential student growth

In response to continued growth in west Davis County, the district is preparing with a potential elementary school site in Syracuse.

During a recent meeting of the Davis School

District Board of Education, board members unanimously approved the purchase of a nearly 10-acre site in Syracuse at approximately 2800 West and 3100 South.

District Finance and Accounting Director Tim Leffel presented the purchase proposal of \$207,500 per acre, which includes the development of roads and infrastructure. The total cost of the site would be approximately \$2,075,000.

“Because the developer is putting in the homes now, roads and utilities will be done for us, which is not usually included in the price of the land,” said Leffel. “We are fortunate to get this site in the area. We may or may not need it, but this gives us flexibility.”

Leffel said the district is continually looking at student growth in the district.

“In our never-ending task to make sure we have school sites where we need them, from our visits to Syracuse City and their proposed plans for development around the Jensen Park area, we needed to look and see

if there was any available property in the area,” said Leffel.

The site selected by the district is part of a 100-acre parcel where 300 homes will be built. Currently, the developer is working with the district to develop the parcel to fit the districts’ needs, Leffel stated.

In other business, the board approved:

- A Guaranteed Maximum Price of almost 2.7 million for upgrades and replacement of stage rigging at Layton, Viewmont and Woods Cross high schools. Hogan & Associates is the general contractor for the project. Work will begin at Layton High on March 1 and at Viewmont and Woods Cross High on June 1. Stage rigging work at all three schools is expected to be completed in August.

- A bid of \$227,032 from Grant Mackay Demolition for the demolition of Washington Elementary and preparation for sod to be laid in the spring.

The board also gave preliminary approval to the proposed 2020-21 school fee schedule, which includes adjustments to comply with state legislation. Employees, parents, students and patrons [can view the proposed fee schedule and provide feedback by submitting comments here](#).

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Board names new school in west Layton Sunburst Elementary

Board members voted unanimously to give Elementary No. 63 the name Sunburst Elementary.

Prior to the vote, community members submitted name suggestions for the school being built at 2504 West Sunburst Drive in Layton.

Elementary School Director Dr. Gwen Hill explained the reason-

ing behind the name.

“The elementary is being built on Sunburst Drive and the colors on the outside of the building are yellow and orange, so the name makes sense,” she said.

Board Vice President Liz Mumford said the name gives the school many opportunities.

“As we’ve discussed geographic implications over time, I like that it doesn’t have a specific

geographic tie and it’s inclusive and open, with a lot of possibilities.”

Superintendent Reid Newey said that during a two-week period, the district received recommendations from community members living in the area around the new school.

Sunburst Elementary was by far the most recommended name.

The school’s expected completion date is June of 2020.

Board Recognitions



Right: The Board of Education honored Clearfield High student Shaylee Stanger for her award-winning STEM Fair project. It is an assistive device that limits the acceleration of the arm in order to dampen the effect of Parkinson's Disease.



Left: Davis High Teacher and Coach Lori Salvo joined by family members, was recognized for her induction to the UHSAA Circle Hall of Fame, equivalent to the Hall of Fame for a specific sport. She will officially be inducted into the Circle of Fame during the upcoming state high school playoffs.



Board President John Robison was recognized for his selection as a Distinguished Contributor to the Utah High School Activities Association. Joining him were high school principals across Davis School District.