

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

March 5, 2013

A board meeting for Granite School District was held in the board room at the Granite School District offices, 2500 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. President Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Terry Bawden	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Julene Jolley	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin W. Bates	Superintendent
David F. Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Jim Henderson	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent

Excused:
David Gourley Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley and Steven Powell, Communications Department, and Merilynn Boekweg, Board Recorder, were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Focus and Priority School Report

Dr. Rob Averett, Director of Resource Development, presented information on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which waived No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements. Joining Dr. Averett was Dr. Cori Groth, Associate Director and Dr. Irene Yoon, Research Associate, from the Utah Education Policy Center (UEPC). The UEPC had been contracted to conduct appraisals at schools benefiting from

federal grants for student achievement. Focus schools, Granite Park Junior, Lincoln, Redwood, Roosevelt, and Wilson elementary schools were appraised. ESEA flexibility waiver definitions pertain to Title I schools only. A Priority school is the bottom 5%, a Focus School would be in the 5-15% and Reward schools would be the top percentages.

The appraisals included school curriculum, teaching and learning, student assessment, leadership, parent/community involvement, and collaborative relationships. Individual teachers and staff members were interviewed. Classrooms were observed as well as special education programs, and Title I. The appraisals were completed and a report was made available in December of 2012.

Results showed all five focus schools needed a school-wide plan for English Language Learner (ELL) support. Differentiated instruction was a common concern and the schools had exhibited a need for implementing positive behavior plans.

Dr. Groth and Dr. Yoon discussed the goals set by the school that showed annual measurable objectives. School improvement plans were revised and reviewed with the administration and faculty at each school. (Exhibit #13-46)

The Board asked how the appraisal and changes were received by the teachers. Principal Lynda Hart, Wilson Elementary, stated that her teachers were encouraged to make their teaching better. They were able to focus on smaller portions of the objectives at one time. Dr. Taran Chun, Principal, Granite Park Junior said his school was changing many ways in which they were teaching and they were seeing improvement. He mentioned that vocalized district support would be a positive input to the teachers.

Mrs. Meier suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the teachers of the five schools from the Board. Dr. Bates said he would have one drafted and bring it back to them for approval.

2. Legislative Update

Mr. Horsley summarized the Senate and House bills pending before the 2013 Legislature that impacted education. He advised the Board to check their emails often to follow the bills on the tracking sheets he provided. He would update them as legislative action was taken. (Exhibit #13-47)

The Board adjourned for a dinner break.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:07 p.m. President Gayleen Gandy welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Dawn Waner	PTA, Region V Director
Cathy Ehlert	PTA, Legacy Council
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Colleen Lynch	
Garett Muse	GASA
Susen Zoebel	GEA
Allyson Chard	GEF
Tracy Atkins	GESPA
Elese Salmond	
David Shell	
Pat Perry	

Launa Harvey, Elementary School Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Devon Hartley	Principal, Granite Technical Institute
Garett Muse	Principal, Taylorsville High
Taran Chun	Principal, Granite Park Junior
Chris Judd	Principal, Wasatch Junior
Tyler Howe	Principal, Armstrong Academy
Jon Adams	Principal, Elk Run Elementary
Tracy Rose	Principal, Twin Peaks Elementary
Jim McCasland	Principal, Eastwood Elementary
Andy Carbaugh	Principal, Upland Terrace Elementary
Michelle Love-Day	Principal, Taylorsville Elementary
Tina Vierra McGill	Principal, Driggs Elementary
John Shackelford	Assistant Principal, Taylorsville High
Dave Gatti	Assistant Principal, Granger High
Josh LeRoy	Assistant Principal, Olympus High
Rocky Lambourne	Assistant Principal, Olympus Junior
Matthew Graham	Assistant Principal, Eisenhower Junior

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Andy Carbaugh, Principal, Upland Terrace

Reverence: Cathy Ehlert, PTA Legacy Council, shared information on the migration of geese and how they fly in a v-shaped formation. Each member of the group shared a common vision. They supported others who become tired or ill by rotating forward to take their position and responsibility. They are an example of dedication and encouragement. She challenged the audience to follow the example set by the geese and be supportive of each other and work as a team for the education of children.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Susen Zobel, 6122 Wakefield Way, Kearns, GEA President, thanked the Board for making literacy a priority. She talked about the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across American campaign. The Dr. Seuss Cat in a Hat character attended to encourage reading while celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Each board member was given a book.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Crossing Guards

Mr. Horsley gave special recognition to the crossing guards throughout the district for their valuable service. "The safety of our students is of most importance and the crossing guards play an integral role in the education and safe passage of our students to and from school." A proclamation stating the Board's acknowledgement of the important place the guards have in education was read by Mrs. Burgess. (Exhibit #13-48)

Superintendent Bates commented that with the particularly hard winter the district was appreciative of the dependable and caring crossing guards.

2. Skyline Women's Swim Team

The Skyline High School Women's Swim Team won the 2013 4A Championship. Principal Bingham told of the hard work the team did to win the championship. He introduced Coach Joe Pereira who had been recognized for two years in a row as the 4A Swim Coach of the Year. The Coach commended his team on their accomplishments and introduced those who attended the meeting. Polly Creveling and Sydney Walsh are the 2013 team captains. Jessica Anstee and Audrey Miller will be the 2014 team captains.

The Board congratulated Skyline on their accomplishments.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: February 5, 2013 & February 19, 2013

Purchases:

1. Student Combo Desks, Olympus High and Granger High, Edutek Corporation - \$241,329.20
2. Teacher Desks, Olympus High and Granger High, Desks Inc., of Utah - \$88,559.34
3. School Buses (10), Bryson Sales & Service - \$1,105,149.00
4. Audio Visual Equipment for Olympus High, Marshall Industries - \$405,377.00
5. Counter and Sink Replacements at West Kearns Elementary, Archer Mechanical - \$90,109.00

Award of Contracts

1. New Addition and Remodel at Stansbury Elementary, Bud Mahas Construction - \$9,145,500.00
2. Construction Testing Services, GeoStrada - \$121,150.00
3. Reroofing and Seismic Upgrade at Moss Elementary, Contract West - \$108,600.00
4. Irrigation System Improvements at Kearns Junior, Turf Sprinkler Co. - \$201,105.00
5. IT Programming Services, Aero Tek - \$138,800.24
6. Software Support for Information Systems, Quintessential School Systems - \$72,003.10

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments

Patrick Flanagan	Director, Educational Technology	7-1-13
Verneita Hunt	Associate Director, Human Resources	4-1-13
Teri Cooper	Principal, Crestview Elementary	4-1-13
Michael Douglas	Assistant Principal, TBA Elementary	7-1-13
Afton Lambson	Assistant Principal, TBA Elementary	7-1-13
Jadee Talbot	Assistant Principal, TBA Elementary	7-1-13

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summaries - \$3,785,250.69
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$34,438,558.97
3. Principals Cash Report – January 2013
4. Monthly Budget Report – January 2013

School LAND Trust Revision

Motion: **I move that we accept the Consent Agenda.**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy
Results: Carried Unanimously

The employees receiving Administrative Appointments were introduced to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

Progress on District’s Graduation Initiative

Judy Petersen, Director, College and Career Readiness, reported on the progress of Granite’s Graduation Initiative. Leigh Ann McCann, Counselor, and Maureen James, Social Worker, assisted in the presentation.

Mrs. Petersen gave background and the initial steps that are being taken to improve Granite’s graduation rate. She referred to the Board’s Charge and Responsibility that states, “Students will leave Granite School District prepared for college, career, and life in the 21st century world.” Her department is working with the district’s Five Year-Framework which includes increasing graduation rates to 90% by 2017. At the district level RMC Research recommendations have been followed and implemented and all the schools are making graduation a school-wide priority (K-12).

Granger High has made improvements and their data is impressive. Granger High has developed a new mission statement that includes measurable goals. They have focused on improving attendance, reducing Fs, and implementing early intervention. Data shows continual improvement from the 2009/10 to 2011/12 school years. In 2010 59% of the 10th grade students were on track to graduate and in 2012 72% are on track.

The College and Career Readiness Department has become “data detectives” in researching what will help each individual school. Their campaign “Commit to Graduate!” has been well received. Many staff members, faculties, parents and students have participated. Banners are hanging in the schools challenging students to commit to graduate. Some schools have taken individual students’ commitments on paper and are displaying them. All kindergarten students received t-shirts that say “Class of 2025”. It is important for everyone to understand that the road to graduation starts in kindergarten. (Exhibit #13-49)

The Board thanked the presenters and was pleased that the focus on graduation was progressing forward.

FIRST READINGS

1. Fundraising (Article V.C.11)

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services, presented the revised Fundraising Policy to the Board for approval as a First Reading. Changes in requirements from the Utah State Office of Education and added input from the Board and patrons had facilitated revising the original policy. The Board had the revised policy prior to meeting for review. Mr. Larson asked if they had any questions.

Mr. Lofgren asked for clarification regarding the definition of a school sponsored fundraiser. It was requested that language be added to the policy that would clearly state what circumstances would constitute a school fundraiser or which would not. The Board also discussed student participation and what can be expected of students who may or may not participate.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Brian Anderson, 3502 Santa Rosa Drive, SLC, a Skyline parent and booster club member, voiced concern that the new proposed policy would kill booster clubs and would not allow them to continue to contribute to the athletic programs at the schools. They infuse money, resources, and manpower into the programs that Granite can’t or chooses not to fund. He said boosters were hesitant to allow the schools to distribute the money raised by fundraising because of its procurement policies that required additional “red tape” and time. They would ask that the funds be available to them for inspection or reimbursement. Mr. Anderson provided a handout for the Board with his concerns. (Exhibit #13-50)

President Gandy said that nothing would prevent a school name from being used for a fundraiser if the booster club processes the profits through school accounts. If they do not use a school facility or name they do not process funds through the school. She asked if the school can earmark the funds for the exact reason that they were raised.

Dr. Bates commented that the money would be transparent at the school and it would be used for exactly the reason it was raised. He had the confidence that the accounting system would be large enough to handle it without hiring extra help. He then suggested that clarification be made explaining that the funds could be earmarked and that instructions for getting school approval for fundraisers are made clear. Mrs. Jolley suggested a register of official boosters to prevent an unacceptable situation.

Motion: I move we table this and move to the next item on the agenda.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Julene Jolley

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Mr. Bawden asked that boosters be made aware of the work being done on the policy and that they know the Board recognizes them as an important part of the district.

2. Social Networking Policy (Article X.C.3)

Mr. Horsley reminded the Board that this policy corrects the former version with respect to publishing student information and using social media. “The policy provides for an ‘opt out’ provision for parents if they do not want their student’s photos, work product, or other information to appear on social media sites. This policy correction brings the social networking policy in line with other District policies governing publication of personally identifiable information of students.”

President Gandy asked that language be added to section C.1 emphasizing the approval by the school administrator for educational content on sites being created. The sites should be watched for content after it is up and running. She also asked that careful monitoring be done so advertising is not put onto the sites.

Motion: **I move we approve this First Reading with the additions suggested.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Dr. Bates reminded the Board of the Town Hall meeting to be held at Granger High on March 12.

President Gandy suggested that a study session be planned to have the Board report on conferences they would be attending (ASCD and NSBA).

Mr. Fraser, regarding the Fundraising Policy, clarified the amount of funds each high school receives to run their athletic programs.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.