

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

October 1, 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 5:01 p.m., those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Terry Bawden	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Julene Jolley	Board Member (Joined by phone)

The following members of the administration were present:

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Tumaini Center

Ms. Mariotti introduced Charlene Lui, Director, Educational Equity, who would present information about the Tumaini Center. Presenting with Ms. Lui was Dr. Paul Ross, Sara Moore, and Nathan Moore.

Tumaini is a Swahili word meaning hope. This center serves refugees who enter Granite District for the first time. Placement for a short time in a protected environment helps to ease the transition into a new educational setting. In the suggested ten day program basic literacy and

numeracy skills are reviewed by trained educators. Assistance from personnel who speak students' languages is provided. Support services for students and their families include access to community resources. The United Way is partnering with Granite in this endeavor. The goals of the program are to help each refugee ages 10 to 25 years old to graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary education. The Board requested that the program goals be changed to include students K-12th grade be served.

Granite Park Junior houses the program. Students are referred by refugee agencies and are cleared to attend after health screenings and interviews with parents and families. When the center opened there were 31 students from 12 different elementary schools and 22 secondary students from 9 schools. The curriculum includes how to access school food services and the daily routine at the student's home school. At the present time students must live within a prescribed bus route to be transported by the district. More transportation possibilities are being discussed by those supporting the program. At the conclusion of 10 days the students are introduced to their home school. A buddy is assigned to the new student and will stay with the him/her as they make the transition. A refugee student will receive follow-up visits to insure the transition is moving forward. (Exhibit #14-10)

The Board complimented Ms. Lui on the program and the curriculum that it will cover. They requested a review of the program at a future date.

2. Math Investigation Centers

Sheri Sorenson, Gifted Education Specialist, and teacher specialists Angie Osness and Dee Rigdon, presented an overview of the new Math Investigation Centers (MIC). The MIC has been developed within the district to "make it easier for elementary teachers to provide challenging activities for students working above their grade level in mathematics without having to plan a separate lesson every day".

Tasks are aligned with the Utah Core State Standards and follow the sequence of the Granite Curriculum Maps. The tasks are mathematical practices rather than computational skills which provide depth and complexity rather than breadth. They are designed to allow students the opportunity to pursue independent study and individualized learning not "extra work". These tasks are found on the internet and can be accessed through Safari Montage. The lessons have been written by Granite teachers and are currently available to 6th grade students. Grades 4 and 5 are in the design stages. Appropriate developmental practices will be provided for K-3. The presenters guided the Board through the process of accessing the tasks and demonstrated how they worked. (Exhibit #14-11)

The Board expressed their enthusiasm with the professional way the program was developed and were appreciative of the work done in implementing it. They were assured all classrooms have the computer ability to access MIC. Board members can log onto the Safari Montage by using their district log-on information.

The Board took a dinner break at 6:25 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:08 p.m. in the board room. President Gayleen Gandy welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Julene Jolly was excused for this session. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Dawn Warner	Region V, PTA
Vicki Burrow	GAEOP
Marie Orton	
John Anderson	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Crista Holt	
Kathy Newton	GEF
Tracy Atkin	GESPA
Else Salmond	

Annette Duzett, Junior High Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Steve Hess	Principal, Cyprus High
Karl Moody	Principal, Bonneville Junior
Janice Flanagan	Principal, Copper Hills Elementary
Paulette McMillan	Principal, Cottonwood Elementary
Teri Cooper	Principal, Crestview Elementary
Debbie Koji	Principal, Diamond Ridge Elementary
Christina Vierra McGill	Principal, Driggs Elementary
Naomi Hopf	Principal, Eastwood Elementary
Ben Anderson	Assistant Principal, Cottonwood High
John Anderson	Assistant Principal, Wasatch Junior
Leona Chandler	Assistant Principal, Crestview Elementary/ Smith Elementary

Chris Larsen
Nichole Higgins

Intern Assistant Principal, Kennedy Junior
Intern Assistant Principal, Hunter Junior

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Nichole Higgins, Intern Assistant Principal, Hunter Junior

Reverence: Sarah Meier read a quote from John Taylor, Utah Superintendent of Schools, given in 1876 that is still relevant today. "Knowledge is power ... it brings us into communication with the whole world ..."

RECOGNITIONS

Principals Week

Mr. Horsley announced the week of October 21-25 as Utah School Principals' Week. A video was played, "A Day in the Life of a Principal". The video shadowed Principal John Welburn, Hunter High, for a day.

The Board acknowledged all principals in Granite and thanked them for their devotion to the students. Mrs. Meier read a proclamation setting the week apart as Utah School Principals Week. (Exhibit #14-12)

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: September 3, 2013

Purchases:

1. Four Driver Education Cars, Young Chevrolet - \$74,863.20
2. Vans for Carpentry Shop, Young Chevrolet - \$59,825.40
3. Reading Classic Van Service Bodies (Electric/Carpentry Shop), Semi Service Inc. - \$51,055.64
4. Check Point Security System, DirSec, Inc. - \$53,685.21
5. Alignment Equipment for Granger High, Mohoawk Resources - \$57,962.02

Award of Contracts

1. Professional Development Services for Granger High, Conditions 4 Learning – not to exceed \$120,000.00 annually.

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summaries - \$3,647,645.67
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$32,160,949.30
3. Principals Cash Report –August 2013
4. Monthly Budget Report – August 2013

2014 High School Graduation Schedule

Utah Retirement Systems Resolution

Utah Consolidated Application Plan

LAND Trust Plan Amendments

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

Made by: Terry Bawden

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

FIRST READING

Jury Duty Policy (Article IX.A.1.m)

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services, explained that the Utah Retirement System has implemented new rules regarding jury participation. The policy now states that part-time employees will not receive jury benefit, only contract employees will be eligible.

Motion: **I move we approve the Jury Duty Policy as first reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Salt Lake County Magna Community Development Area Resolution

Mr. Garrett reminded the board of the August 6th board meeting where the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake County proposed the combining of a existing Urban Renewal Development Area (RDA) with a new Community Development Area (CDA) to improve the east end of Magna's Main Street. He introduced Paul Bringhurst, Redevelopment Planner for Salt Lake County. Mr. Garrett explained that a CDA does not go to the Taxing Entity Committee but is approved through an Interlocal Agreement and a Resolution.

Mr. Bringhurst reviewed the CDA and explained the County's belief that through a small investment a large return will be made. Benefits will not only be monetarily, but the community will benefit as well. Granite has schools in close proximity to the area that would benefit from the improvements.

Mr. Garrett said that the district's contribution is capped at \$1.5 M and if Granite should raise their tax levy prior to the end date, that share would go to the District. Seven other entities that needed to approve the proposal have done so.

Motion: I move we approve the Salt Lake County Magna CDA.

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Dr. Bates reminded the Board of the Hunter High Town Hall Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2013, 7-8 p.m. A topic for discussion will be a 9th grade configuration.

Mrs. Anderson encouraged the board to attend the Utah Education Association Conference scheduled for October 17th & 18th. She had a patron call concerned about the monetary output of sending postcards regarding events in Granite. Mr. Horsley explained the importance of open communication with the communities. The cards are sent to registered voters in the district.

Mrs. Gandy reminded the Board of the National Federation of Urban Suburban School Districts Conference (NFUSSD) that board members would be attending October 12th-15th in South Carolina.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.