

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

November 12, 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 5:03, those in attendance:

Gayleen Gandy	President
Terry Bawden	Vice President
Connie Anderson	Board Member
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Julene Jolley	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
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. Secondary Math Online Resources

Superintendent Bates explained that in preparing students for graduation it has been discovered that they are not college ready in mathematics. The Utah State Office of Education (USOE) has recently adopted a sequential integrated math core for secondary schools. Math I, II, III are the courses now being taught. He explained the change from hard cover math books to online digital materials. This trend started when elementary students first used Go Math which was internet based.

Miquel Garcia, Granite Math Specialist, Heather Riddle, Secondary Math Specialist, teachers Angela Herrin, Connection High, and Thomas Peterson, Jefferson Junior High presented information on the new online math program. Ms. Herrin introduced the Board to Success.net which is used by teachers to plan and execute lessons for their classes. Mr. Peterson demonstrated MathXL. This program is used for homework with extended helps for students and provides the opportunity for teachers to monitor students' homework progress. The log on information is given to the students by the teachers at the beginning of the course.

The Board was impressed with the opportunities these programs offered. They did ask if this move to digital learning made the teachers' jobs more difficult considering the time required and the learning/training period. Mr. Peterson said that at first it was harder but getting easier with time. They also asked if teachers were resistant to the change, particularly veteran teachers. It was discussed that with training and practice the teachers were adjusting to the changes. Teachers who have used other online programs in the past have found this to be a smoother transition. Students were also becoming more comfortable with the concept. Stipends have been given to those teachers who have attended training.

A concern was voiced about students without internet access. Mr. Peterson explained that the students without access at home can attend an after school computer lab, use public library computers, devices of friends or family members. If there is a problem they should discuss it with their teacher. Some schools are choosing to make available consumable workbooks for students who do not have access or are more comfortable with a hard copy book. The requests for these books have decreased greatly.

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

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:03 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. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Paul Hansen, Senior High Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Jerry Haslam	Principal, Granger High
Steve Hogan	Principal, Churchill Junior
Terri Van Winkle	Principal, Brockbank Junior
Jon Adams	Principal, Elk Run Elementary
Joan Bramble	Principal, Farnsworth Elementary
Lynn Cooper	Principal, Fox Hills Elementary
Dona Harris	Principal, Frost Elementary
Paul McCarty	Principal, Fremont Elementary
Allesen Peck	Principal, Gourley Elementary
Ken Auld	Assistant Principal, Kearns High
Mitch Nerdin	Assistant Principal, Hunter High
Rocky Lambourne	Assistant Principal, Olympus Junior
Linda Fiack	Assistant Principal, Diamond Ridge Elementary/ Granger Elementary
Teri Daynes	Intern Assistant Principal, Eisenhower Junior
Ryan Shaw	Intern Assistant Principal, Granite Park Junior

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Rocky Lambourne, Assistant Principal, Olympus High

Reverence: Rosecrest Chorus

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Horsley announced the recognitions.

1. American Education Week to be recognized as November 18th through 22nd. A proclamation was read by Ms. Jolley. (Exhibit #14-12)
2. Educational Support Professionals Day will be recognized on November 20th. A proclamation was read by Mrs. Anderson. (Exhibit #14-13)
3. Granite Education Foundation (GEF) Outstanding Support Professionals recognitions were read by Peter Hoj, Foundation Executive Committee Chair.
 - a. Bart Fullmer – Head Custodian Hartvigsen School
 - b. Mary Huntsman – BHA Copper Hills Elementary
 - c. Alan Stott – Custodian Jones Center

d. Maren Erickson – Library Media Assistant Bonneville Junior High

The Foundation gave each honoree a certificate and \$250. The Board applauded their service in the District and personally thanked them.

Dr. Bates announced that Mr. Hoj would be stepping down as Executive Chair but would remain on the GEF Board. The Board acknowledged his work and thanked him.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: September 24, 2013 & October 1, 2013

Purchases:

1. Microsoft EES Software Licenses, Enpoint - \$259,099.14
2. White Multi-Purpose Copy Paper for Warehouse Stock, Costco - \$75,902.40
3. Auto Lifts & Alignment Equipment for Cyprus & Hunter High Schools, Mohawk Rubber Sales - \$93,677.60
4. Carpet for Bennion Junior High, Shaw Contract Group - \$83,346.61
5. Carpet for Redwood Elementary, Shaw Contract Group - \$62,329.19

Award of Contracts

1. Grant Evaluations Services, Spectrum Research, Evaluation and Development, LLC - \$120,000.00 and Deep Well Data Services - \$30,000.00

Personnel:

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

Appointments

Joann Crawley	Associate Director, Human Resources	1-21-14
Carol Cabanillas	Assistant Principal, Hunter High	1-2-14

Transfers

Rob Averett	Director, Student Assessment	1-2-14
Mitch Nerdin	Director, Resource Development	1-2-14
Natalie Hansen	Principal, Monroe Elementary	1-21-14

Kayla MacKay Principal, Hunter Elementary

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summaries - \$3,689,023.12
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$64,191,561.70
3. Principals Cash Report –September 2013
4. Monthly Budget Report – September 2013

School LAND Trust Plan Amendments

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

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Julene Jolley

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Carried Unanimously

Mike Fraser introduced new appointees, Joann Crawley and Carol Cabanillas to the Board.

INFORMATION ITEM

Enrollment Report

Kieth Bradshaw, Director, Student Accounting, presented the annual October 1 Enrollment Report to the Board. The reported enrollment numbers on October 1 are used by the USOE to assign funding.

Actual enrollment for elementary schools is 37,816 students. That is an increase of 252 over last year. Junior high enrollment is 14,128 with a decrease of 760 students. High school totals 14,208 enrolled with an increase of 1,056. The variances between junior high and high school enrollments are mostly due to the reconfiguration of 9th grade that moved to Granger High this year. Some students that had, in the past, permitted out to other schools are now returning to Granger. (Exhibit #14-14)

FIRST READING

1. “Walker Lane” Boundary

Mr. Lofgren stated that the Board has been working on this boundary issue for several months and he feels there is still information that needs to be presented before they can approve it. Because of the high priority of this item he asked that it be tabled until the Board could study the item in more depth. (Exhibit #14-15)

Motion: **I move we table this for a study item.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

This item will be on the agenda for the Tuesday, November 19th study session.

2. School Fee Schedules

Mr. Hansen presented the 2014-2015 secondary school fee schedules. The schedules reflect only one change. The workbook fee in the high school is \$20.00 per book. The junior high fee is \$15.00 per book. He recommended the fee be \$20.00 for both. The cost of the consumable books is not different in junior high and changing the amount would balance the costs. (See complete agenda)

Mrs. Burgess asked what classes required workbooks. Mr. Hansen said mostly foreign language classes use consumables. Ms. Mariotti explained that some schools are choosing to make the new math consumables available by purchasing them with textbook money. At this time they would not be included in the fee.

Motion: **I move we approve the school fees as a first reading.**

Made by: Julene Jolley
Seconded by: Dan Lofgren

Called for vote: President Gandy
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

3. Anti-Discrimination Policy – Article V.C.2

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services, presented an update of the Anti-Discrimination

Policy. The update was prompted by the Office of Civil Rights and their interpretation of federal statutes. The issue in question was about providing sign language interrupters for events within the District. The updated policy clarified the issue. (See complete agenda)

Mr. Lofgren commented that wording in the policy needed clarification to say that interrupters would need to be arranged 10 days prior to a “scheduled” event. Mr. Bawden asked who would pay for this and was told the District would assume the cost.

Motion: I move we approve the Anti-Discrimination Policy with the language changes as a First Reading.

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

4. Attendance and Job Abandonment for Non-contract Employees Policy – Article IX.A.1.t

Mr. Larson explained that the original policy was approved a year ago to allow for hourly employees to take time off work when needed. There were unintended consequences resulting from the policy and to address those items it has been rewritten. The new policy broadens the scope of the supervisor and it requires them to look more carefully before they terminate an employee. (See complete agenda)

President Gandy confirmed this policy prevents mandatory termination and is clearly beneficial to the employees.

Motion: I move we approve the Attendance and Job Abandonment Policy as a First Reading.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Jury Duty Policy – Article IX.A.l.m

Mr. Larson stated there had been no questions regarding this policy since it was first presented and there had been no changes since the First Reading.

Motion: I move we approve the Jury duty Policy on a Second Reading.

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 Town Hall meeting at Granger High, Thursday, November 14th at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Anderson had been approached by the music teachers at Cottonwood High and asked if the board would add the state of Washington to the approved travel policy. She cited cost and experience for students as reasons for the change in policy. Mr. Fraser and Ms. Mariotti will reconvene the committee that worked with the Travel Policy for a discussion regarding the request.

Mr. Bawden reported he had been visiting faculty meetings and was pleased that the teachers did not seem as concerned about mandated testing as they had in the past. He said it indicated the District was moving in positive direction.

Mrs. Burgess reported that the Veterans Day Program at the Huntsman Center was excellent. The participating Granite students did an outstanding job and she thanked them for it.

Mrs. Meier had attended the Taylorsville High musical. She said it was delightful.

President Gandy reminded the Board that the November 19th study session would include the boundary policy. She requested that they all bring their notes and be prepared to share what they had learned at conferences they had attended recently. She also supplied each board member a copy of an article by Pasi Sahlberg comparing American schools to those in other

countries. She said the board would find the comparisons interesting.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Terry Bawden

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.