

# Granite School District

## Board of Education Meeting

December 3, 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 5:20 p.m., 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

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Superintendent Bates congratulated the Support Services Department for being awarded the Most Outstanding Large K-12 School by Utah Construction & Design. The award was given for the new Granger High.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Gandy stated the need for an Executive Meeting.

**Motion:**            **I move we go into Executive Meeting to discuss litigation & land transactions.**

Made by: Sarah Meier  
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

President Gandy polled the Board.

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

### **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:04 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 acknowledged Senator Karen Mayne and introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Crista Holt	GEA
Jan Richards	GAEOP
Kathy Roos	
David Shell	GESPA
Julie Lorentzon	GASA

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

Jared Reynolds	Principal, Jefferson Junior
Amber Clayton	Principal, Granger Elementary
Marla Wharton	Principal, Hillsdale Elementary
Sharon Sonnenreich	Principal, Hillside Elementary
Jared Broderick	Principal, Jackling Elementary
Dorthea Gray	Principal, Lake Ridge Elementary
Kyle Anderson	Assistant Principal, Granite Connect
Dave Gatti	Assistant Principal, Granger High
Scott Bell	Assistant Principal, Matheson Junior
Mike Douglas	Assistant Principal, Driggs Elementary/ Fox Hills Elementary
Jolynn Koehler	Intern Assistant Principal, Brockbank Junior
Shari Bradley	Intern Assistant Principal, Bennion Junior

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Sharon Sonnenreich, Principal, Hillside Elementary

Reverence: Taylorsville High Madrigals presented two songs under the direction of Leah Tarrant.

President Gandy announced starting in January 2014 the reverence will be given by representatives from schools. It will be coordinated through the Communications office.

**MAYORS PARTICIPATION** - None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Senator Karen Mayne thanked the District for hosting her colleagues and taking them on tours of Granger and Kearns High Schools where they were able to see what the schools were like and how they functioned. They found the information very beneficial. She also expressed her thanks to the Board for revisiting and clarifying the policy on job absenteeism (Attendance and Job Abandonment Policy – IX.A.1.t.). She explained that she had been approached by employees regarding issues directly related to this policy. She had come to the District and asked them to revisit the policy and they had. She asked that upon approval this policy be circulated to all employees. Dr. Bates assured her it would be.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes: November 12 & 19, 2014

Purchases:

- ~~1. Mobile Device Management Software, Network Consulting Services – \$144,500.00~~
2. Microsoft Premier Software Support, Microsoft Corporation - \$88,945.00
3. Firewall Computer Equipment for Information Systems, DirSec, Inc. - \$54,070.00
4. Laser Engraving Systems, High Country Technology Consultants - \$63,220.00

Award of Contracts

1. IT Programming Services, AeroTek - \$200,000.00

Personnel:

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

Stephen Hess	Project Director, Leadership Grant	1-21-14
Marijean Woolf	Administrator Specialist, Leadership Grant	1-21-14
Merla Bybee	Assistant Director, Adult and Community Ed	1-21-14

#### Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summaries - \$1,829,525.97
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$15,965,084.31
3. Principals Cash Report –October 2013
4. Monthly Budget Report – October 2013

#### School LAND Trust Adjustments

Dr. Bates asked that the purchase of Mobile Device Management Software be pulled from the Consent Agenda because it needed further study.

**Motion:**            **I move that we pull the Mobile Device Management Software purchase from this Consent Agenda and approve the remaining items.**

Made by:            Connie Burgess

Seconded by:      Sarah Meier

Called for vote:    President Gandy

Results:            Carried Unanimously

#### **INFORMATION ITEM**

##### 2015-2016 School Calendars

Mr. Hansen presented the 2015-2016 options for school calendars as follows

- Option A – School begins Aug. 19, 2015, two full weeks of Winter Recess, Spring Recess 3 days and a weekend, school ends Friday May 27, 2016
- Option B - School begins August 24, 2015, two full weeks of Winter recess, Spring recess 4 days and a weekend, school ends June 3, 2016
- Fall Recess, Thanksgiving Recess and Winter Recess the same for both options

The Board gave their approval to take these options out to teachers, students and parents.

## **FIRST READING**

### Annual Student Population Review Procedures Policy Amendments

Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services, presented the Annual Student Population Review Procedures, Article VII.G. This policy was discussed at length during the November 19<sup>th</sup> study session. Additional language as suggested by the Board had been added.

“D.4. In developing potential solutions, the population analysis committee shall seek to maximize opportunities for students and provide the most effective and efficient access possible to District facilities, programs, and resources. To achieve balance among competing interests, the population analysis committee shall consider factors that include, but are not limited to the following:

h. Rational and consistent feeder patterns “

Mr. Lofgren commented on the paragraph in D.4. He would like additional wording clarifying the term “neighborhood school”. He proposed the Board pass this as a First Reading. He would then convey the additional wording to Mr. Larson who would circulate it to the Board and if they were in agreement it would be added prior to the Second Reading of the policy.

**Motion: I move we approve this as a First Reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. 2014-2015 Fee Schedules

Mr. Hansen stated that the 2014-2015 Fee Schedule for secondary schools had no opposition and is the same as the one presented in the November 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**Motion: I move we approve the 2014-2015 Fee Schedules as a Second Reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2. Attendance & Job Abandonment Policy Article 1X.A.1.t.

Mr. Larson explained that the following item was added for clarification regarding the American Disability Act (ADA).

“D.3. The ADA coordinator in the District Benefits Office is responsible to assist employees making requests based upon disabilities and serious health conditions and provide employees information regarding the same.”

**Motion: I move approval on the Second Reading of the Attendance & Job Abandonment Policy.**

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 Skyline Town Hall Meeting scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He announced Dr. Darryl Thomas, Director, Student Assessment, would be retiring the end of December. Dr. Thomas has coordinated the audio visual for Board meetings for many years. He has been in education for more than 40years. He was thanked by the Board and congratulated on his retirement.

The Board also thanked Dr. David Gourley for his many years of service to the students of Granite. He started as a classroom teacher and moved into administration. He is currently the Assistant Superintendent in Support Services. He will also be retiring the end of December.

Mrs. Anderson reported that she and Mrs. Burgess had attended the Ribbon cutting at Armstrong Academy. They were impressed with the enthusiasm of the community, parents, and students. These types of events are a high points of being a board member.

Mrs. Burgess suggested a sign identifying the school's name be placed on the back of the building by the parking area at Armstrong Academy. Placing a sign there would be helpful for those parking in the rear.

Mrs. Meier had also taken a tour of Armstrong Academy and was excited about the educational opportunities that students would have at this STEM school. She reported she had attended the Cyprus High musical, Tom Sawyer, and it was delightful. Mrs. Meier recommended that the Board read an article in the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Deseret News that quoted Senator Osmond and his three proposals for legislation.

President Gandy agreed that the Armstrong Academy is a beautiful school and she had enjoyed her visit there. She drew the Board's attention to the many school musicals that are being performed and encouraged them to attend.

**Motion:            I move we adjourn.**

Made by:            Dan Lofgren

Seconded by:      Connie Anderson

Called for vote:    President Gandy

Results:            Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.