

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

April 8, 2014

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. Vice President Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 5:02 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
Donald Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	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. Young Parent Program Relocation Recommendations.

Superintendent Bates explained before a program is relocated the district carefully studies available options. Relocating the Young Parent Program (YPP) will give students more opportunities for additional classes. Rick Anthony, Principal, Granite Connection High and Granite Peaks School presented the proposed changes.

There has been significant progress in the YPP program. More students are accessing the Granite Technical Institute (GTI) and 40% are dual enrolled and taking one or more classes at comprehensive high schools. They are participating in extracurricular activities at their home

school. Many are accessing online and blended Granite Connection High courses and some are graduating early.

The recommendation to physically relocate YPP to the Granite Connections location will allow non-traditional students even greater access to flexible learning options. Students will have great access to the GTI's closer proximity, dual enrollment option with transportation to all comprehensive high schools, individualized learning labs on site, library/computer labs and technology support, English Language Learner (ELL) classes, special education classes, adult education transition and additional security. Services now available to the YPP students would continue to be available (child care, breakfast and lunch services). Transportation will continue to be provided.

The current budget for YPP with contract payroll, hourly payroll and supplies totaled \$995,500. The proposed changes would reassign the administrator and 6.67 teachers. One teacher and one counselor would move with the program. The hourly payroll and supplies would remain the same. With the changes the new proposed budget would be \$342,500.

FTE at Granite Connection High is 17.5 and the school enrollment varies between 200-300 students. The additional 75 students from YPP would raise the class average to 15. Mr. Anthony showed a map of the school with the locations for the program highlighted. He assured the Board that there was enough room for the program to operate and, if necessary, expand. (Exhibit #14-24)

Mrs. Anderson asked how the displaced YPP teachers would be reassigned. It was explained they would be surplus. However, they would all be given the opportunity to apply for the one teaching position that moves with the students.

Mr. Lofgren asked about the waiting list for qualifying students to be admitted to the program. Ms. Liddell, Principal, YPP, explained there was no waiting list and had not been for several years. The only time a student would be put on a waiting list is if the child care quota was full.

President Gandy stated that she was impressed with the proposed changes and the additional opportunities for the students. The Board agreed with her and gave their support for relocating YPP.

2. Grade Reconfiguration Reports

Granger High went to a 9-12 grade configuration in the 2013-2014 school year. When originally approved the Board asked that the schools involved, Valley and West Lake Junior Highs and Granger High report back to the Board their experiences with the new configuration.

Valley and West Lake Junior High Schools

David Holt, Principal, Valley Junior and Ike Spencer, Principal, West Lake Junior presented information regarding the change to a 7-8 grade configuration.

Both schools reported improvements in overall climate, programs from the Utah Behavior Initiative were more effective with the smaller student body, and common consultation teaming could be built into the schedule. Fewer discipline problems were evident at both schools. Tardies are down and absentee rates significantly less. Academics and student growth showed a positive increase. Schedules, driven by 9th grade requirements, are no longer necessary. More attention to individual needs allowing time for extensions and interventions to be scheduled. West Lake reported higher average GPAs. Valley reported grade level teams worked successfully with more students. Honors students (135) learned new research programs and strategies and the students were giving positive feedback regarding interventions. Both schools have strong programs in music and theatre. Musicals are well done and intramurals draw a large number of students with great success. Wrestling and track programs still compete with other junior highs in their appropriate levels.

Challenges experienced include loss of Career Technical Education (CTE) monies and equipment when the 9th grade moved to high school. The teachers have more preparation in some cases because of addition subjects they teach. Half-time/shared teachers present some challenges. Many feel the loss of athletic competitions with other schools. Valley stated it is harder to create a master schedule with the smaller student body. (Exhibit #14-25)

Granger High School

Jerry Haslam, Principal, and Michele Callahan, Assistant Principal, reported on the addition of 9th grade to Granger High. All core classes and lockers are located in a common area for the 9th grade students. Counselors are also located in the same hall which gives students easier access. The teachers seem to have a heightened collegiality among each other and hold weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings and are collaborating. There have

been 80% fewer suspensions of 9th graders this year. Administrative Intervention Strategy (AIS) has dealt with discipline and there have been few repeat offenders.

Academic success has been evident. The 9th graders on line to graduate have risen from 71.4% to 80%. To date the average GPA's of the 9th grade for first and second quarters was up. The many successes include a greater opportunity for students to take upper level classes and an opportunity to participate in a broader variety of elective classes. There has been more involvement in athletics and opportunities for leadership roles. A greater access to the Career Center and GTI is available. There is a greater focus on school graduation and College and Career readiness during their entire freshmen year. Credit recovery can be started immediately after the first term and throughout the school year

Logistically the addition of 800+ students without adding additional staff (clerical, kitchen, administrative) has created an added burden. The scheduling and running three lunches and breakfast periods has created problems with inadequate set up time. Even with the new school there is insufficient class room space for 3 FTE. The influx of students brought the October 1, 2013 enrollment numbers to 2920 with all students included. Preliminary FTE counts were too low but Title I funds helped to supplement the FTE. Next year they expect 3000 students. Attendance data showed that absences have remained the same. The greatest spike seen was in tardies. (Exhibit # 14-26)

The Board thanked the all of the principals who had reported. They asked Mr. Haslam where they could help. Mr. Haslam stated that additional clerical help in the counseling office and the main office would be appreciated. When asked why the enrollment spike was so much higher, they were told that students living in the Granger High boundaries and had been attending private or charter schools were coming back. There were very few special permits.

Superintendent Bates thanked the principals also and pledged to help with their challenges.

Mr. Bawden acknowledged Mr. Haslam's retirement and thanked him for his years of excellent service to Granite.

The Board adjourned for dinner at 6:17 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:01 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:

Dawn Warner	Region V PTA
Karen Bates	
Kathy Newton	GEF
Anne Reese	
Susen Zobel	GEA
Kathleen Riebe	
Crista Holt	
Vickie Burrow	GAEOP
Teresa Himmelberger	
Dave Shell	GESPA
Else Salmond	
Bobbie Bringhurst	
Julie Lorentzon	GASA
Mary Anne Stevens	

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

Doug Bingham	Principal, Skyline High
Mary Anne Stevens	Principal, Kennedy Junior
Waisea Lesuma	Assistant Principal, Taylorsville High
Josh LeRoy	Assistant Principal, Olympus High
Sherri Branch	Assistant Principal, Eisenhower Junior
Milicent Larsen-Fogarty	Principal, Bridger Elementary
Nykola Patton	Principal, Smith Elementary
Julie Lorentzon	Principal, South Kearns Elementary
Vicki Ricketts	Principal, Spring Lane Elementary
Ernie Broderick	Principal, Stansbury Elementary
Michelle Love-Day	Principal, Taylorsville Elementary
Christine Christensen	Principal, Truman Elementary

Jadee Talbot Assistant Principal, Stansbury Elementary/
West Kearns Elementary

President Gandy requested those running for Board of Education to introduce themselves.
They are:

Terry Bawden-Precinct V
Connie Burgess-Precinct III
Julene Jolley-Precinct VI
Sarah Winder-Precinct VI
Mike Brennen – Utah State School Board

Media: Lisa Schencker, Salt Lake Tribune

Pledge of Allegiance: Megan Myres, 6th Grade, Spring Lane Elementary

Reverence: Spring Lane Elementary Choir – Director, Tammy Hemmert, Accompanist, Clyde Fowler.

RECOGNITION

1. State Swimming Champions

Mr. Horsley announced the individual state swimming 4A Champions from Skyline High- Lillian Moore, Ali Dibble, Dani Zebelean, Sophie Brooks, Shelby Dibble, Claire Brooks, Audrey Miller, James Sorensen, D. Steed, Adam Shelton, and McKay Chamberlain. Claire Jackson, Hunter High, was also recognized as well as Bryce Pearson from Kearns High.

Doug Bingham, Principal, Skyline High, recognized swimming coach Joe Perrera who had been named State Coach of the Year, and Coach of the Year from National Federation of High Schools. Coach Perrera praised his students for their hard work and determination. The Board commended Coach Perrera and the students for their excellence in swimming.

2. State Wrestling Champions

Mr. Horsley introduced Roy Nash, State 5A Wrestling Champion, from Taylorsville High and acknowledged Colton Grossaint, State 4A Champion, from Kearns High. The Board commended the students on their accomplishments.

3. Administrative Office Professional Week

Ben Horsley announced the week of April 21-25, 2014 as Office Professional's Week. He asked Vickie Burrow, President of Granite Association of Educational Office Personnel (GAEOP) to introduce the 2014 GAEOP award recipients. They are:

Administrator of the Year – Brenda Van Gorder, Director, Pre-School Services

Office Professional of the Year - Karen Bowden, Principal's Secretary, West Lake Junior

Part-time Professional of the Year - Stephanie Matsamas, Lunch Secretary, Sandburg Elementary

She also introduced Jana Klein, Director's Secretary, Communications Department, as the Granite Education Foundation C.A.R.E. award recipient.

Mrs. Burrow acknowledged the 2013-2014 GAEOP Executive Board and the upcoming 2014-2015 Board. She thanked them for their service and devotion to the Office Professionals in Granite District. President Gandy read a proclamation setting apart April 23rd specifically as Office Professional Day. (Exhibit #14-27)

MAYOR PARTICIPATION - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: March 4 & 18, 2014

Purchases:

1. White Multi-Purpose Copy Paper, Costco - \$105,000.00
2. Alignment Equipment for Olympus High, Mohawk Resources - \$72,679.02
3. Mower for Grounds Shop, RMT Equipment - \$63,636.00
4. Fertilizing and Weed Control, Perfection Pest Control - \$67,999.50
5. Carpet for Kennedy Jr. High, Shaw Contract Group – \$86,418.00
6. Software Support for Information Systems, QSS - \$82,570.88

Award of Contracts

1. Auditing Services Contract, Squire & Company, PC - \$370,000.00

2. Amended – Teacher Observation and Evaluation Software, ObserverTab, LLC - \$162,567.00

Change Order

Removal of Cisterns at Olympus High, \$85,726.30

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments and Transfers – All Effective July1, 2014

Appointments:

Steve Hogan	Director, Planning & Boundaries
Sheri Kennedy	Associate Director, Special Education
David Dunn	Principal, Granger High
Craig Stauffer	Principal, Hunter High
Steve Perschon	Principal, Olympus High
Christine Straatman	Principal, Brockbank Junior
Teri Roylance	Principal, Churchill Junior
Mark Ellermeier	Principal, Eisenhower Junior
Amber Anderson	Assistant Principal, Evergreen Junior
Michael Douglas	Principal, Driggs Elementary
Matt Goebel	Principal, Rolling Meadows Elementary
Jadee Talbot	Principal, Wilson Elementary
Rick Winters	Assistant Principal, Cyprus High
Phillip Morris	Assistant Principal, Kearns High
Emily Liddell	Assistant Principal, Taylorsville High
Ryan Shaw	Assistant Principal, Taylorsville High
Teri Daynes	Assistant Principal, Plymouth Elementary/ Wilson Elementary
Jolynn Koehler	Assistant Principal, Granger Elementary
Robyn Roper	Assistant Principal, Hillsdale Elementary/ Vista Elementary

Transfers:

Dona Harris	Principal, Elk Run Elementary
Andy Carbaugh	Principal, Frost Elementary
Karen Gregory	Principal, Smith Elementary

Nykola Patton	Principal, Silver Hills Elementary
Jennifer Reed	Principal, Upland Terrace Elementary
Dottie Alo	Assistant Principal, Ganger High
Ken Auld	Assistant Principal, Hunter High
Tysen Fausett	Assistant Principal, Kearns High
Ryan Oaks	Assistant Principal, Skyline High
Brett Bawden	Assistant Principal, Armstrong Elementary/ West Kearns Elementary
Leona Chandler	Assistant Principal, Valley Crest Elementary
Renee DeHaan	Assistant Principal, Elk Run Elementary/ Smith Elementary
Linda Fiack	Assistant Principal, Stansbury Elementary
Mary Beth Schmidt	Assistant Principal, Fox Hills Elementary/ Monroe Elementary

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$3,424,525.60
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$37,949,764.41
3. Principals Cash Report –February 2014 & March 2014

Summer Construction Projects

GESPA Negotiation Team

2014-15 Daily School Time Schedule

Human Sexuality Materials

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

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Julene Jolley

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Carried Unanimously

Mr. Adams, Ms. Mariotti, and Mr. Fraser introduced those in attendance who had been named in the Administrative Appointments and Transfers. The appointees introduced their families and guests who were with them.

ACTION ITEM

Facility Use, Guidelines & Rules - Article VII.B.2.

“This policy will bring the District into compliance with federal and state law. No changes were proposed during the first reading and the policy is presented for second reading without modifications or additions.”

Motion: **I move we approve the Facility Use, Guidelines & Rules Policy as a second reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy
Results: Motion Carried Unanimously

REPORTS

Dr. Bates reminded the Board about the USBA Spring Regional Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th, at 6:00 p.m. The Olympus High Town Hall Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Jolley thanked Mr. Horsley and his department for their timely and continued use of social media to keep the public informed about Granite School District.

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 7:58 p.m.