

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting December 2, 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. President Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken and those in attendance were:

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

Excused:	
Terry Bawden	Vice President

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin W. Bates	Superintendent
David F. Garrett	Business Administrator/Treasurer
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

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

Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations, they were:

Dawn Warner	PTA, Region V
Kathy Newton	GEF
Susen Zobel	GEA
Crista Holt	
Mike McDonough	
Kathy Roos	GEAOP
Carol Berlin	
Tracy Atkin	GESPA
Else Salmond	
David Shell	
Malynda Cloward	GASA
Tina West	

Mark Manning, High School Director, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Devon Hartley	Principal, GTI
Mark Grant	Principal, Evergreen Junior
Danny Stirland	Principal, Granite Park Junior
Michelle Love-Day	Principal, Taylorsville Elementary
Marilyn Laughlin	Principal, Sandburg Elementary
Malynda Cloward	Principal, Roosevelt Elementary
Matt Goebel	Principal, Rolling Meadows Elementary
Leslie Bell	Principal, Redwood Elementary
Tysen Fausett	Assistant Principal, Kearns High
John Workman	Assistant Principal, Hunter High
Brandon Moore	Intern Assistant Principal, Granger High
Dusten Keppner	Assistant Principal, Olympus Junior
Scott Bell	Assistant Principal, Matheson Junior
Nichole Higgins	Assistant Principal, Gourley Elementary/ Wright Elementary

Newly elected board member Karyn Winder, Precinct VI, was acknowledged.

Media: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Grant, Evergreen Junior

Reverence: Alek Hernandez, Cyprus High, presented a song from the school musical King & I. He was accompanied by Kerry Moore.

RECOGNITION

Ms. Jolley, who was stepping down after 16 years of service was recognized by the Board. Mrs. Gandy and Superintendent Bates expressed the District's and Board's appreciation for her work as a board member for the students and patrons of Granite. Each board member commented on how her understanding of the educational process, love for students, and sense of humor had been beneficial to the Board. An engraved stein indicating Granite School District and her years of service was presented to her. She expressed to the Board how much she had enjoyed her time spent as a member. She commented that the District and the Board are the finest and she would continue to follow their progress. She was given a standing ovation.

MAYORS PARTICIPATION - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: November 18, 2014

Purchases:

1. Microsoft EES Software Licenses, Insight - \$272,820.74
2. SuccessMaker Education Software, NCS Pearson - \$173,434.52
3. Boiler Replacements at Beehive and Fox Hills Elementary Schools, Mechanical Service - \$179,800.00

Award of Contract

Microsoft Premier Software Support, Microsoft Corporation - \$91,215.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Reappointment of Business Administrator
4. Administrative Appointment/Transfer

Shauna Jensen Principal, West Valley Elementary

Financial Reports

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$1,982,685.90
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$26,054,883.47

Human Sexuality Curriculum Materials

Purchase of Land at 3610 South 900 West

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

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Julene Jolley

Called for vote: President Gandy
Results: Carried Unanimously

Mike Fraser introduced Ms. Jensen who had just been appointed as principal of West Valley Elementary.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2015-16 Secondary Fee Schedules

Mr. Manning reported there were no recommended changes to the Secondary Fee Schedules from the 2014-15 school year. No requests for changes had been received since the First Reading.

Motion: **I move we accept the 2015-16 Secondary Fee Schedules as presented.**

Made by: Connie Anderson

Secoded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

2. Population Analysis Committee (PAC) Recommended Solutions

Steve Hogan, Director, Planning and Boundaries, reviewed the proposal for a change in the feeder pattern to Taylorsville High from Bennion Junior. The change would take all students living in the Bennion Junior boundary area and feed them into Taylorsville High. At the present time 50% of students attending Bennion Junior from Bennion Elementary are assigned to Cottonwood High. He reported that both an open house and a survey for patrons living in the proposed boundary area had been conducted. The input verified the communities' support of the change (155 in favor, 33 not in favor). It had been presented to the Taylorsville Mayor and City Council and they were anxious to go forward. His office had received no comments or input from the community since the Frist Reading at the November 18 board meeting.

The Population Analysis Committee had met again and carefully studied the Annual Student Population Review Policy (Article VII.G.1). It states in D.4,

“Acknowledging the importance of our public schools as community assets that foster community-wide support for education and encourage and create a sense of cohesion and cooperation in the communities and neighborhoods of the District, the ‘Population Analysis Committee’ shall seek to reinforce the concept of neighborhoods schools . . . Further, the committee shall endeavor to maximize opportunities for students and provide effective and efficient access to District facilities, programs and resources while respecting the paramount importance of student safety.”

The PAC continues to recommend the change to the boundaries. (Exhibit #15-18)

Mr. Lofgren asked what the downside to the change would be. The Board discussed the possibility of Cottonwood High considering a 9-12 grade configuration in the future and it would mean another change for their community. There had also been concern over losing teachers because of decreased enrollment. The adjustment would impact approximately 190 students over a 2-3 year period. Dr. Bates commented that with some faculty retiring attrition could resolve that issue. Students currently enrolled at Cottonwood and living in the Taylorsville area would still be bused for two years. Students could continue to attend Cottonwood and graduate. Special permits would also be available in succeeding years.

Motion: **I move that we approve the Bennion Junior High boundary change starting in the fall of 2015.**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Julene Jolley

Called for vote: President Gandy
Results: YES: Sarah Meier
NO: Connie Anderson
Julene Jolley
Connie Burgess
Gayleen Gandy
Dan Lofgren

3. Search & Seizure Policy – Article V.C.13

Proposed policy modifications were reviewed by Doug Larson, Policy and Compliance. State law requires a search and seizure policy. During the First Reading several areas were identified for amendment. Mr. Larsen reviewed the proposed changes for the Second Reading.

1. Definitions, B.1. -“Appropriate Official” means an administrator employed by the District or law enforcement officer.
2. General Search and Seizure Principles, C.2 – better defined the limitation of searches.
3. Search and Seizure Procedure, D.2 – Searches by same gender Appropriate Official and witnessed by same gender staff member. Searches are not invasive. It would be such things as an individual turning out their pockets, taking off their shoes, emptying their backpack, etc.
4. Parent Notification, G – Parents will be advised of all student searches and seizures of property.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

George Edwards, 6445 Laurel Canyon Drive, SLC, UT, addressed the Board regarding the Search and Seizure Policy. He acknowledged that great responsibility has been given to teachers and administrators in a “quasi-parental” role when it comes to illegal activities. He had several concerns to discuss.

1. What kind of training is being given to teachers and staff so they will be able to implement this policy?
2. He was uncomfortable with the implicated threat of a criminal investigation and criminal procedures for a policy violation.
3. There was concern regarding “reasonable suspicion” of a policy infraction to pat down or search students.
4. His secondary students do take medication and he did not want them to be disciplined for having their medication with them at school.

(Exhibit 15-19)

Dr. Bates explained that teachers are not authorized to conduct searches. Administrators are trained in that area. Searches would not be as invasive as Mr. Edwards had suggested. He invited him to visit with Mr. Larson for clarification on the specific areas of his concerns. Mrs. Gandy thanked him for his input.

Motion: **I move we accept the Search & Seizure Policy as corrected.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Superintendent Bates reminded the Board of a Town Hall Meeting scheduled at Cyprus High on Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

President Gandy asked that the board study session scheduled for January 20, 2015 be moved to January 27. The District Community Council Meeting scheduled for January 27 would be moved to January 20. The Board agreed with the change.

Mrs. Meier and Mrs. Anderson both commented on the excellent musicals they had attended in the secondary schools in the past month. They complimented the students and teachers for involving a large amount of students and producing very polished performances.

Mr. Lofgren reflected on his association with Ms. Jolley. He said although their views were sometimes different, he considered it a privilege to have served with her and to call her his friend.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Julene Jolley

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Gandy

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.