

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
July 7, 2015

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. Gayleen Gandy called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President (arrived late)
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member
Excused:	
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Dan Lofgren	Board Member

The following members of the administration were present:

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

Merilyn Boekweg, Board Recorder and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were also in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Barbering and Cosmetology Program.

Ms. Mariotti shared history and research about the program. As the program has progressed since 1999, questions are being asked whether this is a successful career pathway. Wage data suggests in the State of Utah, cosmetology wages are near the poverty mark. A very small percentage of students who start the program actually earn a license and with a limited number of positions available, the market is very saturated with licensed cosmetologists. Our program is viewed as competition with other cosmetology schools so we are not getting support from the industry. CTE recommendation is that we “teach out” the 447 students currently enrolled. We have new initiatives in the works which schools counselor will share with all students.

SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD REPORTS

Dr. Bates and Mrs. Meier recently attended a NFUSSD mid-year conference in Chicago and came back with some good information. We (Granite District) are preparing for the October NFUSSD conference. We hosted Democratic legislators last week where we shared a budget presentation. Republican legislators will be coming July 8 for the same presentation. One of the legislators last week asked what we would do if we had additional funding. Dr. Bates shared some budget priorities if additional funding was received.

Mrs. Gandy reported there are currently 10 students in Japan for a few weeks sponsored by the Magna/Ozawa partnership. Two years ago the Magna community received 30 trees from Ozawa, our students are planting a tree in Ozawa this year.

Mrs. Meier said Stan Lockhart has been appointed to fill the State Board vacancy. The Ed Interim Committee is meeting on July 15, 8:30 a.m. if board members are interested in attending.

President Bawden announced the USBA Leadership Academy will be Sept 17-19, 2015. He encouraged board members interested to sign up to attend, Zermatt Resort in Midway.

Adjournment for a dinner break at 5:50 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. President Bawden welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations:

Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Judith Simmons-Kissell	GASA

Pledge of Allegiance: Judith Simmons-Kissell

Reverence: Mrs. Gandy shared some Dr. Seuss quotes on leadership, reading and education.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - see below

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, June 16, 2015

Purchases:

1. Conventional Cab and Chassis Trucks for Central Kitchen, Kenworth Sales - \$129,232.04
2. Dry Freight Van Bodies for Central Kitchen, D & A Truck Equipment - \$51,230.00

3. Interior Painting at Hunter High, CRC Construction - \$391,562.00
4. Office and Computer Lab Furniture for Cyprus High, Henricksen Butler Design Group - \$166,772.15
5. Office and Computer Lab Furniture for Hunter High, Henricksen Butler Design Group - \$118,069.56
6. Destiny Software Licenses, Follett Software - \$52,225.68
7. School Lunch Program Software, PCS Revenue - \$61,018.00
8. Hardware Support and Software Updates for Cisco Smartnet Equipment, MSN Communication - \$67,480.90
9. Lighting Upgrades at Mill Creek Elementary, Advanced Lighting - \$71,512.04
10. Security Upgrade at Upland Terrace Elementary. Jardine Malaska - \$165,754.00

Award of Contracts:

1. District Communication Automated Calling System, Edulink System - \$66,500.00
2. District-Wide Facility Condition Assessment, MOCA - \$788,394.00

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Administrative Appointments/Transfers, effective July 8, 2015

Appointments:

John Anderson	Principal Wasatch Junior
Ann Kane	Principal Mill Creek Elementary
Rebecca Ibarra	Assistant Principal Valley Junior

Transfers:

Christine Judd	Associate Director Human Resources
Shauna Nordgren	Assistant Principal Wasatch Junior
Allison Banks	Assistant Principal Stansbury Elementary
Linda Fiack	Assistant Principal, Redwood and Vista Elementaries
Brett Bawden	Assistant Principal, Farnsworth and Morningside Elementaries

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$8,247,085.38
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers - \$41,788,434.47
3. Principals Cash Reports - May 2015

LAND Trust Amendments

Grade Reconfiguration, Cottonwood High

Grade Reconfiguration, Cyprus High

Motion: **I move that we move the two grade reconfigurations from the consent agenda and make those action items.**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for a vote: President Bawden
Results: Carried Unanimously

Motion: I move that we accept the items on the consent agenda.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for a vote: President Bawden
Results: Carried Unanimously

Mr. Fraser introduced the new appointees, who then introduced their guests.

ACTION ITEMS

President Bawden invited the two individuals registered for Citizen Participation to speak:

Sue Ellen Cummings, 2460 Ellisonwoods Ave, SLC 84121. She represents the parents who elected her to the community councils. She has studied and researched and found no indication that this move benefits students. Ninth grade is crucial and many students drop out feeling lost in a large school. Extracurricular activities are important to Bonneville Jr. Strong junior high feeder schools make a strong high school.

Clark Nelson, 5181 S Saddleback Dr, SLC 84121. Discussion from last month said it all. There is nothing new. The community council supports the concept. Bonneville can even be better on a 7-8 grade configuration. Survey results speak for themselves to support the proposal. There is a small group against, but the majority support.

Grade Reconfiguration, Cottonwood High

Board discussion: We have strengthened the role of community councils and this is a perfect example of how community councils work. Emails received mirror the same percentages for/against as the survey results. There is a planning year for patrons and employees to give input on making the move successful.

Motion: I move that we approve the reconfiguration of Cottonwood High School to a 9-12 configuration.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for a vote: President Bawden
Results: Carried Unanimously

Grade Reconfiguration, Cyprus High

Board discussion: Process has worked very well in the Cyprus community.

Motion: **I move that we accept the reconfiguration at Cyprus High School to be a 9-12 high school.**

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for a vote: President Bawden

Results: Carried Unanimously

Board members thanked those who made comments and sent emails. They encourage each community to support the decisions and make the schools successful.

INFORMATION ITEM

Freshman/Sophomore Soccer Program.

Ms. Mariotti introduced Dave Vande Veegaete, athletic/P.E. specialist, who presented the information (Exhibit #1601). Popularity and growth of soccer throughout the world is huge and this program will make soccer available to freshman and sophomore students. We can set up a great pilot program with Canyons School District. Mr. Vande Veegaete outlined costs (coaching, transportation, and uniforms) associated with the program. Three high schools, Kearns, Granger and Hunter will participate in the program with approximately 120 students will be involved. The pilot program would be evaluated at the end of the year.

Board discussion: Do we offer a soccer intramural programs in jr high? Yes, it is coordinated through PE classes. Then the schools have a one week tournament to play each other. This freshman/sophomore program will be a great opportunity for our students.

FIRST READINGS

Board Policies, Article II, Board of Education. Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services Director, presented the following policies as First Readings:

Article II.A. The Board of Education of Granite School District

This policy was updated to be consistent with Utah State Statue regarding the makeup, functions, and elections of the Board and the role of the Board President.

Article II.B. Authority, Powers, Rights, and Responsibilities of the Board of Education

This policy was updated to be consistent with Utah State Statue regarding the authority, powers, rights, and responsibilities granted to the Board by state law. The text of the precious Article II.B. was removed and incorporated into Article II.A.

Article II.C. Board of Education Commitments and Ethics

This policy combined various statements regarding commitments and ethics of the Board into one policy. The policy was also updated to reflect statutory changes such as an updated statement regarding antidiscrimination. The former content of this policy was moved to Article II.A. and Article II.D.

Article II.D. Board of Education Meetings

Little was changed in this policy other than to update some provisions consistent with state statute.

Article II.E. Procedures for Making, Amending, and Repealing District Policies

This policy modified only slightly to clarify some policy making processes and update the references to current state code.

Article II.F. Educator Evaluation Program

This policy was updated to be consistent with the current practices in the District and to reflect the recent modifications in the state law.

Article II.G. Specifically Reserved Board of Education Rights

This section was simply moved from section II.H to section II.G. The former content was consolidated and moved to section II.D.

Article II.H. Official District Communications

This section was simplified; names of individual Board members and the superintendent were removed so the policy does not need to be updated every time a new individual fills a position.

Article II.I. Conference Attendance and Business Travel

This policy was moved from section II.Q. and the content is unchanged.

Article II.J. Charter Schools

This policy was moved from section II.D. and the content is unchanged.

Article II.K. Granite School District Community Council

This policy was unchanged except erroneous language about the council year was removed.

Board discussion: The policies will be posted online for 14 days so the public can have input. Citizen participation time was discussed. If board members have any questions, they should contact Mr. Larson. President Bawden encouraged all board members to become familiar with board ethics.

Motion: I move we approve as a first reading the board policy article II.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Dr. Bates and Mr. Garrett honored Merilynn Boekweg, board recorder and business department secretary, who will retiring July 15. Board members also thanked her for her service.

President Bawden reminded board members that on August 4, the Truth in Taxation hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.