

# Granite School District

## Board of Education Meeting

August 4, 2015

A board meeting for Granite School District was held in the board room at 2500 South State Street. President Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. A roll call of board members was taken, board members present:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

Sarah Meier, Board Member, excused.

The following members of the administration were present:

Martin Bates	Superintendent
David Garrett	Business Administrator
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Mike Fraser	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent

John Welburn, Assistant Superintendent, excused.

Ben Horsley, Director Communications Department, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations:

Sydney Johnson	Region V PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Karen Bowden	GAEOP
Kathy Roos	GAEOP
Judith Simmons-Kissell	GASA
Dave Clark	GESPA

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Fraser

Reverence: Terry Bawden shared two quotes about the benefits of education.

### **TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**

Mitch Robison, Director, Budget Development, outlined the Truth in Taxation process. On June 1, 2015 the proposed fiscal year 2015-16 budget was made available to the public through the district web site. On June 16 a Budget Hearing was held where the tentative budget was approved and the

tentative tax rate was set. Newspaper advertisements were published and Salt Lake County mailed property tax notices ([www.propertytax.slco.org](http://www.propertytax.slco.org)) and the Truth in Taxation Hearing scheduled.

Budget estimates for 2015-2016 were reviewed:

Estimated revenue changes	\$14,968.803
Required spending increases	-1,167.699
Proposed tax rate increase (charter school funding)	859,119
Negotiation/contractual considerations	-14,070,396
Budget adjustments	<u>-589,827</u>
Balance	\$ 0

The proposed tax is set at 0.006978. This rate is below the state average and is lower than most of the other Wasatch front school districts.

Property tax notices mailed by the Salt Lake County Auditor's office were reviewed. Granite personnel were available for interested parties with instructions and forms on how appeal their individual notices. Individuals could contact Salt Lake County for more information. The deadline for this appeal is September 15, 2015. (Exhibit #1602)

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Kelsey White, 771 University Village. She is a research analyst with the Utah Taxpayer's Association. Legislature has already increased property taxes this year as well as the gas tax. She realizes that these increases are beyond the District's control. The amount going to charter schools amount is valid because costs go down for the district as the kids leave our schools to attend charter schools. She asks the board to reconsider adding additional taxes. As tax payers are tightening their budgets, she asks the board to tighten the District's budget.

Cassie Minousky, 2845 E 5490 South. Any increase in revenue that Granite needs should come from parents whose children attend Granite schools. Parents should be taxed for each child attending school.

Curtis Parker, 5641 S Cross Park Drive. As a person on a fixed income increased taxes are not in his budget.

Points from the board discussion:

It is difficult to consider increasing taxes. We have made significant cuts the past few years. Board members live with similar expenses, but we know that children are benefiting from this increase. The Board would very much like to pass on a 4% raise for our teachers who have not had a significant raise for quite some time. We need to retain good teachers as well as be able to attract new teachers.

**Motion: I move we adopt the 2015-16 budget and set the tax rate at .006978.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy  
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden  
Results: Carried Unanimously

**MAYOR PARTICIPATION** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** - John Joseph Luque, Jr, 496 E 3400 S. He shared a petition to unlock the Granite High School track and field from 6:00 a.m. to noon Monday thru Friday. He is disabled veteran who used the track to help him associate with others. He suggested that the grounds keeper, who works the morning hours, provide security. This action will encourage community involvement and comradery. Please reconsider opening. (Exhibit #1603)

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes, July 7, 2015

Purchases:

1. Recycling Stations, District Wide, Hyko Maintenance Supply - \$105,565.50
2. Auto Shop Equipment for Kearns High, Mohawk Resources LTD - \$57,836.35
3. Chiller at Magna Elementary, Pro Industrial Services - \$80,000.00
4. Metro Storage Stations for Central Kitchen, Staffard-Smith, Inc - \$71,100.00

Award of Contracts:

Rental of Pool and Tennis Courts for Kearns High, Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center - \$106,605.09

Change Orders:

Irrigation System Upgrade at Bennion Elementary, \$55,818.00

Personnel:

Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary - \$7,890,739.93
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$19,174,992.61
3. Principals Cash Reports, June 2015
4. Monthly Budget Report, June 2015

2016 Board Meeting Schedule

Interlocal Agreement with Salt Lake County, Eastwood Elementary Site Circulation Improvements

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

Made by: Connie Burgess  
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for a vote: President Bawden  
Results: Carried Unanimously

### **ACTION ITEM**

A motion was made to defer action to enable further dialogue on the policies outlined on the agenda.

**Motion: I make a motion to defer action on these policies to our next meeting and to continue dialogue.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren  
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden  
Results: Carried Unanimously

### **SUPERINTENDENT & BOARD REPORTS**

Superintendents Bates reminded board members of the administrative kick off Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., at Olympus High School. They are invited to spend as much time at Olympus as they would like.

**Motion: I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren  
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden  
Results: Carried Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.