

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

November 10, 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. President Terry Bawden called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Dan Lofgren	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

Gayleen Gandy, Board Member, was 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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

School Improvement Grant Process & Application

John Welburn and Mitch Nerdin began by explaining different evaluation programs used to identify Priority and Focus Title I schools. Both Priority and Focus schools are able to apply for School Improvement Grants (SIG), which are highly competitive grants, offered by the State. Granite currently has 4 schools with the Priority designation. After attending the roll-out of information about this program and considering the amount of available funds and the number of possible schools that could apply for those funds, the administration feels confident in receiving grants for our 2 highest ranking Priority schools: South Kearns Elementary and West Lake Junior High. Plans to make application for those schools are underway to bring additional resources to those schools to best meet the needs of students.

Board discussion included, if becoming a SIG school requires a disruption (a new principal, reconstitution of faculty) to the school, is it truly the best model to follow? After much discussion, it was agreed that yes, we should try this model because we want to move the schools

out of the Priority school designation. We've learned a lot from other schools (Granger High, Wilson, Lincoln, Roosevelt Elementaries) using different models of transformation. The administration truly believes this is the best model to use at this time. It is a great opportunity to develop a plan of action for the school, for faculty buy-in, for great collaboration and professional development. With the additional resources we expect these schools to become research and development schools, to develop plans that are replicable in other schools. (Exhibit #1615)

Possible Gifted Program Relocation

Linda Mariotti reported that district staff have received communications from parents, staff, school community council, and administration of Morningside Elementary stating that the building has become very crowded. It's getting increasingly difficult to schedule common areas (media center, computer lab, lunch room, gym). The student population has grown 10% in the past two years at Morningside. We have two district programs housed at Morningside, the Gifted Magnet and French Dual Immersion, both bringing additional students to the school. To address the capacity issue, student numbers have been studied in each program. The Gifted Magnet program draws 82% of its students from outside the Morningside boundaries. The Dual Immersion program draws only 37% from outside the boundaries. In considering the two programs, the Gifted Magnet would be easier to move. Looking at new locations to house this program, Oakwood Elementary is a logical choice. It is a recent rebuilt school that would allow space to accommodate the grades 1-6 gifted classrooms as well as having larger common spaces. This change will take place beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

Motion: I move that we adjourn into an executive session for land transactions.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Secoded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:05 p.m. in the board room. President Terry Bawden welcomed all in attendance for this session and a roll call of board members was taken. Superintendent Bates introduced others representing organizations:

Sydney Johnson	Region V PTA
Mindy Harding	Granger Council PTA
Carol Berlin	GAEOP
Diana Pennington	GAEOP
Amy Torres	GAEOP
Linda Eyring	GEA
Michelle Jones	GEA
Susen Zobel	GEA

Tracy Atkin GESPA
Mike Memmott GESPA

Gail Howe, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Christine Christensen	Principal, Truman Elementary
David Dunn	Principal, Granger High
Karen Gregory	Principal, Smith Elementary
Ann Kane	Principal, Mill Creek Elementary
Michelle Love-Day	Principal, Taylorsville Elementary
Vicki Ricketts	Principal, Spring Lane Elementary
Christine Straatman	Principal, Brockbank Junior
Tysen Fausett	Assistant Principal, Kearns High
Ryan Shaw	Assistant Principal, Taylorsville High
Karly Chavez	Intern Assist Principal, Monroe & Wright Elem
Megan Madsen	Intern Assist Principal, Granite Park Junior
Cory Martin	Intern Assist Principal, Eisenhower Junior

Pledge of Allegiance: Tysen Fausett

Reverence: Matheson Junior Show Choir, Show Stopperz, directed by Anita Elliott performed two numbers.

RECOGNITONS

Veterans Day

Ben Horsley invited all veterans to stand to be recognized and thanked them for their service.

Olympus High Tennis Team

For the second year in a row, the Olympus High tennis team earned the 4A State Championship. Steve Perschon, Principal, Olympus High, introduced students for recognition: Zaylie Collins, Emma Jewell, Elly Lloyd, McKenna Lloyd, Kate Longson, Sabrina Longson, and Mia Nebeker.

Academic All State Athletes

Dave Vande Veegaete, specialist, athletics/P.E. introduced students who have excelled in academics and well as athletics. Students recognized included those who participated in Cross Country: Vicky Nguyen (Taylorsville), Olivia Hoj (Olympus), Casey Rasmussen (Taylorsville); Football: Dallin Bettilyon (Olympus), Dayton Evans (Kearns), Oscar Hogan (Olympus); Golf: Nathaniel Fox (Olympus) Fergus Stevens (Cottonwood), Camron Tye (Taylorsville); Soccer: Jessica Hamblin (Hunter), Emma Heyn (Skyline), Jarrah Isom (Hunter); Tennis: Abigail Barney (Taylorsville), Aubrie Bohman (Granger), Cassandra Hilton (Kearns), McKenna Lloyd (Olympus), Kara Reed (Cottonwood); Volleyball: Kristina Baker (Cottonwood), McKenna Miller (Hunter).

American Education Week

November 16-20, 2015, has been designated American Education Week. Karyn Winder read a proclamation recognizing this designation. (Exhibit 1616)

Educational Support Professionals Day

November 18, 2015, has been designated Educational Support Professionals Day. A proclamation was read by Dan Lofgren. (Exhibit 1617)

Granite Education Foundation Outstanding Support Professionals

Brent Severe, Granite Education Foundation Executive Director, honored eight support professionals who were introduced by their supervisors. David Wilson (Transportation), Loni Brandol (Custodial Services), Tait Fors, Joe Lucero, David Greer, Brock Morgan, Steven Morrison, and Garrett Sutton, all from Surplus Warehouse.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, October 6, 2015

Purchases:

Security System for Information Systems, DirSec, Inc – \$76,325.00

Dough Divider for School Foods Program, Gemini Bakery – \$111,325.00

Horizontal Wrapper for School Foods Program, Ameripak – \$76,615.00

22' Cab & Chassis Truck for Central Warehouse, Rush Truck Centers of Utah – \$68,709.21

Microsoft Software Licenses, Insight – \$272,820.74

Woodcock Johnson Testing Kits, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – \$179,790.82

Award of Contract:

Site Improvements at Hunter High School, Acme Construction – \$86,100.00

Change Order:

Football fields at Skyline & Cyprus High Schools, Sprint Turf – \$354,138.25

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary = \$3,972,171.83
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers = \$36,851,213.79
3. Principals Cash Reports – September 2015
4. Monthly Budget Reports – September and October 2015

UDOT Agreement

LAND Trust Amendments

Utah Consolidated Application Plan

Focus School Plans for Oquirrh Hills and South Kearns Elementary Schools

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

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Sarah Meier
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

West Valley City, Urban Renewal Area, South Redwood Road

David Garrett introduced Kieth Bradshaw, Property Management Director, who then introduced Jeff Jackson and Brandon Hill, West Valley City, and Jon Springmeyer, Bonneville Research, who presented information on this project which focuses on the area on Redwood Road between 4100 and 3500 South. This would be an extension of and complement the Taylorsville Urban Renewal Area from a few years ago. A blight study has been conducted and this area meets blight criteria. The plan calls for the removal of the vacant K-Mart building at 4100 South and adding sidewalk, landscaping and street lighting along Redwood Road. This plan will also create 150,000 square feet of new retail sites. Estimates to prepare the area for new development total \$1.4 million and this project cannot move forward without Granite's approval. The board will consider this information and take action during December's board meeting. (Exhibit #1618)

Enrollment Report, 2015-16 School Year

Kieth Bradshaw, Student Accounting Director, presented this report based on October 1, 2015, enrollment counts. Original projection numbers were showing a decline in enrollment, however, due to the closure of a charter school, our actual enrollment increased by 162 from October 1, 2014. As of October 1, 2015, elementary enrollment = 37,432, junior high = 12,848, senior high = 15,757 and special programs (such as Granite Connections, YESS) = 1,785, making a total of 67,822 students. (Exhibit #1619)

FIRST READINGS

Population Analysis Committee Recommendations

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries Director, presented recommendations regarding the Cyprus Network and 4800 West Corridor Studies. Mr. Hogan reviewed the proposed changes which have been presented at previous board meetings, community councils, community open houses and through online surveys. Overall response has been favorable. Those opposed have cited student safety, grandfathering students, and split feeder concerns at Hunter Junior. Mr. Hogan addressed these issues in reverse order.

The feeder pattern at Hunter Junior: with this new proposal students from Orchard and West Valley Elementary schools will attend Hunter Junior and make up about 50% of Hunter Junior's student body. For high school, they will attend Cyprus High School. Orchard and West Valley students will be able to stay with their core group through junior and senior high.

Grandfathering students affected by boundary changes. If a student starts at a certain school, for example a junior high, they are allowed to remain at that school to complete their junior high experience.

Regarding safe walking routes, we make recommendations to UDOT to provide safe walking routes, but we don't have control over placement of crossing lights, signals or crosswalks. Mr. Hogan, Mr. Adams and Mr. Bradshaw are meeting with UDOT next week. After ideas are received from UDOT about creating safe walking routes, they will be shared with board members. (Exhibit #1620)

Motion: **I move approval as a first reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Advertising and Distributing Information

Since the first reading in October, a new paragraph (D) regarding political signs has been added. Also a sentence regarding pornographic or indecent materials was added.

Motion: **I move approval of the Advertising and Distributing Information policy as second reading.**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Picture Books, Yearbooks and Literary Publications

This policy was modified slightly to clarify language regarding the fee schedule.

Motion: **I move we accept the Yearbooks and Literary policy.**

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates: College application week is underway. An interesting fact, 82% of students whose application fees were paid by Granite Education Foundation last year, enrolled in higher education institutions this past fall.

Surveys regarding calendar preferences were sent to 36,000 households and just under 10% responded. Given the responses, the committee is now working on various versions of the 2017-18 calendar which will be presented to the board next month.

School boards need School Community Council training annually, which can be done by board members individually. President Bawden asked board members to complete this by the end of the year.

Connie Anderson: She has visited a number of schools. She's taken notice of what a great job teachers are doing. There is also appreciation for the crisis teams that have offered much support, especially at Brockbank Junior. Schools also appreciate the district support.

Connie Burgess: She is in awe of what teachers do regarding the school plays. She has enjoyed the plays.

Karyn Winder: The Veterans Day concert, featuring many of our concert choirs, is tomorrow at the Huntsman Center.

Sarah Meier: She attended a PLC group and it was a great experience. She reminded board members of the following: those participating in the Master Boards certification, December 1 is the deadline; the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) Conference is in January; comments are encouraged regarding the USOE strategic plan draft, which she shared. USBA has requested pieces of student art, she will call the USBA offices for details.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.