

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
January 5, 2016

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 5:05 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member

Dan Lofgren, 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

Parent Engagement Report

Ben Horsley reviewed the parental engagement efforts of the Communications Department. *Outreach*, includes town hall meetings, cultural outreach nights, and the parent leadership & empowerment conference;

Feedback, includes Walk in Wednesdays and snapshot videos with the superintendent, school community councils and the annual survey; and

Communication, includes the monthly parent e-newsletter, the semi-annual print edition, our website and social media (Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube).

Parent Leadership & Empowerment Conference, January 23, 2016, at Taylorsville High. This was quite successful last year and already this year nearly 500 registrations have been received.

Outreach is defined as meeting people on their turf at their convenience and this is always a challenge. As a district, we offer many ways for parent involvement and we are on the lookout for new opportunities. (Exhibit #1625)

State Retirement Accounting Change

Chris Lewis, Accounting Director, presented the recently completed Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This report constitutes the District's official financial statements. Mr. Lewis explained the impact of the required implementation of new accounting standards specific to how we report the District's participation in the Utah State Retirement Plan (URS). For the first time, the District is required to report its proportionate share (\$203 million) of the plan's unfunded liability. This is reported on government-wide financial statements only. Each year, this amount will fluctuate, and should decrease, as the URS deficit decreases.

Granite District is financially stable as clearly shown in the annual audits completed each year. Board members were given a copy of the CAFR and asked to contact Mr. Lewis with any questions. (Exhibit #1626)

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:03 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
Karen Bowden	GAEOP
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Amy Torres	GAEOP
Doug Wagstaff	GASA
Beth Niederman	GEA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Kathy Newton	GEF
Brent Severe	GEF
David Clark	GESPA

Alan Parrish, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Leona Chandler	Principal, Orchard Elementary
Mark Ellermeier	Principal, Eisenhower Junior
Brittany Gilson	Principal, Penn Elementary
Matt Graham	Principal, Plymouth Elementary
Karen Marberger	Principal, Oquirrh Hills Elementary
Dianne Phillips	Principal, Oakwood Elementary
Marie Rose	Principal, Pioneer Elementary
Merla Bybee	Assistant Principal, Granite Peaks
Carol Cabanillas	Assistant Principal, Hunter High
Rebecca Ibarra	Assistant Principal, Valley Junior
Ryan Oaks	Assistant Principal, Skyline High

Jim Rice
Heather Sonne

Assistant Principal, Bennion Junior
Assistant Principal, Kearns High

Pledge of Allegiance: Carol Cabanillas

Reverence: Granger Elementary 6th Grade Class. Led by teacher Charlie Bell, the group performed a choral reading and song commemorating Civil Rights Day.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, December 1, 2015

Purchase:

3D Printer for CTE Department, WhiteClouds – \$78,341.55

Award of Contract:

Discovery Software Support, Education Solutions Development – \$91,211.00

Third Party Administrator for Worker Compensation Services, Tristar Insurance Group – \$82,352.00

Personnel:

Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$3,568,866.14
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$22,868,375.21
3. Principals' Cash Report – November 2015
4. Monthly Budget Report – November 2015

School LAND Trust Amendments

Motion: I move that we accept the items on the Consent Agenda

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

Granite Education Foundation Report

Brent Severe and Kathy Newton reported on events occurring during the month of December. Assistance was given as children and families were identified by district social workers. There were 1,960 Santa Sacks distributed in 56 of our elementary schools, Hartvigsen and Preschool Services. Additional programs the Foundation provided assistance to included Quarters for Christmas (600 students), Student Aid Program (1,200 students), Utah Jazz (12 families), and the

Angel Tree Program (500 families). Twenty-four families were also served by individuals who contacted the Foundation independently for opportunities to assist. The Foundation also assisted 600 refugee families. Combined with over 13,000 volunteer hours, the assistance totaled \$569,029.15. Board members thanked the Foundation for all their efforts, not just in December, but throughout the year. There are more and more needs in our district and the Foundation is instrumental in helping families. (Exhibit #1627)

Comprehensive Guidance Update

Judy Petersen, Kaye Poulton-Timm, Cathy Schoeck, and Andrea Miller, from the Department of College & Career Readiness (CCR) presented this annual report. Their theme for the year is “Possibility – It’s Out There! Are You Ready?” The CCR department focuses on improving the quality of and parent participation in student CCR planning meetings, increasing the number of Regents’ Scholarship applications and awards, increasing the number of students who leave Granite District ready for college and career and providing CCR training for counselors.

College Application Week was very successful. All nine Granite high schools participated. The Granite Education Foundation provided funds for college application fees last year and 82% of students whose application fees were paid by Foundation, enrolled in higher education institutions this past fall. The plan is to continue working with colleges and universities to get our kids on the campuses and to get them excited to continue their post high school education.

The CCR department was organized in 2011. Since that time, the department has tracked data on high school graduation rate, AP exams (number given and percent passed), concurrent enrollment credit hours awarded, Utah and Regents Scholars, FAFSA completion and college enrollment in the fall after high school graduation. Goals have been set in each of the areas for 2018 and they are on their way to reaching those goals.

In elementary grades, students are introduced to the concept of graduation. Junior high teams visit elementary schools to get 6th graders excited about moving to junior high and to answer any questions. Social workers teach social and emotional learning skills to help students become good citizens, make good decisions about their future, and to be college and career centered. (Exhibit #1628)

ACTION ITEM

2016-17 Secondary Student Fee Schedule

Alan Parrish reviewed the fee schedule which was presented in December as a First Reading. Since that time, the proposed fee schedule has been posted on the District website, and has been provided to School Community Councils and PTAs. Comments received were compiled and sent to board members for review. Based on the comments, the fees committee supports the proposed increase in the fees.

Motion: **I move we approve the fee schedule for the 2016-17 school year.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Gaylene Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BOARD REPORTS

Sarah Meier: Utah School Boards conference starts this Thursday. A few other items of interest: There is a proposal from a state board member to increase the number of members in local school boards; the election process of state board members has been ruled unconstitutional. If a new process is not put into place before March, when declarations of candidacy are due, then next January there will be eight vacancies which would be filled by the governor.

Karyn Winder: Lego League competition is this Saturday at Granger High School. This is more than just playing with Legos. Students are learning how to deal with life situations, think through different solutions, and work as a team. They learn how to give presentations and work together in friendly competition. The four top teams from Granite will then move to state competition.

Connie Anderson: She has completed the Community Council training. As other board members complete the training, please let President Bawden know.

Gaylene Gandy: She attended the Cyprus Network Winterfest. There were school chorus groups, dance companies, and jazz bands. It was a great community event.

Terry Bawden: Doug Larson sent board members ethics policies from surrounding districts. It will be well worth taking a look at the policies and giving input to Doug as he will be preparing an ethics policy first reading to present in February.

Next month's study session will be a review of the five identified priorities used this year for the superintendent's evaluation. President Bawden urged board members to review the priorities in preparation for the meeting.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Gaylene Gandy

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.