

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

February 2, 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 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

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

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

GEA Survey Report

Susen Zobel, GEA President and Starleen Orullian, GEA Executive Director, gave this report. All teachers, not just GEA members, were invited to participate in one of four focus groups on the changes of the assessment protocols. The four groups were:

- Elementary teachers, K-3
- Elementary teachers, 4-6
- Secondary teachers, SAGE tested subjects
- Secondary teachers, non-SAGE tested subjects

Ms. Orullian reviewed the common comments found in all the groups and also the three top concerns of each.

Ms. Zobel discussed seven questions and responses received using an online benchmark assessment survey. Questions rating the value and length of the assessments, the relation to the core key concepts, the functionality of technology, the use of the assessments in PLCs, the

usefulness in preparation for SAGE, and the ease of access and interpretation of benchmark reports.

The survey took place in November so the only assessments available for feedback were the pre-assessments which are given to help the teacher know the content to address in their teaching.

Board members discussed reasons why some results appeared somewhat discouraging. If an educator who teaches non-benchmarked classes took the survey, they would have indicated that benchmarks are not of value to them, resulting in skewed results. GEA representatives said that teachers are getting better at assessments, at data, and developing functioning PLCs. Teachers are not afraid of assessments and they are willing to use data, but data needs to be useful.

As platforms change, so does learning of that platform. It takes time for teachers to get familiar with questions, the platform and the data. (Exhibit #1631)

Travel Committee Report

Alan Parrish, School Accountability Services Director, reported on recommendations from the student travel committee. Currently, our policy limits student travel costs to \$400 out of pocket and \$999 total cost. The consensus of the committee is that no one wants to increase those limits, but they would like to open travel to include the 48 contiguous states. Further study indicated however, that travel to certain states would exceed \$999. Board members discussed if it would be worthwhile to change our policy to include more locations even though it may not be feasible considering the current dollar limitations. At this time in certain circumstances the Board has allowed extended travel. It was agreed that the policy be brought to the board as a First Reading next month with some possible updates.

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:

JaNeanne Dazley	Region V PTA
Carol Berlin	GAEOP
Mary Duersch	GAEOP
Kari Parry	GAEOP
Judith Simmons-Kissell	GASA
Mary Anne Stevens	GASA
Michele Jones	GEA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Miriam Waterman	GEF
David Clark	GESPA

Jon Adams, School Accountability Services, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Tod Cracroft	Principal, Morningside Elementary
Wesley Cutler	Principal, Evergreen Junior
Christine Drummond	Principal, Oakridge Elementary
Natalie Hansen	Principal, Monroe Elementary
Devon Hartley	Principal, GTI
Afton Lambson	Principal, Lincoln Elementary
Josh LeRoy	Principal, Churchill Junior
Maile Loo	Principal, Kearns High
Terri Royslance	Principal, Cottonwood High
Judith Simmons-Kissell	Principal, Moss Elementary
Mary Anne Stevens	Principal, Kennedy Junior
Victoria Thomas	Principal, Magna Elementary
Allison Banks	Assist Principal, Stansbury Elementary
Trent Hendricks	Assist Principal, Churchill Junior
Robyn Roper	Assist Principal, Hillsdale Elementary
Melanie Roybal	Assist Principal, Brockbank Junior
Michelle Christoffersen	Intern Assistant, Lincoln & Roosevelt Elem

Pledge of Allegiance: Victoria Thomas

Reverence: Two school groups performed.

Taylorville Elementary, Tiger Tunes Choir, under the direction of teacher Danny Hilder, performed a theme song for their school.

Karin Allred, Amelia Maag, accompanied by Aline Fogueroa, students at Cottonwood High, performed a musical selection from their school play of Mary Poppins.

RECOGNITION

School Counseling Week. Following a short video highlighting school counselors, Judy Petersen introduced the leadership of the Granite District Counselors Association. Connie Burgess read a proclamation recognizing School Counseling Week, February 1-5, 2016. (Exhibit (#1632))

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, January 5 and January 19, 2016

Purchases:

Architectural Services for CTE Lab Project, Dave Robinson Architects – \$54,430.00

Chromebooks for Educational Technology, En Pointe Technologies – \$1,227,380.00

Programming Changes to CTE Skills Certification Testing System, Precision Exams – \$65,000.00

SuccessMaker Education Software, NCS Pearson – \$136,017.16

K-6 ELA Teacher Materials & Training, Mountain States Schoolbook Depository – \$150,000.00

Change Order:
IT Programming Services, TEK Systems – \$75,000.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$2,943,480.89
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$58,406,989.49
3. Principals' Cash Report – December 2015
4. Monthly Budget Report – December 2015

LAND Trust Amendments

Purchase of Property at 369 W Gregson Ave, SLC Utah

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

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

Legislative Report

The 2016 legislative session began January 25, 2016. Ben Horsley mentioned the tracking sheet he keeps updated during the session which tracks specific bills applicable to Granite District.

Mr. Horsley urged board members to contact legislators, specifically regarding SB38. (Exhibit #1633)

Sarah Meier urged board members to attend each Friday during the session to meet with the Joint Legislative Committee. Legislators sponsoring specific education bills often attend as well. February 19 is the USBA Day on the Hill.

FIRST READINGS

Utah International School Charter Amendments

Superintendent Bates reminded board members that Granite District granted the charter for the Utah International Charter School three years ago. The school fills an important niche that we are unable to fill ourselves. Angela Rowland, principal of the International School, accompanied by Steve Winitzky and Amy Wylie, founding board members, explained the changes in their charter. These changes bring the charter more up-to-date in meeting the needs of the school's specific population and also brings it into compliance with the State's process for oversight.

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

Board Ethics Policy

The policy revisions are intended to cover critical elements of compliance mandated by federal and state laws with respect to the work of the Board and the nature of Board member conduct. Doug Larson sent additional changes to board members based on their feedback and he asked if there were any further comments. Board members discussed ideas for further changes.

Mr. Larson will continue to refine language in the policy and then he will send a red-line version, as well as a clean copy for board member review.

Motion: I move approval of this policy as a First Reading.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Burgess
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Recommended Population Analysis Study List

Steve Hogan, Planning & Boundaries Director, presented the study list recommendations, emphasizing that this is only the exploratory phase of each issue.

- Granger High/Cottonwood High feeder pattern. Until recently Redwood Elementary was a split feeder between West Lake and Granite Park Junior High Schools. Now it feeds exclusively into Granite Park. Whether or not the students continue to feed into Granger High or they begin attending Cottonwood requires further study.
- Granger Elementary. Consideration of a boundary adjustment to Granger Elementary to balance enrollment in elementary schools in the area. Enrollment at Granger Elementary is about 950 students.
- 3100 South Study. A study is recommended to address the impact of the high-growth area around Armstrong Academy and other schools along the 3100 South Corridor.
- Silver Hills Elementary. Consideration of a boundary adjustment to increase enrollment at Silver Hills. Enrollment at Silver Hills is around 390 students.

(Exhibit #1634)

Motion: I move we approve this as our study list.

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Karyn Winder
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates: Parent Empowerment Conference was very successful. Thank you to those involved.

The CTE open house is this Thursday, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Board members asked that an invitation be extended to mayors and city council members.

Sarah Meier: The Parent Empowerment Conference was wonderful.

Karyn Winder: In the District Lego League competition, 5 awards were received and 4 teams went on to compete in the state competition. Granger Network held their PTA Reflections Night, which was successful. March 22 is the caucus night for both Democratic and Republican political parties. She asked about adopting a resolution to encourage schools to clear their activity schedules and encourage participation in the caucus meetings.

Motion: I make a motion that the Board adopt a resolution encouraging all schools to examine and clear their calendars for March 22 in favor of participation in a caucus.

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Discussion: The Olympus Town Hall Meeting originally scheduled for March 22 has been moved to April 12. Board members asked for a written resolution to encourage all employees to participate in caucus meetings.

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Connie Burgess: The Parent Empowerment Conference was wonderful, thank you.

Gayleen Gandy: She has always appreciated going to legislature on Fridays in the past. She has conflicts this year which prevent her from attending, but she appreciates the updates from Ben Horsley.

Terry Bawden: Visits to the mayors conclude tomorrow, the visits have been very good. He reminded the board of the February 16 study session where budget matters will be discussed, as well as an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Dan Lofgren
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.