

# Granite School District

## Board of Education Meeting

July 12, 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. Vice President Connie Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., President Terry Bawden arrived shortly thereafter, 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
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Doug Larson, Policy and Legal Services Director, and Danielle Kitchen, Executive Secretary, were in attendance.

Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Sydney Johnson	Region V PTA
Doug Wagstaff	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA

Superintendent Bates recognized the following school board candidates in attendance:

Connie Anderson, Precinct II  
Sarah Meier, Precinct IV

Pledge of Allegiance: led by John Welburn, Assistant Superintendent.

Reverence: Jennifer Johnson, a teacher at Taylorsville High, introduced Christian Barrios, a recent graduate of Taylorsville High. Christian shared his AVID Speech.

**MAYOR PARTICIPATION** – None

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION** – None

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Minutes, June 14, 2016

### Purchases:

CNC Routers, CTE Programs, Forest Scientific Corp – \$92,498.00

Computer Storage Hardware Update, Summit Partners Utah – \$68,563.00

Destiny Software Licenses, Follett Software Company – \$51,324.15

Door Hardware, Cottonwood High, Accredited Lock – \$4,776.05

Excess Workers Compensation Insurance, AON Risk Services – \$84,943.00

2016-17 Licenses for Audiobooks & eBooks, Overdrive Inc – amount to be determined

### Award of Contract:

Partition Door Replacement, Roosevelt Elementary, Alder Sales – \$74,522.00

Track Repairs, Five High Schools, Wall2Wall Flooring – \$137,304.00

Telephone System Support, CenturyLink – \$179,236.64

Special Education Parent Training & Information Center, Utah Parent Center – \$54,068.00

Student Behavior Data Management & Reporting Software, EducatorsHandbook.com – \$64,914.00

### Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointment/Transfer

#### Appointment:

Jason Rosvall

Assoc. Director, YESS Program

#### Transfer:

Josh Moore

Assistant Principal, Kearns Junior High

### Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summaries, FY16 – \$3,549,967.01, FY17 – \$9,307,108.41
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$41,097,889.14
3. Principals' Cash Report – May 2016
4. Monthly Budget Report – June 2016

Interlocal Agreement with Salt Lake County, Cyprus/Brockbank Campus Right of Way Improvement

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

Made by:                    Sarah Meier

Seconded by:             Connie Burgess

Called for vote:          President Bawden

Results:                    Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn introduced the new administrative appointee who then introduced his guest.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### **Fine Arts Specialists, Instruction in Elementary Schools**

Linda Mariotti updated the board on the fine arts instruction in elementary schools. She read the letter that was sent three years ago to all the elementary principals regarding the new elementary fine arts specialists. At that time, each School Community Council decided how to best utilize the specialist at their school. In addition, 29 elementary schools decided to take advantage of the before/after school instrumental music program offered through Riverton Music. 16 FTE was dedicated to the program when it was implemented. Over the years, we have struggled with hiring and retaining specialists. Ms. Mariotti gave examples of how difficult it is to keep teachers.

Recently, the elementary schools were surveyed regarding the effectiveness of the specialists and the program. Ms. Mariotti shared survey results of what art form(s) and grade levels the schools are using district fine arts specialists for, and how instruction in the remaining fine arts core standards are being addressed.

Ms. Mariotti concluded by stating that more students are getting some type of fine arts instruction, that is tied to standards, than they ever did before. However, this model is probably not as effective as hoped and it is not meeting the goal that was outlined three years ago.

President Bawden asked board members and they agreed that this topic needs to be addressed at a future Board Study Session. Some of the questions the Board will discuss are; how do we codify art specialists, how do we continue transition, how can we use the resources we have and what are the alternatives. Ms. Mariotti will gather information from other school districts. (Exhibit #1701)

### **Behavior Response Support Team Pilot**

Judy Petersen, College and Career Readiness Director and Gerry Trelease, School Psychologist, presented information about classroom behavior. During the past year we have considered what can be done to help students who struggle with their behavior. It was determined that the greatest need is to create a behavior system that supports students. The U-TECC Lab partnered with Granite School District and together created the Behavior Response and Support Team (BRST) Pilot. Ms. Petersen shared the exciting results of the pilot. The data gathered at the end of the school year showed remarkable growth. The district has not had a system to train general education teachers with strategies to deal with classroom behavior. The initial comments from teachers who participated in the pilot program are positive. The university wants to partner with us this coming school year and Ms. Petersen anticipates that a fully implemented K-12 Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) is in our future. (Exhibit #1702)

## **FIRST READING**

### **Article II.C. Board Commitments & Ethics**

Doug Larson explained that this policy was adopted in February 2016 without a statement regarding participation in the Utah Retirement Systems for elected officials. This statement conforms District policy and practice with the Utah State statutory postemployment restrictions for public employees or former public employees who wish to serve on the Board of Education.

**Motion:**           **I move we accept the first reading.**

Made by:           Sarah Meier

Seconded by:     Karyn Winder

Called for vote:   President Bawden

Results:           Motion Passed Unanimously

**SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS**

Superintendent Bates:

He reminded board members about the legislative luncheons that are being held Thursday and Friday this week. And, he invited board members to attend the Administrator Kick-Off meeting on Wednesday, August 3, at Hunter High School.

Sarah Meier:

She attended a conference in Atlanta. Brenda VanGorder presented information about Granite's pre-school program and she did a great job representing Granite. And, she reminded board members about the NFUSSD conference being held in West Virginia, October 9-11, 2016.

President Bawden:

When he asked who is taking care of the reverence at the Board Meeting on August 2, Connie Burgess said she would take care of it

**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 6:40 p.m.