

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

August 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
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

YMCA Mill Hollow Proposal

Mark Brouse, Rich West and Amy Henry from the YMCA of Northern Utah Board of Directors presented this information which included highlights of the YMCA's proposal that will allow them to be the stewarding agency for the Mill Hollow facility. The benefits outlined from the YMCA include their existing focus on camping, their national name and recognition, their funding and investments for a sustainable camp, and their trainings and available resources to keep camps up-to-date. Our current lease with the Forest Service expires in 2019. Board members will review the proposal and will discuss options and make a final decision in October. (Exhibit #1703)

Civil Rights Training Report

During the past few years, there has been a heightened awareness of civil rights in schools, civil rights discussions are on many conference agendas, and OCR investigations have increased nationally as well as in Utah. Doug Larson explained the efforts we have made in terms of civil rights compliance. During the past few years our efforts have included student resource officer trainings, bullying and suicide prevention boot camps, parent seminars, school-wide behavior plans, Educational Equity and MTSS trainings, all of which have been very successful. We will continue to offer more specialized training in this area, not only to comply with OCR

regulations, but to put in place good practices to ensure our trainings and interventions will be effective. Training and compliance mechanisms will be developed to enable us to track our trainings and demonstrate that our employees are understanding the information. We will also develop a tracking system on civil rights data. Board members asked Mr. Larson for a follow-up report semi-annually. (Exhibit #1704)

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:01 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 those representing organizations:

Sarah Timpson	Region V PTA
Ian Collison	Skyline PTA Council
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Sam Basham	GAEOP
Leesa Rij	GAEOP
Peter Hoj	GEF

Supt Bates recognized school board candidates in attendance:

Connie Anderson, Precinct II
Sarah Meier, Precinct IV

Pledge of Allegiance: Josh LeRoy, Principal, Churchill Junior High

Reverence: Connie Burgess shared thoughts on leadership

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, July 12, 2016

Purchases:

Fertilizing & Weed Control, Brett Miller Landscaping – \$52,340.12
Cab & Chassis Trucks for Schools Foods, Rush International Truck – \$125,075.14
Refrigerated Van Bodies & Liftgates for School Foods, Semi Service, Inc. – \$92,527.72
Chromebooks for Warehouse Stock, Valcom – \$460,675.00
Computer Network Security Management Software, DirSec, Inc. – \$139,850.00

Award of Contracts:

Irrigation Upgrade, Jackling Elementary, Legacy Landscape Construction – \$165,102.00
Professional Services, Behavior Response Project, University of Utah UTECH Lab – \$107,284.00

Personnel:

1. Employee Hires and Separations
2. Administrative Appointments/Transfers

Appointments:

Kristie Reather	Principal, Wright Elementary
Jeff Jackson	Assist Principal, Granger High

Transfers:

Doug Johnson	Principal, Pioneer Elementary
Ryan Shaw	Assist Principal, Olympus High

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$5,084,061.94
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$18,848,726.07
3. Principals' Cash Report – June 2016

Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Items on the Agenda.

Made by: Connie Burgess
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn introduced the new administrative appointees who then introduced their guests.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Skyline Network Reconfiguration Proposal

Information has been received recently from the Skyline Network regarding grade reconfiguration. Doug Bingham, Skyline High School principal, Jennifer Reed, Upland Terrace Elementary principal, and John Anderson, Wasatch Junior principal, presented the information and other Skyline Network school administrators were in attendance. Since the Fall of 2015, discussions have been conducted within the community. Initially there was opposition mainly from the Upland Terrace community council focusing on special education classes. It has been determined that there are enough students to form a special education unit at Wasatch Junior, and after receiving this additional information, the community council voted in favor of the reconfiguration. All other community councils within the Skyline Network have voted in favor of this proposal.

Board members asked if any teachers have been surveyed, specially 6th grade teachers about the change. The elementary principals reported that there are some mixed feelings about the move. Some teachers (not only 6th grade teachers, but others as well) have expressed an interest in obtaining more certifications to enable them to teach in the junior high level. Board members also asked about timing. Principals reported that there is not a lot of infrastructure needed to make this happen for the 2017-18 school year. Skyline can learn from other high schools where

grade reconfiguration has taken place. The junior highs will have a larger challenge, however in receiving 6th grade students. (Exhibit #1705)

Board action will take place in September. Between now and then, the schools should publicize the information and if there are community issues or questions, they should be addressed.

Prosperity through Education

John Pitt, Prosperity 2020, and Jesselie Anderson, co-chair of Education First, presented this report. They discussed efforts to provide long-term educational funding, including a $\frac{7}{8}$ % state income tax increase, which will be discussed during the next legislative session. There is also some thought to gathering enough signatures to place this item on the 2018 ballot if the legislators do not act on this proposal this year. Representatives from Prosperity 2020 and Education First are presenting this information to Boards of Education in all public school districts in Utah prior to the legislative session, asking board members to talk with elected officials, parents, state legislators, etc., to garner support for this increase. Their plan has four goals: To achieve increases in reading, math, graduation percentages and post-secondary certificates or degrees. School districts would receive a large annual increase in funding if this tax increase is approved. (Exhibit #1706)

Board Members thanked Mr. Pitt and Ms. Anderson for their presentation and their efforts in this endeavor.

ACTION ITEM

Article II.C. Board Commitments & Ethics

This policy was presented as a First Reading in July and no changes have been made since that time.

Motion: **I move we approve this policy as a Second Reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates:

Board Members are welcome to attend the Administrator Meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 8:30 a.m. at Hunter High School.

Sarah Meier:

August 20 is the Delegate Assembly where the USBA program is put together for the legislative session. Our delegates will be Connie Anderson, Connie Burgess, Karyn Winder.

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.