

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
October 4, 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 5:00 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

District Priorities Update

Linda Mariotti, John Welburn, Rick Anthony and Jadee Talbot, Associate Director over Community Centers, presented updates on five priority areas:

Personalized Education: We are very interested in supporting the Board's district vision of college and career readiness for every student. Linda Mariotti explained that being college and career ready is different for each student. Helping students find their strengths and then capitalizing on those strengths is our goal. As students meet regularly with counselors and are provided with options such as internships, and bringing real-life people representing various careers into the classroom, the chances of student success increase. Ms. Mariotti also cited the development and implementation of proficiency grading pilots and also the development of multiple ways in allowing students to demonstrate proficiency as milestones in this priority area.

Teacher Development & Professional Learning Communities (PLCs): Schools will be randomly selected to participate in robust conversations regarding their experience with PLCs. The selection will occur within the next few week and conversations thereafter. Rick Anthony discussed plans regarding an educator conference. This will be a five-day conference in August providing professional development opportunities for our teachers. Various topics will be offered through 1.5 hour, 3 hour, and full day workshop sessions. A survey will be prepared for teachers to give input on class topics based on The Granite Way. There will over 100 presenters

so preparation is key. There is a lot of excitement about this opportunity. A catalog of classes will be available in May (or sooner) so teachers can choose what they want to focus on during the conference.

Graduation Champions: John Welburn talked about the after-action reviews held recently with high school principals regarding their experience last year. It was very successful and this program has been expanded this year to include the entire school administrative team and also a few counselors and teachers in some schools. Regarding the development of an “at-risk” definition, Mr. Welburn is working on combining the many definitions received from various entities to give us one all-encompassing definition for “at-risk” students.

Technology: In order to provide complete confidence and reliability in our infrastructure a tabulation of the types and numbers of concerns (software, hardware, anything to do with technology) is now available. This gives us an idea of the areas that need more attention. A Request for Information (RFI) will go out shortly about registration systems. This will provide us information on other available programs that might better meet our needs. We will also evaluate the use of Canvas by teachers and students.

Parent and Community Engagement: Jadee Talbot talked about the 30 Community Centers we have in place. The coordinators of the centers attend School Community Councils and PTA meetings in order to gain a better understanding of the specific needs of their populations. At the centers, we offer a variety of the following: adult ESL classes, basic computer classes, food assistance, and physical health and dental resources. We are serving the refugee population, newcomers and anyone who is in need.

Board members thanked the presenters for this overview and asked them to proceed with their work. They look forward to future reports.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Bates mentioned some calendar items:

October 5, Boundary open house, Granger High, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

October 6, Latino outreach night, Hunter High, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

October 6, West Lake open house, ribbon cutting and school tour, 7:00 p.m.

October 8-12, NFUSSD Conference

School building rentals. The law specifies that unless a rental conflicts with a school activity we must let the rental occur. The Satanic Temple group has requested to rent a classroom at Vista Elementary, after school, once a month. This has resulted in a lot of concern in the school community. As we are required by law to let any group use our buildings, we will do so and treat this as any other building rental. Questions should be referred to Ben Horsley.

Meeting adjourned.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 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. Dan Lofgren, Board Member, was excused from this meeting. Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

JaNeanne Dazley	Region V PTA
Anitra Koehler	Cyprus PTA Council
Deanne Hampson	GAEOP
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Jennifer Justesen	GAEOP
Michael Douglas	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Rich Prall	School Food Services

Annette Duzett, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Douglas Bingham	Principal, Skyline High
Jared Broderick	Principal, Truman Elementary
Rocky Lambourne	Principal, Bonneville Junior High
Jane McClure	Principal, Valley Crest Elementary
Brent Nelson	Principal, West Kearns Elementary
Jolene Randall	Principal, Vista Elementary
Christa Holt	Assist Princ, Penn & West Kearns Elems
Megan Madsen	Assist Princ, Granite Park Junior High
Jami Hutchins	Intern Assist, Granite Park Junior High
Jason Kemble	Intern Assist, Jefferson Junior High
Shawn Neilson	Intern Assist, Granger High School
Ben Peters	Intern Assist, Lincoln Elementary
Lori Schmidt	Intern Assist, Hillsdale Elementary
Scott Wooldridge	Intern Assist, Kearns High School

School Board Candidates:

Connie Anderson, precinct II
Sarah Meier, precinct IV

Pledge of Allegiance: Nikita Wold, a 3rd grade student at Bennion Elementary

Reverence: The Bennion Elementary Shine Choir, directed by Allison Parrish and Laura Beecher, performed two numbers.

RECOGNITONS

Superintendent of the Year

Ben Horsley introduced Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director of the Utah School Superintendents' Association who recognized Superintendent Bates as the 2016 Superintendent of the Year. A short video of congratulations was shown.

Principals' Week

Connie Anderson read a proclamation recognizing the week of October 16-20, 2016, as Utah

School Principals' Week. The Board recognized and thanked District principals and all administrators.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, September 6, 2016 and September 27, 2016

Purchases:

1. Fertilizing and Weed Control, Brett Miller Landscaping – \$78,645.00
2. Cab & Chassis Trucks for General Maintenance and Grounds Departments, Henry Day Ford – \$85,654.00
3. Cab & Chassis Truck for Carpenter, Electrical & Plumbing Departments, Jerry Seiner – \$27,112.00 and Young Chevrolet – \$86,493.05
4. Cargo Vans for Paint Department, Young Chevrolet – \$66,102.30
5. Milk Cooler Refrigeration Units, Douglas Equipment – \$54,365.44

Award of Contract:

Landscaping at West Lake Junior, Easton Engineering Construction – \$108,487.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$3,722,926.18
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$38,510,538.75
3. Monthly Budget Report – August 2016

Human Sexuality Instructional Materials

LAND Trust Amendments

Utah Retirement Systems Resolution

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

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

Road Crossing and Crossing Guard Discussion

Don Adams began by explaining Safe Walking Routes and the many acronyms they go by: CARP (Child Access Routing Plan), SNAP (Student Neighborhood Access Program), SWR

(Safe Walking Route). The Utah Division of Transportation (UDOT), in cooperation with local school districts, has created an online system to help develop and implement safe walking routes. These SNAP maps are updated annually by each elementary and junior high principal with their school community councils. The maps are distributed to students and parents/guardians.

There are multiple entities (municipal and state) that fund, hire, train and supervise school crossing guards. The entities also fund and install crosswalks and crosswalk signs as well determining the need for reduced speed zones and/or flashing lights. School Community Councils are encouraged to work with these various entities to be proactive in the SWR process. Granite District makes suggestions to the various entities for improvements. (Exhibit #1710)

When we look at changing school boundaries, SWRs are also studied and shared with patrons.

ACTION ITEM

Convicted Sex Offenders on School Property Policy Revision

Since the First Reading of this policy, a modification has been made to allow a parent or guardian who is on the sex offender registry entrance to a school in cases of medical or health-related emergencies. Some language has also been modified to make the policy more consistent with State statute.

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

Made by: Karyn Winder

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates:

Shared a booklet received at a recent Joint Education Conference. He specifically asked board members to look at the Elements of a World-Class Education System and suggested that these elements be used as we build a new five-year plan.

Dr. Bates has been invited to participate on a panel talking about refugees, offering a school perspective. This occurs in Washington DC on November 1. Board Members agreed he should participate and that the board meeting be moved from November 1 to November 15, 2016.

Gayleen Gandy:

Very impressed with the community council training she attended at Granger High. She thanked Ben Horsley for his work.

She is also very impressed with the expertise we have in our district. She appreciates the exceptional staff we have.

Connie Anderson:

Thanked Student Assessment Director Rob Averett who took time to explain the school grading system to her.

She also thanked Special Education Administrator Sherry Kennedy who worked so well with a

particular family.

She thanked all the district staff who go above and beyond to serve our community.

Sarah Meier:

Asked for a schedule of school community council meetings for the schools in her area. She also asked for a schedule of school plays and musicals. Ben Horsley will send both items out to all board members. Mr. Horsley will also send a video link to board members for the community council training.

She asked about the survey which is required in order to participate in workgroups regarding ESSA. Superintendent Bates will forward the email containing the survey link to board members.

Amendment B, which will be on the ballot in November, modifies the way that School TrustLands are invested. If passed, this will bring additional monies to the School TrustLands funds. She urged board members to become familiar with Amendment B.

She participated in a task force which looked at teacher licensure. The conversation did not include additional funding to deal with the teacher shortage. She urged board members to voice concern about the lack of funding.

Karyn Winder:

Thanked the administration and everyone involved for keeping the Jazz assembly a secret at Granger High. It was a great success.

Connie Burgess:

While attending the boundary open house last week, good questions were asked by patrons and she is happy we offer opportunities like this to hear from our community members.

President Bawden:

So enjoyed seeing the Granger High students so enthusiastic at the Jazz assembly last week. He is looking forward to the NFUSSD conference.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.