

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
December 6, 2016

A board meeting for Granite School District was held in the boardroom 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
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

Utah Clean Cities

Tammie Cooper, Northern Coordinator for Utah Clean Cities, recognized Granite as a 100% Idle Free District. She thanked Granite employees for being so supportive of this initiative and presented a plaque from Utah Clean Cities recognizing the 100% designation.

Art Works for Kids

Larry Shumway and Lisa Cluff from Arts Works for Kids, Cathy Jensen, USBE Arts Specialist, and Noemi Hernandez, Granite District Fine Arts Specialist, were in attendance and expressed thanks to the district for supporting arts in education. The board was presented a piece of art created by Leo Chen, a 3rd grade student at Lincoln Elementary. A \$1,000 check from AWFK was also presented. The funds are to be used for elementary art supplies. A brief video about the Beverly Taylor Sorensen Arts Learning Program was shown.

Annual Assessments Report

Rob Averett, Student Assessment director, shared assessment results for 2015-16 from SAGE, AP and ACT, plus our graduation rate. In SAGE, comparing the last three years, Granite has mirrored the results of the state. An interesting point to note is the strong correlation between high poverty schools and SAGE outcomes. Our schools can overcome the effects of poverty

when it comes to growth. All students can achieve a year's growth. Granite Benchmarks have been informally measured against SAGE and they are guiding instruction.

Looking at AP Scores, Utah's participation and performance increased between 2013 to 2014 and Utah is in the top 10% nationally. In Granite, the number of students enrolled in AP classes over the past 6 years has increased significantly. Our passing percentage has decreased slightly, but taking into consideration the increase in the number of students taking the tests, the number of students passing has increased.

As a district, during the last 5 years, we continued to grow in all ACT areas, except math where we stayed the same. Granite's scores are slightly below the national and state averages. Dr. Averett shared some ideas which ACT provided on how to improve the scores. The ideas are focused on college ready curriculum, not necessarily career ready curriculum.

Looking at the graduation rate over the past 5 years, the graduation rate is up and the drop-out rate is down, both in Granite and Utah.

In conclusion, Dr. Averett suggested we need to widely accept the premise that every student can learn. Rigor has to tie into that belief. (Exhibit #1716)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Bates discussed findings from the USBE audit report which was recently completed.

Meeting adjourned.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom. 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
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Sam Basham	GAEOP
Stacy Bushell	GAEOP
Malynda Cloward	GASA
Doug Johnson	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Cindy Formeller	GEA and GEF
Michelle Jones	GEA
Todd Nielson	GESPA

Todd Zenger, school board member-elect, precinct 1.

Tina West, School Accountability Services director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Christi Christensen	Principal, Wilson Elementary
Malynda Cloward	Principal, Roosevelt Elementary
Cindy Dunn	Principal, Smith Elementary
Mark Ellermeier	Principal, Eisenhower Junior High
Matthew Graham	Principal, Plymouth Elementary
Doug Johnson	Principal, Pioneer Elementary
Maile Loo	Principal, Kearns High
Kent Nixon	Principal, Penn Elementary
Jeff Jackson	Assist Prin, Granger High
Emme Liddell	Assist Prin, Taylorsville High
Cory Martin	Assist Prin, Eisenhower Junior
Geoff Murdock	Assist Prin, Cottonwood High
Cathy Thompson	Assist Prin, Bonneville Junior
Rebecca Spence	Intern Assist, Eisenhower Junior
Katy Timothy	Intern Assist, Fox Hills/Valley Crest Elems

Pledge of Allegiance: Geoff Murdock

Reverence: Whittier Elementary 6th Grade Choral Group, directed by Joe Szugye and Marie White, performed two numbers.

RECOGNITION

Student Athletes

Five student athletes were recognized as state champions and Dave Vande Veegaete, specialist, athletics/P.E., introduced them to the Board. State Golf Champion: Blake Tomlinson, Skyline High; State Tennis Champions: Emma Jewell, Elly Lloyd, Zaylie Collins and Katelyn Longson, all from Olympus High.

Mr. Vande Veegaete introduced students who have excelled in academics and well as athletics. Students recognized included those who participated in Soccer: Marisa Hasebi and Marissa Stamp (Taylorsville); Tennis: Katie Metcalf (Cottonwood), Elise Fulton (Granger), Kassandra Crespino and Kristian Evans (Kearns), Carley Williams, Marie Burnett and Kate Thomas (Skyline); Volleyball: Courtney Zamora (Granger), Melissa Walton (Kearns); Cross Country: Jacob Garfield (Cottonwood), Anthony Do (Taylorsville), Juan Rodriguez (Cyprus), Chandler Paskett (Kearns), Alexei Garcia (Skyline); and Football: Tyler Thatcher (Olympus).

Steve Perschon, principal, Olympus High, recognized the Olympus Tennis Team and the Boys Cross Country teams, both earning championships. Tennis Coach Watts and cross country team Coach Mitchell were introduced and recognized by the board.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – Beth Boyer, 6045 W 3785 S, addressed the board about a section of property next to Hunter Junior. The Boyer family is interested in purchasing the property. The Board thanked her for coming and will take this under advisement.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, November 15, 2016

Purchases:

1. International Baccalaureate Program Fees, International Baccalaureate Organization – \$67,072.00
2. Discovery Software Support, Education Solutions Development – \$91,211.00
3. Architectural and Engineering Services for Carbon Monoxide Detection and Monitoring, GSBS Architects – \$132,198.00
4. Architectural Services for Skyline Network Grade Reconfiguration Remodel, Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects – \$84,920.00

Award of Contracts:

1. ESL Services for Refugees, Asian Association of Utah – \$50,500.00 and English Skills Learning Center – \$88,500.00
2. Fire Alarm Upgrade at Three Locations (Bennion Elementary, Jones Center and sSTEP), Hidden Peak Electric – \$135,223.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Reappointment of Business Administrator

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers
3. Principals' Cash Report – October 2016
4. Monthly Budget Report – October 2016

LAND Trust Amendment

LAND Trust Final Plans

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

Made by: Connie Burgess

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEMS

2018-2019 School Calendar Options

Tina West and Alan Parrish, School Accountability Directors, presented two different calendar options for 2018-19. The two options were developed after considering the results from an October survey, which received 2,571 responses, the testing schedules, religious holidays and the number of days in each quarter. The two options were summarized and they will now be publicized to receive further input through January. In February, the results will be given to the board for a final decision. (Exhibit #1717)

Title I Schools Report

Mitch Nerdin, Resource Development director, presented a proposal to add one school to our existing 25 Title I schools. Schools with 40% or more students living in poverty are eligible to receive Title I funding. Jackling Elementary has 62.96% of students qualifying for free/reduced lunch. This will be effective with the 2017-18 school year. (Exhibit #1718)

FIRST READINGS

2017-18 School Fee Schedule

Alan Parrish explained the proposed changes to the junior and senior high fee schedules. Many of the fees have not changed in several years, resulting in a number of proposed changes for 2017-18.

One change was mistakenly left off the Senior High schedule: Summer Athletic Clinic, change “Clinic” to “Camp” and increase the fee from \$50 to \$75.

Motion: **I move to approve as a first reading with the amendment.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Employee Immunization Policy

Doug Larson presented this new policy regarding employee immunizations. In accordance with the Salt Lake County Health Department regulations we need to implement a policy that requires our employees to provide proof of immunizations, immunity or exemptions in the event of an outbreak of a preventable or communicable disease.

Motion: **I move approval as a first reading.**

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

Population Analysis Committee Boundary Study Final Recommendations

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries director, reviewed the boundary studies which were first presented in November. (Exhibit #1719)

Granger/Rolling Meadows Study:

Move a neighborhood of approximately 130 students from Granger Elementary to Rolling Meadows.

Motion: **I move we approve the boundary change from Granger to Rolling Meadows.**

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Connie Burgess
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Armstrong/West Valley Boundary Study:

This group of approximately 130 students has been bused to Armstrong and will now be bused to West Valley. If students choose to stay at Armstrong, the families will need to provide their own transportation.

Motion: I move we accept the proposal to move the Armstrong/West Valley boundaries.

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

Silver Hills/Diamond Ridge Boundary Study:

The proposed area to move from Diamond Ridge to Silver Hills includes approximately 140 students. Diamond Ridge is a Dual Immersion school and it is anticipated that 20-22 students will opt to stay in that program, resulting in 120 students moving to Silver Hills.

Motion: I move we accept the Silver Hills boundary change as presented.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Sarah Meier
Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BOARD REPORTS

Dan Lofgren:

He thanked the Board for the privilege and honor to serve with them. He leaves with one admonition, take care of our teachers.

Each board member thanked Mr. Lofgren for his service and gave him a small gift as a token of appreciation.

Gayleen Gandy:

She has thoroughly enjoyed attending five musical performances this past month.

Connie Anderson:

She appreciated the quick action of the superintendent the day after the election when a few incidents of bullying occurred. She was also impressed with the administration's work with the Cottonwood High PTA to provide dinner for their after school program. She has read several

articles letters lately about testing results and administrative costs in our schools and the lack of need for additional funding. She hopes correct information will be publicized.

Sarah Meier:

She attended four musicals and they were all delightful. She also enjoyed the tour of the central kitchen. She reminded everyone of the USBA conference in January.

Karyn Winder:

She enjoyed the Granger High musical and the Veterans Day concert was phenomenal. She recognized Ben Horsley and his department for making an effort to have Officer Brotherson's funeral procession go by as many schools as possible and allow so many students to be on the sidelines.

Connie Burgess:

She attended musicals and so appreciates all the opportunities the district provides for students.

Terry Bawden:

He received a request from a Hunter High student asking the board to reconsider the girls' wrestling program. Gayleen Gandy said she had received a request as well from a Cyprus student. After some discussion, it was decided that it would be worthwhile to look at the program again.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Dan Lofgren

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

I certify that upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board of Education of the Granite School District approved the foregoing on the 10th day of January 2017. I further certify that a quorum of the Board was present on both the day covered by these minutes and the day of approval.

David F. Garrett

Business Administrator/Treasurer