

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
February 7, 2017

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
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member
Todd Zenger	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

Report on Board Directives

Superintendent Bates and members of the Superintendent presented mid-year reports on directives received from the Board.

Personalized Education: We have teachers at all levels and subjects who are dabbling in proficiency based grading. Eighteen teachers have volunteered to beta test adjustments in gradebook in transitioning numeric grades (from proficiency based grading) to letter grades for transcripts. We envision, at some point, all teachers will participate in personalized education, which is a natural outcome of the Granite Way.

Teacher Development & PLCs: Superintendent Bates summarized the findings from the PLC surveys gathered in the fall. Some schools are very successful with PLCs while others are not as effective. He will conduct follow-up visits this spring.

Educator Conference: Approximately 4,000 teachers will participate in this conference scheduled for August 14-16, 2017, held at 4 locations: Cottonwood, Olympus, Hunter and Granger High Schools. Between 140-150 presentations/classes will be held across all locations.

Graduation Champions: This is expanding in our high schools and the reports will occur at the graduation review meetings.

At-Risk Definition: There are so many indicators of “at-risk” that a single definition might be harmful and not helpful or fair to any one department or child. The board agreed to remove this item from the directives.

Technology: Currently we have issued five technology-centered RFPs to increase reliability and to instill complete confidence in our technology systems: 1) on-line registration 2) visitor ID system 3) parent calling system 4) consultant for special education reporting system 5) cyber security for areas where we are most vulnerable. We provide several technology tools for teachers: SchoolCity is a platform for the administration of assessments. Gradebook is our official reporting system. Canvas is a learning management system to allow students who are absent to view their lessons. This also applies to students who want to review lessons.

Parent & Community Engagement: We currently have 31 community centers. The focus has been on improving existing programs and resources and then expanding them. Strides have occurred in our adult ESL program and in the moms and tots program. In 2016, \$1.1 million in donations were received and sent out to Granite District families through the donation warehouse. Some 70,000 volunteer hours were logged, including 85 Eagle Scout projects. In January 2017, over 240 families have been served.

Board members look forward to having future reports as we progress further on these directives.

Motion: I move we adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss land transactions.

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

The Granite School District Board of Education reconvened at 7:06 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:

Sydney Johnson	Region V PTA
Lesa Campbell	GAEOP
Arlee Willits	GAEOP
Doug Johnson	GASA
Michele Jones	GEA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Randy Woodbury	GEF
Suzanne Mickelson	GESPA
Lana Sutton	GESPA
Chris Berry	School Foods
Rich Prall	School Foods

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

Brett Bawden	Principal, Magna Elementary
Karly Chavez	Principal, Lake Ridge Elementary
Dave Holt	Principal, Monroe Elementary
Tyler Howe	Principal, West Lake Junior
Ann Kane	Principal, Mill Creek Elementary
Afton Lambson	Principal, Lincoln Elementary
Robyn Roper	Principal, Jackling Elementary
Christine Straatman	Principal, Granite Connection
Michele Callahan	Assist Prin, Cyprus High
Renee DeHaan	Assist Prin, Plymouth/Smith Elem
Ben Johnson	Assist Prin, Matheson Junior
Waisea Lesuma	Assist Prin, Taylorsville High
Jim Rice	Assist Prin, Bennion Junior

Pledge of Allegiance: Principal Doug Johnson, Pioneer Elementary

Reverence: Magna Elementary Music Makers performed a musical number.

RECOGNITONS

Law Enforcement Appreciation Month

January was designated as Law Enforcement Appreciation Month. A video was shown recognizing law enforcement and officers of the Granite Police Department were introduced. Superintendent Bates shared some facts about the department and the work they do in providing a valuable service.

School Counseling Week

Todd Zenger read a proclamation recognizing School Counseling Week, February 6-10, 2017. Judy Petersen, College & Career Readiness Director, and Brandy Oliver, Granger High School Counselor, who were in attendance representing all our school counselors, were introduced.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – see below

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, January 10 and January 24, 2017

Purchases:

1. Driver Education Program Vehicles, Young Chevrolet – \$107,580.00
2. Emergency Repairs, Pleasant Green Elementary, JC Construction – \$54,800.00

Award of Contract:

1. Architectural Services for Elementary School Buildings Security Upgrades, GSBS Architects – \$269,457.00

Personnel:

1. Leave of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$2,096,758.71
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$28,690,878.23
3. Principals' Cash Report – December 2016
4. Monthly Budget Report – December 2016

School Student Achievement Plans

LAND Trust Amendments

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

Made by: Karyn Winder

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Colin Booth, 2613 Ledgewood Dr., Taylorsville. His daughter wrestles on a county youth club team. Past concerns about girls wrestling have been safety and inappropriate touching. In answer to those concerns, every match has a referee watching for any type of safety violations. Wrestling has a safer record regarding injuries than many other sports. Women's wrestling is the future of wrestling and he urged the board to consider allowing girls to wrestle on their junior and senior high school teams.

Kenny Mecham, 3788 So. Tail Trail, Magna. Interest in wrestling helps kids stay in school. It is a great sport for boys and girls, it builds self-confidence, empowers kids and keeps them active, and it teaches girls self-defense. He has attended many wrestling matches and has not heard any negative comments about girls' participation. The wrestling season has started so there is a sense of urgency to allow the girls to begin the season now.

INFORMATION ITEM

Wrestling Program Follow-up Discussion

Doug Larson reviewed the history of how the current policy came about in November 1997.

Board members discussed the 1997 decision and events that have happened since then. The UHSAA rule referred to in 1997 is no longer in place. There was opposition from parents of boys on the wrestling teams in 1997, however no comments opposing girls' participation have been received at this time. There were good intentions with the decision 20 years ago, but times are changing.

Motion: **I make a motion that we rescind the memorandum of 1997 and as a board allow girls to wrestle on the junior high and senior high school levels.**

Made by: Connie Anderson
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Further discussion: A board member inquired about the procedural reasoning of how action can be taken on an information item. The decision in 1997 was made by motion so it would make sense to have a decision now occur in the same manner. This is not in board policy, but rather a directive. A board member asked for more information from the wrestling community (junior and senior high coaches and some current team members) and also expressed concern of timing. The policy has been in place for 20 years, why was this issue brought to the board only one month ago if an answer is needed today. Board members invited a few public comments from the audience. Five members of the audience spoke all in favor of girls' participation. Board discussion continued.

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Connie Anderson	Todd Zenger
Terry Bawden	
Connie Burgess	
Gayleen Gandy	
Sarah Meier	
Karyn Winder	

ACTION ITEM

Population Analysis Committee Study List

Steve Hogan, Planning and Boundaries Director, reviewed the boundary study process and then presented information about possible boundaries to study this year. (Exhibit #1721)

South Salt Lake Area Study. There is a possibility of an enrollment increase of 300+ students when 1200-1500 housing units are completed over the next 2-3 years.

Motion: I move we continue the South Salt Lake Study.

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Northwest Area Study. There is a possibility of an enrollment increase of 250+ students when 1000 housing units are completed over the next 2-3 years.

Motion: I move we approve the Northwest Area Study.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Olympus/Cottonwood Network Study. This study looks at a potential area of growth in the former Cottonwood Mall property. The study also looks at the School Community Council request to revisit the Walker Lane boundary to move from the Cottonwood to the Olympus Network. Board members discussed getting additional information before going forward, however, keeping the area on the study list this year allows for getting the additional information. Any changes that might occur as a result of this study would not take effect until Fall 2018.

Motion: I move we approve the Olympus/Cottonwood Network Study.

Made by: Sarah Meier
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Driggs Elementary Study. This request would clean up a split feeder pattern. A number of students living in the area of focus attend schools outside of their natural feeder pattern. Two patrons in the audience who live in the area were invited to make comments. They were against any changes. Board members discussed that the special permit process is working in the area.

Motion: I move we take Driggs Elementary off the study list.

Made by: Connie Anderson
Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

BOARD REPORTS

Connie Burgess:

She asked if we could have a Granite Reads program similar to the Davis Reads program. (Administration members will prepare an information item in a future board meeting about this program.)

Connie Anderson:

She has noticed principals who give individual attention to their students and she appreciates all principals who know the kids attending their schools.

Sarah Meier:

She attended the Future of our Buildings meeting at Taylorsville High. There was good community attendance and she appreciates Ben Horsley and Don Adams. USBA meetings continue on Fridays during the legislative session with Joint Legislative Committee meetings at 11:00 a.m. February 17 is USBA's Day on the Hill.

Terry Bawden:

He thanked Don Adams and Ben Horsley for their work in the Capital Improvement Meetings.
He also thanked all involved for the parent empowerment conference.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Sarah Meier

Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.