

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

March 7, 2017

A board meeting for Granite School District convened 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 5:03 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Gayleen Gandy	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member
Todd Zenger	Board Member

Sarah Meier, Board Member, was excused.

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

Discussion regarding Board & Administrative Practices

Superintendent Bates explained the organization of board policies. Section I is the preamble, Section II specifically governs the board, and sections III through X are specific to the divisions within the District's organization. Section II.C.B. Code of Ethics was reviewed. Board members were in agreement to abide by the practices and behaviors stated in the policy.

Capital Planning Talking Points

Ben Horsley gave board members an updated Talking Points sheet regarding Capital Planning. A few suggestions were made and a new sheet will be emailed to the board.

Superintendent's Report

There will be a Town Hall meeting at Kearns High, March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Resulting from an inquiry from a board member about reading programs, Dr. Bates mentioned the programs our elementary schools have in place: Literacy Family Nights, author assemblies, read-a-thons, Dr. Seuss Read Across America Activities, Road to Success, and book fairs. The Communications Office will ask schools to notify their board member when such events take place.

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break at 6:00 p.m.

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:

Mike Edwards	Region V PTA
Stacy Bushell	GAEOP
Danielle Kitchen	GAEOP
Terri Roylance	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Michele Jones	GEA
Kathy Newton	GEF
Todd Nielson	GESPA
Robin Wykoff	GESPA
Leslie Frank	School Foods
Robert Nelson	School Foods
Rich Prall	School Foods

Alan Parrish, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Andy Carbaugh	Principal, Frost Elementary
Carol Carroll	Principal, Hunter Junior High
Amber Clayton	Principal, Granger Elementary
Wes Cutler	Principal, Evergreen Junior High
Devon Hartley	Principal, GTI
Kayla MacKay	Principal, Hunter Elementary
Connie McCann	Principal, Rolling Meadows Elementary
Allesen Peck	Principal, Gourley Elementary
Terri Roylance	Principal, Cottonwood High
Sharon Sonnenreich	Principal, Hillside Elementary
Marla Wharton	Principal, Hillsdale Elementary
Ben Anderson	Assist Prin, Granger High
Sherri Branch	Assist Prin, Valley Junior High
Rebecca Ibarra	Assist Prin, Kennedy Junior High
Philip Morris	Assist Prin, Kearns High
Shauna Nordgren	Assist Prin, Wasatch Junior High
Melanie Roybal	Assist Prin, Granger Elementary

Pledge of Allegiance: Philip Morris

Reverence: The West Lake STEM Vocal Ensemble, led by Alisha Slater, performed a musical number.

RECOGNITION

Academic All-State Athletes for Winter Sports

Ben Horsley introduced students who have excelled in academics as well as athletics. High school students recognized included those who participated in Drill: Wendy Yu (Granger); Basketball: Tristin Evans and Kassandra Crespin (Kearns), Marisa Hasebi (Taylorsville), Hannah Huber (Cyprus), Marie Burnett (Skyline), Isaac Pingree (Olympus); Swimming: Benjamin Zulcic (Granger), Juan Rodriguez (Cyprus).

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – None

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, February 7 & 21, 2017

Purchases:

1. Fertilizing & Weed Control, Brett Miller Landscaping – \$61,080.00
2. Education Conference Presentations & Trainings, Wavelength Inc. – \$50,000.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Repairs to the Soccer/Softball Field, Hunter High, England Construction – \$207,100.00
2. Temporary Custodial Services, RBM Services – \$50,000.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointment

Michael Douglas

School Accountability Director

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$2,254,356.43
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$55,737,015.43
3. Principals' Cash Report – January 2017
4. Monthly Budget Report – January 2017

LAND Trust Amendments

GEA Negotiation Team

GESPA Negotiation Team

West Valley City Temporary Easement near Orchard Elementary

West Valley City Temporary Easement near Hillsdale Elementary

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

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

John Welburn introduced Mike Douglas, who then introduced his guests.

INFORMATION ITEM

New School Student Achievement Plan Format

Rick Anthony explained the newly developed School Improvement Framework. The State allows some latitude in the format of the School Student Achievement Plan (SSAP). With an emphasis on implementation of school plans, this new framework incorporates information found in SSAP and much more. Schools participating in the new framework will include the Cohort 2 Turnaround Schools and also schools with newly appointed principals. A needs assessment will take place with system support coaches conducting staff surveys in the spring. During the summer, the principal and the leadership team will meet to set and understand common goals, objectives, and develop a plan using an improvement plan template. Implementation support throughout the year will come from system support coaches, district office contacts, school accountability directors and quarterly leadership team reviews. An evaluation will occur at the end of the year and will aid in continuing and improving the plan for the following year. This will occur in a 3-year cycle. (Exhibit #1723)

Board members asked about the role of the school community council (SCC) in this framework. SCCs have less involvement with implementation, which this framework targets. SCCs are heavily involved in other plans such as LAND Trust Plans, which support the SSAPs. It is anticipated that the principal will communicate goals, objectives, and allocation of resources with SCC members.

When reviewing SSAPs this year, board members mentioned it was difficult to find specific goals for each school. They asked if the items specific to the particular school could be listed at the top or in one area to make them easier to find. It was also a bit confusing to understand which year is being planned and which year is being evaluated. Board members reiterated they would like to review the results.

FIRST READING

District Community Council Policy Revision

Doug Larson explained the District Community Council (DCC) brought a concern directly to the board regarding member attendance at DCC meetings. The policy has been modified to allow the Board to replace members, who are failing to attend DCC meetings on a regular basis.

Motion: I move we accept this change in the policy as a first reading.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEM

2018-19 School Calendar

Alan Parish and Tina West, School Accountability Directors, shared information resulting from the 2018-19 school calendar survey. Of the 7,650 responses received, 51.9% preferred Option A and 48.1% preferred Option B. An additional comment received from many respondents regarding Option A was to move the December 21 holiday from the Winter Recess to November 21, to become part of Thanksgiving Break. (Exhibit #1724) The academic values of each option were discussed.

Motion: I move we accept calendar suggestion A with moving the December 21 holiday from Winter Recess to November 21 to Thanksgiving Break.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Board members discussed the pros and cons of scheduling Spring Break in March vs. April.

Substitute Motion: I move we adopt Option B and move Spring Break from April 22 to March 27, 28, 29.

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Discussion continued regarding various dates in March for Spring Break. The Board made the request for additional changes to Option B and then to receive feedback from the calendar committee.

Substitute motion withdrawn: Todd Zenger

Original motion withdrawn: Gayleen Gandy

This item was tabled until March 21, 2017.

BOARD REPORTS – None

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Karyn Winder
Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.