

Granite School District

Board of Education Meeting

May 2, 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 5:08 p.m., those in attendance:

Terry Bawden	President
Connie Anderson	Vice President
Connie Burgess	Board Member
Sarah Meier	Board Member
Karyn Winder	Board Member
Todd Zenger	Board Member

Gayleen Gandy, Board Member, arrived shortly after introductions.

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

Long-Range Capital Funding

Superintendent Bates briefly reviewed a summary of the open responses received as part of the patron survey conducted by Y2 (see April 18, 2017 minutes for detailed survey information). A tabulation is available through the Communications Office for board review.

Don Adams reminded the board that the current bond series will retire in 2032. Assuming a successful bond election in November 2017, taxation will begin in 2018, with our first payment occurring in 2019. The teacher salary increase (approx. \$90) will be assessed in 2017. The patron survey conducted in March and April indicated the average maximum assessment patrons would likely support is \$250. That amount less \$90 (teacher salary increase) equals \$160. Mr. Adams explained that our first building analysis was based on a 65-70 year school building life cycle, and had an approximate \$183 increase. This also allows us to stay with a positive cash flow. For every decrease of \$25 in tax assessment, the capital funds decrease by \$20 million. Looking at a \$160 increase, keeping the same 65-70 building life cycle, by 2029 we will have a negative cash flow. If we extend the building life cycle to 80 years, we can keep a positive cash flow. An increase less than \$160 is not a tenable option.

Discussion occurred around using the same basic design for two high schools. This will save \$6-8 million in architectural/design costs. There can be some exterior differences, such as using different materials to make the buildings unique, while the interior will be the same plan.

Ben Horsley reported that 584 individuals responded to the follow-up survey. 54% of respondents said teacher salaries are most important and would support the tax increase. 66% responded that buildings are a priority and approximately 54% would support both tax increases.

After some discussion, the board agreed to proceed with the bond election. During the May 16, 2017, study session, information will be presented including a proposed timeline, a public relations strategy and a possible tax impact from other taxing entities for 2017. The bond amount will be decided at that time.

Meeting adjourned for a dinner break.

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 called for a roll call of board members. Superintendent Bates introduced those representing organizations:

Sydney Johnson	Region V PTA
Teresa Himmelberger	GAEOP
Julianne Hamblin	GAEOP
Darla Williams	GAEOP
Doug Wagstaff	GASA
Susen Zobel	GEA
Barbara Antonetti	GEA
Kathleen Riebe	GEA
Mike McDonough	GEA
Cindy Formeller	GEF & GEA
Todd Nielson	GESPA
Suzanne Mickelsen	GESPA
David Shell	GESPA
James Larson	GESPA
Rich Prall	School Foods
Chris Berry	School Foods
Dana Adams	School Foods

Leslie Bell, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

John Anderson	Principal, Wasatch Junior High
Scott Bell	Principal, Kearns Junior High
Dona Harris	Principal, Elk Run Elementary
Nichole Higgins	Principal, Beehive Elementary
Milicent Larsen-Fogarty	Principal, Bridger Elementary
Paul McCarty	Principal, Fremont Elementary
Lynne Rada	Principal, Bennion Elementary

Tracy Rose	Principal, Copper Hills Elementary
Doug Wagstaff	Principal, Olympus Junior High
Tysen Fausett	Assist Prin, Kearns High
Andrea McMillan	Assist Prin, Redwood Elementary
Ryan Shaw	Assist Prin, Olympus High
Heather Sonne	Assist Prin, Cottonwood High
Lynda Tierney	Assist Prin, Skyline High
John Workman	Assist Prin, Olympus High

Pledge of Allegiance: Ryan Shaw

Reverence: The Calvin Smith Elementary Choir, led by Rachel Hershey, accompanied by Ninalynn Nesbit, performed two numbers.

RECOGNITONS

State Championship Teams

Dave Vande Veegaete, specialist, athletics/P.E., introduced Doug Bingham, principal, Skyline High School, who introduced three Skyline coaches whose teams won State Championships for 2016-17. Joe Pereira, Swimming; Lynette Schroeder, Girls Basketball; Cindy Sidwell, Forensics. Student athletes were also introduced.

National Teacher Appreciation Week

Connie Anderson read a proclamation designating the week of May 7-12, 2017, as National Teacher Appreciation Week. The Board recognized and thanked all the teachers for their great work in our schools.

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION –

Brennan Moss, 2098 Donaldson Ln. Spoke in favor of the proposed boundary change for the Cottonwood Walker Lane Boundary area.

Susen Zobel, 6122 Wakefield Way. As the GEA President for the past 6 years and a teacher for the past 30 years, she thanked the board for their respect and willingness to listen.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, April 11 & 18, 2017

Purchases:

1. Astrobright Paper, Warehouse Stock, Contract Paper Group – \$61,964.37
2. Security Management, District Network, DirSec, Inc. – \$451,657.00
3. GoalView Software Renewal, Public Consulting Group – \$80,247.60
4. Online Tests, Gifted Education, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – \$56,222.70
5. Polycom Telephones, Granite Education Center, Dell, Inc. – \$66,032.00
6. Sending Messages Program, Youth in Custody, Spy Hop Productions – \$66,400.00
7. Reading Intervention Services, Youth in Custody, University of Utah Reading Clinic – \$50,000.00

8. Window Replacement, Beehive Elementary, Jardine Malaska Construction – \$129,990.00
9. Freezer Remodel, Arcadia Elementary, Wasatch West Contracting – \$72,931.00

Award of Contracts:

1. Asphalt Patching, Miller Paving, as needed
2. Parking Lot Modification, Orchard Elementary, England Construction – \$277,020.00

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations
3. Administrative Appointments/Transfer, effective July 1, 2017

Appointments:

Ryan Oaks	Principal, Hunter Junior
Mike Miller	Assist Prin, Cottonwood High
Scott Wooldridge	Assist Prin, Kearns High

Transfer:

Geoff Murdock	Assist Prin, Skyline High
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Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$4,928,694.57
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$18,932,789.18
3. Principals' Cash Report – March 2017
4. Monthly Budget Report – March 2017

2017-18 LAND Trust Plans

LAND Trust Amendments

Foreign Exchange Agency Approval

Ratification of Negotiations with GEA

Hearing Officer's Recommendation regarding Employee Termination

Motion: I move that we accept the Consent Agenda

Made by: Karyn Winder

Seconded by: Sarah Meier

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

John Welburn introduced those receiving administrative appointments who then introduced their guests.

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates:

Speech pathologist positions are fully staffed for next year as are the Beverly Taylor Sorensen specialist positions.

As Sarah Meier will be resigning her position as a board member effective July 31, 2017, he reviewed the newly amended statute and timeline for a mid-term replacement. A draft posting will be available for board member review on May 16, 2017. It is anticipated the posting will be released the following day. Candidates should submit their name and address and will be encouraged to include a resume. Connie Anderson shared possible questions used by Jordan School District. Terry Bawden asked each board member to bring one question to the May 16, 2017, board meeting.

Karyn Winder:

She has been helping a refugee student this year. There are great things happening with our refugee program.

Connie Anderson:

She attended the preschool graduation held at Taylorsville High. She appreciates the opportunity to talk with our principals. Student success is achieved when students attend school and that can be a challenge. She recognized the hard work and effort our educators put forth. She also recognized the success of the AVID program.

Gayleen Gandy:

She is looking forward to the month of May. It is a busy month, but also an exciting month to celebrate accomplishments of our students.

Terry Bawden:

Board members have received the superintendent survey from the school boards association. He reminded board members of the May 9, 2017, due date, with a review scheduled for May 16, 2017. He has been able to attend many school community council meetings in his precinct and he gave a shout out to SCC members for their work.

Motion: I move we adjourn.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.