

Granite School District
Board of Education Meeting
January 9, 2018

A meeting for the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in the Boardroom at the Granite Education Center, 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
Carrie Johnson	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

Proficiency Based Grading

Leslie Bell, Director, and Sheri Sorensen, Associate Director, both from Curriculum & Instruction, gave an update on proficiency based grading (PBG). Granite has been developing and testing this grading model for the past seven years. 19 teachers began beta testing the model in the 2016-17 school year. 45 teachers are in the beta test group for the first semester this year and there will be 130 teachers for the second semester this year. Teachers in the beta test group report a decrease in their busywork and a lessening of their workload.

A guiding principle of PBG is that homework (or learning activity) needs to be tied to the objective(s) being taught in the classroom. Teachers give feedback rather than grades to homework, and extra credit is not included in the academic grade. The move towards implementation includes educating school leadership teams, teachers, school community councils and administrators. Educating parents on the model is also important. Student Education Plan (SEP) Conferences will become more meaningful and gradebook has been redesigned for parent viewing. (Exhibit #1824)

Open Meetings Training

The Open and Public Meetings Act can be found in Utah Code 52-4. Doug Larson reviewed the

purpose of open and closed meetings, and what can occur and be discussed in each. Requirements for notices of meetings, minutes and recordings of meetings were also reviewed. (Exhibit #1825)

This presentation meets the requirement that board members have an annual open meetings training.

President Bawden expressed the need for an executive session to discuss Land Transactions.

Motion: I make a motion to move into a Closed Session for the purpose of Land Transactions.

Made by: Karyn Winder
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

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; all board members were present. Superintendent Bates welcomed Kelly Schmidt from the Salt Lake Tribune. He then introduced those in attendance representing organizations:

Ian Collison	Region V PTA
Lesa Campbell	GAEOP
Deanne Hampson	GAEOP
Leesa Rij	GAEOP
Craig Stauffer	GASA
Michael McDonough	GEA
Brent Severe	GEF
Greg Powell	GESPA
Leslie Frank	School Foods
Sheldon Moore	School Foods

Mike Douglas, School Accountability Services Director, introduced administrators attending by assignment:

Brett Bawden	Principal, Magna Elementary
Milton Collins	Principal, Lincoln Elementary
Teri Cooper	Principal, Crestview Elementary
Tod Cracroft	Principal, Morningside Elementary
Wes Cutler	Principal, Evergreen Junior High
Dave Holt	Principal, Monroe Elementary

Ann Kane	Principal, Mill Creek Elementary
Craig Stauffer	Principal, Hunter High
Aaron Wilson	Principal, Granite Park Junior High
Allison Banks	Assist Prin, Stansbury Elementary
Michelle Christoffersen	Assist Prin, Armstrong & Moss Elems
Jami Hutchins	Assist Prin, Taylorsville High
Ben Johnson	Assist Prin, Matheson Junior High
Dusten Keppner	Assist Prin, Olympus Junior High
Lynda Tierney	Assist Prin, Skyline High
Jeff Walton	Intern Assist, West Valley & Wright Elems

Pledge of Allegiance: Craig Stauffer

Reverence: A choir from Moss Elementary performed a musical number.

RECOGNITION

PTA Work & Dedication

Ben Horsley explained that the PTA had a significant impact on the successful passing of the Granite District 2017 bond. Connie Burgess read a resolution recognizing the efforts of the PTA. (Exhibit #1828)

MAYOR PARTICIPATION – None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION –

Krystal Poulsen, 3417 S 6180 W, West Valley City. Representing a group of parents concerned with the limitations and restrictions in the current student travel policy, Ms. Poulsen expressed concern that Granite children are missing out on opportunities by limiting travel to the western states only. She asked the Board to reconsider Granite's policy.

CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes, December 5, 2017

Purchases:

International Baccalaureate Registration & Subject Fees, IB Organization – \$55,567.00

Gym Floor, Valley Junior High, Comflors – \$140,400.00

Autoclave, GTI Composites Lab, ASC Process Systems – \$77,615.00

Award of Contracts:

Student Apparel, Tower Sports Inc – as needed

Personnel:

1. Leaves of Absence
2. Employee Hires and Separations

Financial Reports:

1. Purchase Order Summary – \$3,786,088.85
2. Accounts Payable Pay Vouchers – \$41,417,373.36

3. Principals' Cash Report – November 2017
4. Monthly Budget Report – November 2017

Human Sexuality Instructional Materials

LAND Trust Amendments

Motion: I move that we accept the items on the Consent Agenda.

Made by: Karyn Winder

Seconded by: Gayleen Gandy

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

INFORMATION ITEM

Granite Education Foundation Annual Report

Brent Severe, Granite Education Foundation (GEF) Director, presented this report. The Foundation was recently ranked 15th in the nation for education foundations. This is an honor to be recognized nationally.

Last year, the Foundation Board identified four key cornerstones to base their work as they support the District. The cornerstones are: strong stable families, rising achievers, next level learning, and educator/staff support. Mr. Severe presented a summary of the assistance the GEF has provided to students, families and staff of Granite District since July 2017. 25,000 backpacks filled with school supplies have been distributed to students. 13 free standing food pantries, 33 mobile food pantries and 1 new mobile food truck are providing food to Granite families. \$154,000 has been awarded in student scholarships and \$13,000 has been paid in college application fees for underprivileged high school students. There has been \$334,173 worth of in-kind donations given for teacher support. 5,887 students were provided with 2017 holiday assistance. Additionally 8,473 volunteer hours have been given by community members. (Exhibit #1826) The board thanked all those in the Foundation who are doing so much for Granite School District. The partnership the District has with the Foundation pays dividends over and over again in the lives of our students.

FIRST READING

Donations and Other Resource Development

Doug Larson explained this policy discusses business partnerships, sponsorships, advertising, etc., which provide additional resources to our schools.

Motion: I move that we accept the policy for Donations & Other Resource Development as a First Reading.

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Carrie Johnson

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Student Fundraising

Feedback has been received from high school principals since the first reading of this policy. The changes allow more principal discretion on fundraising and provide clarity for our schools as they work with the Accounting Department.

Motion: I move to approve the Student Fundraising Policy as a Second Reading.

Made by: Carrie Johnson
Seconded by: Connie Anderson

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

West Valley City Community Reinvestment Project Area

David Garrett introduced Jon Springmeyer from West Valley City who provided a brief summary of the Fairbourne Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) project. This project involves 34.41 acres with a 20-year term and a 25% pass through for Granite District and other taxing entities. The proposed plan will include 325,000 sq ft in office space, 3 parking garages, the West Valley City police headquarters, a financial institution and a hotel. Currently the tax revenue base is \$200,386. The projected tax revenue is \$989,888.

Board discussion included the rationality of this project. Projected tax revenue without our participation will decline and a lesser development will result in a lower taxable value. (Exhibit #1827)

Motion: I move we support Granite School District's participation in this redevelopment and allow the district to enter into the negotiations discussion.

Made by: Todd Zenger
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden
Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD REPORTS

Superintendent Bates:

He reported on information received from the Utah System of Higher Education on how our students from the class of 2016 did in their first year in college, specifically in Math and English. Comparing the results for the past 3 years, the matrix is improving. Our efforts in preparing students to be ready for college are proving successful.

Todd Zenger:

He has attended several school performances which have been outstanding and he commented on the great venues we have in our schools. He also had an opportunity to read to kindergarten students. A great benefit of a board member is to be in the schools.

Gayleen Gandy:
Enjoyed the Utah School Boards Association (USBA) Conference.

Connie Burgess:
Enjoyed the USBA Conference. She suggested we look into offering coding classes for our students in early grades.

Karyn Winder:
Happy to report that Truman Elementary has been able to move from a Turnaround School designation. Kearns Junior held a clothing drive during SEP conferences which has led to increased attendance at SEPs from 40% two years ago to 70% this year. Parents who attend the SEP conference can then shop through the donated clothing. This has been very successful and is a great example of a school taking care of its own.

Carrie Johnson:
She has been very impressed with how corporate partnerships help our schools and students especially during the holiday season.

Terry Bawden:
As a member of the Granger High graduating class of 1972, he donated goods and other things to the pantry which was a great experience. He reminded board members of the USBA Day on the Hill on February 16. Also, every Friday during legislative session the Joint Legislative Committee meets at 11:30. This is a great opportunity for board members to meet and discuss legislative bills. Other calendar items: January 23 is a study session and the District Community Council meeting is January 30.

Motion: **I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy

Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden

Results: Motion Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.