

# Granite School District

## Board of Education Meeting Board Meeting and Study Session October 23, 2018

A board meeting and study session for the Board of Education of Granite School District convened in Auditorium D at the Granite Education Center, 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
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/Treasurer
Don Adams	Assistant Superintendent
Rick Anthony	Assistant Superintendent
Linda Mariotti	Assistant Superintendent
John Welburn	Assistant Superintendent

Ben Horsley, Communications Director, Doug Larson, Policy & Legal Services Director, and Kathy Goodfellow, Executive Secretary were in attendance.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **Adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation school building bonds**

After introducing Dale Okerlund, Granite's financial advisor, and Brandon Johnson, Granite's bond attorney, David Garrett explained the need to issue bonds to move forward with our construction timeline. The resolution will begin the legal process necessary for the issuance of Series 2018 bonds. Even though we intend to sell \$50 million in bonds, the resolution authorizes selling up to \$60 million. This will allow us some leeway within the parameters of the resolution. The sell date is scheduled for November 27, 2018. (Exhibit #1914)

**Motion:**           **I move we adopt the resolution to authorize the sale of bonds.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy  
Seconded by: Karyn Winder

Called for vote: President Bawden  
Results: Passed Unanimously

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **Turnaround Schools**

Mitch Nerdin, Resource Development Director, explained the Turnaround process. Granite District has had 10 schools designated as Turnaround schools since 2015. According to SB235, the state was required to identify low performing schools and the lowest 3% of those schools state-wide were identified as Turnaround Schools. Granite District had 10 of the 22 identified schools. The schools were given 3 years to improve their 2015 grade, based on both proficiency and growth. External providers have been working with the schools for the past 3 years: in 2016 school improvement plans were developed and the plans were implemented during 2017 and 2018. The 2018 results show that 8 of our 10 schools have made enough progress to exit the Turnaround designation. Even though Redwood Elementary's points increased, the points were not enough to earn an improved grade. An extension period, of up to 2 years, has been granted to Redwood to continue their efforts in grade improvement. Oquirrh Hills has had negative growth since 2015 which could have serious consequences according to SB235.

Rick Anthony talked about the strategies used by the external providers and what we can learn from their focus areas, comparing what worked in some schools and not in others. The things we learn from this process can result in strategies to use, not only in Turnaround schools, but in all our schools.

Superintendent Bates expressed grave concern regarding the negative growth of Oquirrh Hills. Additional conversations will take place regarding future plans and actions for the students of the school. (Exhibit #1915)

**Motion: I move we adjourn.**

Made by: Gayleen Gandy  
Seconded by: Connie Burgess

Called for vote: President Bawden  
Results: Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned 6:18 p.m.